## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <br> + + + + + <br> ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD <br> + + + + + <br> ROLL CALL HEARING

| IN THE MATTER OF: | $:$ |
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| Donahue, LLC | $\vdots$ |
| t/a Donahue | Roll Call |
| 1338 Wisconsin Avenue NW | : Roll |
| Retailer CT - ANC 1B | $:$ Hearing |
| License No. ABRA-115150 | $:$ |
| Case \#19-PRO-00121 | $\vdots$ |
| (Substantial Change) | $:$ |

Monday November 25, 2019

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:
LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

## ALSO PRESENT:

MATTHEW MINORA, Applicant's Counsel
LUCA GIOVANNINI, Applicant
CESAR VARELA, Applicant
TERRY EDMONDSON, Protestant, Group of Seven
KAREN TAMMANY CRUSE, Citizens Association of
Georgetown
RICK MURPHY, ANC 2E
P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
10:21 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in the matter of Donahue please come forward. This is Case Number 19-PRO-00121, Donahue, LLC, 1338 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, License Number ABRA-115150. This is a retailer Class CT substantial change, the transfer of the license without sale, change of hours inside and summer garden, adding 135 seats resulting in total occupancy from 85 to 220, the summer garden will have 20 seats. The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order and quiet.

My name is Laverne Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. Introductions beginning with the Applicant, please.

MR. MINORA: Matthew Minora, of ABC License Counsel for the Applicant.

MR. GIOVANNINI: I do represent them as well.

MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Minora, could you spell your name for the record, please?

MR. MINORA: Sure. Matt, M-A-T-T, and Minora is M-I-N-O-R-A.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Hi. And your name, sir?

MR. GIOVANNINI: It's Luca, L-U-C-A, Giovannini, G-I-O-V-A-N-N-I-N-I.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much. And your name, sir?

MR. VARELA: Cesar, C-E-S-A-R, V-A-R-E-L-A.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much. And let's see, there is a group of individuals in this case as well. So I'm going to ask is there anyone here representing a group of seven?

MR. EDMONDSON: I am.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And can I get your name, please?

MR. EDMONDSON: Certainly. Terry Edmondson, spelled E-D-M-O-N-D-S-O-N.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Edmondson. Is anyone else present on behalf of your group today?

MR. EDMONDSON: No.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay.
MR. EDMONDSON: It was scheduling conflicts.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes, that's fine. So
what that means is your group of seven - it's going to be granted conditional standing, and at the upcoming status hearing four more people that are not here today need to come in person, --

MR. EDMONDSON: No problem.
MS. FLETCHER: - but you're granted conditional standing today.

MR. EDMONDSON: Sure.
MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And, Mr. Edmondson, did you put your contact - oh, never mind, I see you're doing it already.

MR. EDMONDSON: I'm filling it out.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
Present on behalf of the Citizens Association of Georgetown.

MS. CRUSE: Karen Tammany Cruse.
MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Cruse, could you spell your name for the record, please?

MS. CRUSE: Karen, K-A-R-E-N, Tammany, T-A-M-M-A-N-Y, Cruse, C-R-U-S-E.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much, Ms. Cruse, and we did get the letter designating you as the representative for Keg. Present on behalf of ANC 2 E .

MR. MURPHY: Rick Murphy, R-I-C-K, M-U-

R-P-H-Y, ANC 2E-03.
MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Murphy. ANC 2E has standing as a protestant. The Citizens' Association has standing, and the group of seven is granted conditional standing. We need to set a date for mediation, a status hearing, and a protest hearing. I'll give you the dates of the status and protest hearing first. The date for the status hearing is January 29, 2020 at 9:30, January 29 at 9:30 for the status hearing. The protest hearing is set for March 11 at 4:30, March 11 at 4:30 for the status hearing.

MR. MURPHY: Protest hearing, pardon me?

MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry, for the MR. MURPHY: Yes.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes, thank you. March 11, 2020 at 4:30 for the protest hearing. I will give you the next available day for mediation, that is Thursday, December 19, or anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00.

MR. MURPHY: I will be on my way to Los Angeles to see a six week old grandson, so.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Mr. Murphy, well
what about - so when do you expect to return? MR. MURPHY: Return on the 29th.

MS. FLETCHER: The 29th. Then let's see here.

MR. MURPHY: Actually, I take that back. I return on the 26th, pardon me.

MS. FLETCHER: The 6th. I'm going to move into January. The first available day in January is January 7, that's on a Tuesday, January 7, on a Tuesday anytime up until 2:00, between 9:00 and 2:00.

MR. MURPHY: Anytime.
MS. FLETCHER: You have a preference?
MR. GIOVANNINI: 11:00.
MS. FLETCHER: 11:00.
MR. GIOVANNINI: Anytime after that would be fine.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay.
MS. CRUSE: Anytime after 12:00 would be fine.

MS. FLETCHER: After 12:00. All right, then what about - Mr. Edmondson, are you available, say, 1:00 on the 7th?

MR. EDMONDSON: 1:00 is fine.
MS. FLETCHER: 1:00 is good? Mediation
is set for Tuesday, January 7 at 1:00. Any questions at all?
(No audible response.)
MS. FLETCHER: Thank everybody for coming. Have a nice holiday. (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:27 a.m.)

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