

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

DESTA ARAYA, Applicant

DEAN HUNTER, on behalf of Applicant

CANDACE TIANA NELSON, Commissioner, ANC 4A

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:11 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The parties present in
4 the Matter of Deset Ethiopian? The parties
5 present in the Matter of Deset Ethiopian
6 Restaurant?

7 This is Case No. 19-PRO-00110, 6128
8 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, License No.
9 ABRA-098818. This is a Retailer Class CR license
10 renewal. The protest issues are adverse impact
11 on peace, order, and quiet; residential parking,
12 and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and real
13 property values.

14 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,
15 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's
16 Agent.

17 Introductions beginning with the
18 Applicant, please.

19 MR. HUNTER: Good morning. Normally,
20 you sit on the other side.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, you're on the
22 opposite side?

23 MR. HUNTER: Yes, we are.

24 MS. FLETCHER: You just stay there.
25 I'm going to try to remember.

1 MR. HUNTER: Okay.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Applicants over here.
3 Okay. If you could state your name and spell it
4 for the record?

5 MR. HUNTER: Good morning.

6 Dean Hunter, on behalf of the
7 Applicant, Mr. Araya, who is here present.

8 Spell your name.

9 MR. ARAYA: D-E-S-T-A.

10 MS. FLETCHER: What's the first name
11 again?

12 MR. HUNTER: No, spell your full name.

13 MR. ARAYA: Desta Araya, A-R-A-Y-A,
14 D-E-S-T-A.

15 MS. FLETCHER: A-R-A-Y-A?

16 MR. ARAYA: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-hum. Is that the
18 last name or the first name?

19 MR. ARAYA: That's my last name.

20 MS. FLETCHER: And what's the first
21 name?

22 MR. ARAYA: Desta, D-E-S-T-A.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
24 much.

25 Mr. Hunter, are you the representative

1 for the restaurant?

2 MR. HUNTER: Yes.

3 MS. FLETCHER: And you put your
4 contact information on this sheet already?

5 MR. HUNTER: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
7 much.

8 Present on behalf of ANC 4A?

9 MS. NELSON: Candace Tiana Nelson,
10 Single Member District 4A06, representing 4A.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Nelson, would you
12 please spell your name for the record?

13 MS. NELSON: Candace, C-A-N-D-A-C-E,
14 Tiana, T-I-A-N-A, Nelson, N-E-L-S-O-N.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

16 ANC 4A has standing as a protestant.
17 We need to set a date for mediation, a status
18 hearing, and a protest hearing. I'll give you
19 the date for the status and protest hearing
20 first.

21 The status hearing is set for November
22 the 20th, November 20, 2019, at 9:30 for the
23 status hearing. The protest hearing is set for
24 January 15. That's January 15 at 4:30 p.m. And
25 you'll receive a notice of these dates also. But

1 the protest hearing is set for January 15, 2020,
2 at 4:30.

3 I'll give you the next date available
4 for mediation. The next day available for
5 mediation is -- excuse me one second here -- is
6 Tuesday, November 5, at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00,
7 2:00, basically any time up to two o'clock on the
8 5th.

9 MR. HUNTER: Can you do 11:00? Or you
10 prefer the afternoon?

11 MS. NELSON: I was actually looking at
12 10:00 a.m. again. This time works for me.

13 MR. HUNTER: Okay.

14 MS. FLETCHER: 10:00 a.m. will work?

15 MR. HUNTER: Yes, let's do 10:00 a.m.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Is that going to be
17 good? Mediation is set for 10 o'clock a.m. on
18 Tuesday, November 5.

19 And so, when you check in on the 5th,
20 the mediation is probably going to be in this
21 room, but just check in out front just in case
22 it's going to be somewhere else.

23 MS. NELSON: Okay.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Any questions at all?

25 MS. NELSON: Could you repeat the

1 prior dates? I have November 21st --

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, the status hearing
3 is November 20. That's November 20 at 9:30.

4 MS. NELSON: Oh, the 20th, not the
5 21st?

6 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, the 20th.

7 MS. NELSON: Okay.

8 MS. FLETCHER: November 20 at 9:30 for
9 the status hearing, and for the protest hearing,
10 it's January 15, 2020, at 4:30, for the protest
11 hearing.

12 MS. NELSON: Thank you so much.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. You're welcome,
14 Ms. Nelson.

15 Anything else?

16 MR. HUNTER: That's it. Thank you
17 very much.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you for
19 coming.

20 MS. NELSON: All right.

21 MS. FLETCHER: See you soon. Thank
22 you.

23 The roll call hearing is concluded.

24 (Whereupon, at 10:16 a.m., the hearing
25 in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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