### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Express Convenience : Store, LLC, : t/a Express Convenience : Store

2031 Benning Road NE : Protest Retailer B - ANC 7D : Hearing

License No. 113544 :
Case #19-PRO-00085 :
(Application for a New :

License) :

# Wednesday September 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, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

#### PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member BOBBY CATO, JR., Member JAMES SHORT, Member MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

## ALSO PRESENT:

SYDELLE MOORE, COMMISSIONER, AND 5D
MELISSA YEAKLEY, PROTESTANT
TAMARA BLAIR, PROTESTANT
WILLIAM KNUDSEN, WITNESS FOR PROTESTANT
LISA WHITE, WITNESS FOR PROTESTANT
KATHRYN WALSH, WITNESS FOR PROTESTANT
JUANITA DIGGS, WITNESS FOR PROTESTANT
TADELA BAYETA, APPLICANT
HELINA MOHAMMAD, INTERPRETER
INVESTIGATOR EARL JONES, DC ABRA

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	5:20 p.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on
4	the record. Our next case is a protest hearing
5	Case No. 19-PRO-00085, Express Convenience Store,
6	License No. 113544.
7	Hello.
8	MS. BAYETA: Yes.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there a
10	translator here?
11	MS. MOHAMMAD: I am the translator.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, ma'am, if
13	you're a translator, why aren't you up here?
14	MS. MOHAMMAD: I'm here.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Stand, please.
16	What language is this, please? What language is
17	this?
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18	MS. MOHAMMAD: Amharic.
	MS. MOHAMMAD: Amharic. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Raise your
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18 19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Raise your

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Identify
yourself for the record, please.
MS. MOHAMMAD: Helina Mohammad.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There is a
sign-in sheet. If you haven't signed it yet, can
you please sign in, please. Can you ask him to
introduce himself for the record, please?
MR. BAYETA: Tadela Bayeta.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I didn't get
the name.
MR. BAYETA: Tadela Bayeta.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So let's
introduce ourselves for the record, please.
MS. MOORE: My name is Sydelle Moore.
I'm the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for
5D05. I'm also the former president at the time
the protest was filed for the Langston Civic
Association.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So who are the
protestants in this case?
MS. MOORE: ANC-5D, the Langston Civic
Association, the Friends of Kingman Park, and
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1	group of five protestants from residents of 7D.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So ANC-
3	5D, the group of five or more, and who else
4	again?
5	MS. MOORE: Langston Civic Association
6	and Friends of Kingman Park.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who else do we
8	have here with you?
9	MS. BLAIR: Tamara Blair representing
10	the group of five or more.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
12	MS. YEAKLEY: I'm Melissa Yeakley, the
13	vice president for Friends of Kingman Park Civic
14	Association.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
16	Your last name, please?
17	MS. YEAKLEY: It's Yeakley.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
19	spell that?
20	MS. YEAKLEY: Y-E-A-K-L-E-Y.
21	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Chair.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr.

	Silverstein.
2	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I was for the
3	record, I was born at 719 Langston Terrace in the
4	front bedroom. It was built in 1936 and I was
5	born in 1946 so I know Langston Terrace quite
6	well, but I have to still be fair and equal with
7	everybody with what's going on. I wanted to let
8	everybody know, yes, I'm a Langston Terrace baby
9	73 years ago.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
11	All right. This is an application for
12	a new license.
13	Let me get some clarification. You
14	are the translator. What are you translating,
15	ma'am?
16	MS. MOHAMMAD: I am translating
17	English to Amharic to him.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I don't see
19	you doing any translation so what is it that he
20	needs help with?
21	MS. MOHAMMAD: What is what?
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it that

he needs translation with? 1 2 MS. MOHAMMAD: Whenever a question is directed to him. 3 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does he 5 understand what I'm saying? MS. MOHAMMAD: I can translate 6 7 everything. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 9 We're paying for a translator, meaning that everything that I state needs to be translated to 10 him. 11 If you're not translating verbatim 12 everything that I state, then there's no need for 13 a translator. Let me know. 14 MS. MOHAMMAD: Okay. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's start 16 over again. Ma'am, everything I say you need to 17 translate to him because if you're saying to me 18 that he understands English but for more complex 19 things he needs a translator. 20 One of the reasons why I swore you in 21 first is that everything that's said here you're 22 supposed to translate to him. I thought that's

what a translator is supposed to do. 1 Can you 2 translate to him what I just said? This is an application for a new 3 4 license. We're here because it's apparent that 5 no agreement can be reached. Are there -- I don't know what this case is about so is it that 6 7 we could memorialize an agreement? Rather than 8 have a hearing memorialize an agreement. Are the 9 protestants stating that the license should not be issued? What is the protestant's position? 10 11 MS. MOORE: We submitted what I think 12 is a fair and appropriate settlement agreement. 13 The applicant was not interested in settling. We 14 went to mediation and we attempted to settle independently prior to and --15 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Slow down. She's --17 18 MS. MOORE: Oh, okay. 19 MR. BAYETA: Can you repeat what you 20 said, please? 21 MS. MOORE: So we had an attempt to 22 submit a settlement agreement. Really I have two

One is that there was an attempt at a 1 matters. 2 settlement agreement. We submitted what we thought was a fair settlement agreement similar 3 to the ones we have with other establishments in 4 5 the area. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 6 7 MS. MOORE: And we did not receive a 8 positive response and followed up. We have not 9 received any additional response. That's the Then there's another preliminary 10 first matter. 11 matter. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it? MS. MOORE: No PIF form or exhibits 13 14 were submitted to us prior to today's hearing by the applicant. And for that reason, my first 15 16 request would be that we dismiss the application. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He can testify. 18 I mean, the law states, or the rulings that I 19 provided earlier --I would like to answer to 20 MR. BAYETA: 21 what she said.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:

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All right.

MR. BAYETA: We came here for 1 2 mediation and we talked. They gave me the settlement but then she threatened me. 3 They 4 never asked me to come and settle even for a day. 5 They ignored me. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 6 That's the reason I'm asking. We're here. Okay? 7 8 If you tell me what the issues are, what is it 9 that you're seeking, maybe we can have an agreement and we can memorialize it if you're 10 11 willing to have us issue the decision. If the protestant's position is that 12 13 we want to renew, we can issue a license but 14 these are the terms that we are willing to live If I provide it to him and say these are 15 16 the terms, this is our order so it's the same as 17 a settlement agreement. If we can agree to that, 18 then we can do that here. 19 This is what I want. MR. BAYETA: 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Interpreter,

Morning and night I am

pull that microphone a little closer to you.

MR. BAYETA:

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1	having a hard time.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, ma'am.
3	MS. MOHAMMAD: Yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He has said a
5	whole lot of things and that's not what you're
6	telling me so I don't know what he's saying. I'm
7	not getting a sense. I'm not familiar with the
8	language. However, he said a whole lot of things
9	and all I heard from you is morning and night.
10	That clearly could not be what he said for 20
11	minutes. What is it that he's saying?
12	MR. BAYETA: In front of you guys I'm
13	saying that these people are wasting my time.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, sir.
15	MS. MOHAMMAD: That is what he's
16	saying and I'm interpreting exactly what he's
17	saying.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. Okay.
19	Maybe you folks don't understand why you're here
20	today.
21	MR. BAYETA: I understand.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why are you

here today, sir?

MR. BAYETA: I have applied for a

license and they protested me.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. It can't be a waste of your time. You applied for a license and they protested.

MR. BAYETA: When they come here what they tell me and what they say here is not the same.

Of the reasons why I said now. If the parties tell me what it is -- if the parties say to us, say to the Board, we're willing to allow him to have a license if he agrees to these conditions. If you say I agree to those conditions, the Board will memorialize this an issue an order and we don't need to have this hearing.

MR. BAYETA: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If not, we will have a hearing. However, the burden is on you to provide to the Board that the license that you're applying for is appropriate for the area.

However, from what I'm told, you have not 1 2 provided any documents or witnesses. How do you plan to prove to the Board that we should give 3 4 you a license? 5 Beforehand I have sent in MR. BAYETA: an application. I have submitted the 6 application. If they want a picture, there's a 7 8 picture here. What else should I bring? All the 9 documents are in the computer. Everything is given within my permission. Therefore, they know 10 11 and I'm done. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I don't 13 know. You're supposed to bring them today 14 because I don't know. 15 MR. BAYETA: What should I bring? 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't tell 17 you what to bring because it's too late now for 18 me to tell you what to bring. 19 MR. BAYETA: I have already given 20 everything. The investigator came and asked me. 21 What else should I bring? My store name and address is in there. 22

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
2	When you were here the last time, I specifically
3	told you that if you're coming to a hearing what
4	you need to provide. Did you receive a bunch of
5	documents from the other side?
6	MR. BAYETA: No, I didn't. What did
7	I get? Nothing. There is nothing I got.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did the
9	protestants provide them to him seven days in
10	advance and how was it provided?
11	MS. MOORE: Yes, it was provided. It
12	was provided seven days in advance. It was
13	provided to the email address listed on the
14	application. Also, the required ABRA officials
15	were included on that email.
16	MR. BAYETA: She sent me something but
17	the link is not opening. I asked ABRA. I called
18	her and it didn't open. They didn't send me a
19	document, they sent me a complaint. She didn't
20	send me a document. There was nothing.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Was it one
22	email sent to both ABRA and him or was a separate

	email sent?
2	MS. MOORE: It was one email and you
3	can see here on the screen seven days ago.
4	MR. BAYETA: That email was not saying
5	anything to me and I cannot open it.
6	MS. MOORE: We have others responding.
7	They will able to access the forms. We have no
8	additional response from Mr. Bayeta at all saying
9	that he could not open the file.
10	MR. BAYETA: This one only says that
11	there is an appointment. There's no document
12	attached here.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Open the
14	documents, please. Can you just click on the
15	documents?
16	MS. MOORE: Yes. You click the
17	attachment here and they open.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you open
19	the document, please?
20	MS. MOORE: Sure. So you can see
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is the
22	email you got, sir. This is the same email so

1	how is it that it didn't open up for you and it's
2	opening for everybody else?
3	MR. BAYETA: Nothing opened for me.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Here is the
5	email that was sent. You got it, ABRA got it, so
6	how is it that yours didn't open?
7	MR. BAYETA: In addition to this
8	there's about seven things that doesn't relate to
9	me or belong to me.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You didn't
11	understand what I said to you. Did you tell them
12	that you couldn't open the email?
13	MR. BAYETA: Yes, I did.
14	MS. MOORE: No.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When did you?
16	MR. BAYETA: Same night I replied.
17	MS. MOORE: There is no reply.
18	MR. BAYETA: I sent.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
20	I'll ask for the last time. Do you guy want to
21	sit down and come to an agreement and we can
22	memorialize it or do you want to have a hearing?

1	MR. BAYETA: We would rather sit and
2	settle. I prefer this.
3	MS. MOORE: I've conferred with the
4	other protestants and we would not.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what are you
6	asking us for?
7	MS. MOORE: That the application be
8	denied. This is not a suitable individual to
9	manage the added responsibilities necessary to be
10	a successful ABRA license holder.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Off
12	the record for two minutes.
13	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
14	went off the record at 5:41 p.m. and resumed at
15	5:43 p.m.)
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
17	We're back on the record. I'm sorry. What is it
18	that he wants to say?
19	MR. BAYETA: He wants to settle an
20	agreement.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You had an
22	opportunity to settle. It was not settled. We

They aren't willing to settle at 1 have a hearing. 2 this juncture. We're going to have a hearing. If we're having a 3 MR. BAYETA: 4 hearing, what are we doing? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're having a 5 hearing. The hearing is at --6 7 MR. BAYETA: Are we starting all over? 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What do you 9 mean, starting all over? Sir, you are coming to us asking us for a license. 10 They're going to protest it. They're protesting it. 11 So what's 12 going to happen, the investigator did a report. 13 We're going to have a report. We're going to 14 have him testify. Once the investigator testifies, 15 16 you'll have opportunity to ask him questions 17 about his report. The protestants will then ask 18 questions about his report. Then you will 19 present your documents and evidence to us, the 20 Board to prove to the Board why we should give 21 you a license. They will then present their

documents and witnesses why they believe the

Board should or should not give you a license. 1 2 After we've listened to all the testimony, we will decide whether or not we're 3 4 going to issue a license, whether -- and if we're 5 going to issue a license, if we're going to issue it with conditions, or whether or not we're going 6 to deny the license. That's what we're going to 7 8 do today. All right? 9 All right. So everyone understand the 10 process? Yes? 11 MR. BAYETA: Yes. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So do you want 13 to go forward today with this hearing? 14 Yes, I will continue. MR. BAYETA: 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 16 Now I believe that we only received one 17 PIF from this. Did each side -- just one? 18 MS. MOORE: Just one. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So who will be 20 -- so you'll be representing? All right. The Board will call its first witness, Mr. Earl 21 22 Can you raise your right hand, sir?

1	you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing
2	but the truth?
3	MR. JONES: Yes, sir.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat,
5	please. Can you state your name for the record,
6	please?
7	MR. JONES: Investigator Earl Jones.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Jones,
9	where are you currently employed?
10	MR. JONES: With the Alcoholic
11	Beverage Regulation Administration.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how long
13	have you been employed by the agency, sir?
14	MR. JONES: For nine and a half years,
15	sir.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what are
17	you duties and responsibilities at this agency?
18	MR. JONES: I conduct investigations
19	and inspections of licensed ABC establishments
20	within the District of Columbia.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We have a
22	protest today for the Express Convenience Store,

1	LLC. Are you familiar with this establishment,
2	sir?
3	MR. JONES: Yes, sir.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how are you
5	familiar?
6	MR. JONES: I was assigned the case
7	the protest case for this establishment as well
8	as I've had previous cases and have gone to
9	and have and have attended community meetings
10	in that area.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you write
12	a report regarding your finding, sir?
13	MR. JONES: Yes, sir.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you share
15	with us the can you share with us what
16	information you were able to gather as a result
17	of the investigation, please?
18	MR. JONES: Sure.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And remember
20	that you're being translated.
21	MR. JONES: Yes, sir.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

MR. JONES: I conducted a protest investigation of Express Convenience Store, LLC which is located 2031 Benning Road, Northeast 20002. The establishment at -- at 2031 Benning Road is located towards the northern end and corner of 21st Street and Benning Road, Northeast and is bounded by 20th Street, Northeast to the south, 22nd Street, Northeast to the north, Gales Street, Northeast to the west, and G Street, Northeast to the east.

The new application for 2031 Benning Road, Northeast was protested by four entities.

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission for 5D and Langston Civic Association led by a Sydelle Moore, who is the president of the association and commissioner for 5D, as well as a Group of 26 led by Tamara Blair, and Friends of Kingman Park led by Melissa Yeakley, Vice President for the association.

There's one ABC establishment within a block of 2031 Benning Road, Northeast,
Silverman's Liquor which also abuts and shares a

common wall with the stated address.

The protest issues for all protestants involved are the following: adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet, residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and real property values.

On September 10, 2019, I visited and spoke to Mr. Bayeta, the proprietor of the establishment, who stated the primary issues -- who stated he was aware of the -- of being protested and the primary issues with attaining a new license application revolves around security of his establishment and loitering individuals.

Mr. Bayeta stated that he has a sixcamera surveillance system that records for 30
days and does -- and never has anyone loitering
inside or outside of this establishment. Mr.
Bayeta stated that all issues stem from the ABC
establishments in the area as well as next door.
Mr. Bayeta added that he only wants to sell beer
and wine in an effort to compete with the
surrounding establishments as well as hopefully

ending his negative financial situation.

On September 16, 2019, I spoke with Melissa Yeakley, Vice President for the Friends of Kingman Park who stated that Express

Convenience Store and the owner have multiple red flags that have cropped up prior -- prior to attempting to attain an alcohol license.

Ms. Yeakley stated that the main problems involving the following: the establishment does not have a trade name or hours of operation posted; the owner opens his doors for operation sporadically and appears to open when he feels the need to; the owner does not seem to have a secure area for where alcohol is stored and staff is limited to just themself which is a security issue; the owner has stated he is financially strapped and needs alcohol sales to help him out of the red every month; the owner has been selling blunts and loosies to patrons in brown paper bags without wrapping.

She was advised that the owner sells
Virginia stamped cigarettes and not District of

Columbia stamped cigarettes which is a tax issue.

And that the history of crime and violent
behavior in the area to including killings,
stabbings, and robberies has historically been an
issue and could surely increase if granted a
license.

Ms. Yeakley stated that she and others have extended themselves to the owner with regards to helping him with small business grants. But he has refused the help and stated that he does not have the time. Ms. Yeakley stated that he obviously does not want to be a part of the community and is concerned that with this behavior already taken place, once he gets an alcohol license, the fear is it will escalate and leak into the selling of alcohol illegally, either through single sales, selling to minor, et cetera.

Lastly, Ms. Yeakley stated that although she wants small businesses in her area to thrive, she does not believe that Express Convenience Store should have an alcohol license.

On September 18, 2019, I spoke with Tamara Blair who is representing a Group of Five or more which actually consists of 26 residents in the area and similar recalls the events of this protest as reported by Ms. Yeakley. But added that the oversaturation of ABC establishments within a two-block radius, the violent behavior that has been a product of some of the same establishments being open and no parking for patrons who wish to shop are also major concerns.

Ms. Blair stated that she has invited the owner to several community meetings in which he has opted not to show outside of one meeting that was not designated for business owners to attend.

Ms. Blair stated that she is concerned with the owner selling to minors due to the majority of his inventory consisting of candy and sweet drinks that cater to children. Ms. Blair added that there is also a charter elementary school directly behind the establishment. Ms.

Blair stated she observed the owner sell an unwrapped blunt to a patron and that she was told that he also sells Virginia stamped cigarettes.

Lastly, Ms. Blair stated that Express Convenience Store does not present the community with anything different than what is already being offered by other ABC establishments within the area to include Silverman's Liquor which abuts the owner's store. Ms. Blair also stated that the owner does not wish to be a part of the community and only wants an alcohol license to assist with his financial issues.

Lastly, Ms. Blair added that she does not believe that the area needs another ABC establishment within this oversaturated two-block area of Benning Road, Northeast.

The establishment at 2031 Benning
Road, Northeast was monitored by ABRA personnel a
total of four times from September 13, 2019 to
September -- to September 19, 2019 with no
violations found.

I wasn't able to obtain a statement

from Ms. Moore, Commissioner of ANC 5D as well as the representative for Langston Civic Community - Civic Association, excuse me, due to the case's short deadline and scheduling conflicts.

The four times 2031 Benning Road,

Northeast was monitored, peace, order, and quiet

-- peace, order, and quiet or residential parking
and vehicular safety issues were not observed.

However, multiple individuals and cars were seen
parked at the corner of 21st and Benning Road,

Northeast with hazard lights on due to no parking
in the area.

And finally, there was 26 calls for service from the Office of Unified Communications for 2031 Benning Road, Northeast between September of 2018 and September of 2019. These calls were not necessarily dedicated to the physical address but were ultimately responded to by MPD.

MR. BAYETA: What was that?

MR. JONES: But were ultimately

responded to by MPD, the Metropolitan Police

1	Department. These calls included eight
2	disorderly calls, nine theft calls, two mental
3	evaluation calls, two shoplifting calls, two
4	destruction of property calls, one wanted
5	individual call, one investigate the trouble
6	call, one assist call, and one call listed as
7	other. None of these calls were ABRA related or
8	related to the new license for 2031 Benning Road.
9	Thank you, sir.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there any
11	exhibits attached to your report?
12	MR. JONES: Yes, sir. I actually
13	don't have the exhibits. But they are with the
14	original report.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to
16	I need you to identify the exhibits so they
17	can be in the record.
18	MR. JONES: Okay.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So that's why.
20	MR. JONES: All right, sir.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you
22	identify the exhibits that are with your report,

1	please?
2	MR. BAYETA: He's saying that he wants
3	to say.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?
5	MR. BAYETA: He's saying that he wants
6	to reply.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's no
8	there's no reason for him to reply. The Board is
9	asking this is the Board's witness. Once
10	we will ask him questions. Once we are done
11	asking him questions, then you will have an
12	opportunity to ask him questions on the report
13	on the statements he just made. After that is
14	done, they're going to have an opportunity to ask
15	him questions. When that's done, then you'll
16	have an opportunity to present your case.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
18	Jones.
19	MR. JONES: Okay. Exhibit 1, sir, is
20	a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing for
21	Express Convenience Store.
22	Exhibit 2, copy of the roll call

1	hearing results for Express Convenience Store.
2	Exhibit 3 is a picture of a the front
3	of Express Convenience Store.
4	Exhibit 4 is a picture of Express
5	Convenience Store as well as Silverman's Liquor.
6	Exhibit 5 is a picture of the alleyway
7	leading to Friendship Charter School behind
8	Express Convenience Store.
9	Exhibit 6 is a picture of Friendship
10	Charter School.
11	Exhibit 7 is an email to Commissioner
12	Moore.
13	Exhibit 8 is an email to Ms. Yeakley.
14	Exhibit 9 is an email to Ms. Blair.
15	Exhibit 10 is a protest letter from
16	Ms. Yeakley as well as the Friends of Kingman
17	Park. Exhibit 10. I'm sorry.
18	MR. BAYETA: What was Exhibit 10?
19	MR. JONES: Exhibit 10 is a protest
20	letter from Ms. Yeakley, Friends of Kingman Park.
21	Exhibit 11 is a protest letter from
22	Ms. Blair who's representing number 26

1	individuals.
2	Exhibit 12 is a protest letter from
3	Commissioner Moore for ANC 5D. Actually, this is
4	from Commissioner Lee who who is yes.
5	Exhibit 13 is a protest letter from
6	Ms. Moore representing Langston Civic
7	Association.
8	Exhibit 14 is a copy of the D.C.
9	zoning for Express Convenience Store.
LO	Exhibit 15 is a copy of the D.C.
L1	zoning definition for MU-4, mixed use zone for
L <b>2</b>	Express Convenience Store.
L3	Exhibit 16 is a copy of the GIS map
L <b>4</b>	for ABC establishments within 1,200 feet of
L5	Express Convenience Store.
L6	Exhibit 17 is a copy of the GIS map
L <b>7</b>	for schools, rec centers, et cetera within 400
L8	feet of Express Convenience Store.
L9	Exhibit 18 is a photo of the corner of
20	Benning Road, Northeast and 21st Street,
21	Northeast.
22	Exhibit 19 is a photo of 20th Street,

1	Northeast. Exhibit 19 is a photo of 20th Street,
2	Northeast.
3	Exhibit 20 is a photo of 22nd Street,
4	Northeast.
5	Exhibit 21 is a photo of G Street,
6	Northeast.
7	Exhibit 22 is a photo of Gales Street,
8	Northeast.
9	Exhibit 23 is a photo of the rear
10	alleyway behind Silverman's Liquor and Express
11	Convenience Store.
12	Exhibit 24 is a photo of the same rear
13	alleyway which also is sharing a fenceline with
14	the charter school.
15	Exhibit 25 is a photo of the new
16	construction opposite of Express Convenience
17	Store and Silverman's Liquor.
18	Exhibit 26 is the Mobil gas station
19	directly across the street.
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20	Exhibit 27 is a photo of Express
	Exhibit 27 is a photo of Express  Convenience Store. That's a second photo.

1	service from September 13, 2018 to September 13,
2	2019.
3	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
4	documents were marked as Board's
5	Exhibits 1-28 for identification.)
6	MR. JONES: That concludes the
7	exhibits, sir.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones, did
9	you have an opportunity to enter this
LO	establishment?
L1	MR. JONES: Yes, sir.
L2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So can you
L3	describe this establishment for us, please?
L <b>4</b>	MR. JONES: It's a three-level
L5	building. It's an attached building. Express
L6	Convenience Store only occupy the first level
L7	from what I understand. It's a small space.
L8	It's more of a rectangular area. As soon as you
L9	walk in, you have the Plexiglas booth where he
20	where Mr. Bayeta is housed.
21	And as you walk directly through the
22	store, you have different shelving units with

1	different items. There's a lot of candy.
2	There's a lot of small things that, you know,
3	individuals can just come in and pick up. You
4	have a cooler in the back that has drinks and
5	then there's, like, a rear door. And that's
6	pretty much it.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to
8	I mean, what is it that they sell there from
9	what you saw?
10	MR. JONES: Snacks, candy, juice.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's a
12	convenience store?
13	MR. JONES: Yes, sir.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's a
15	convenience store, do you know, I'm asking of
16	you?
17	MR. JONES: My definition of a
18	convenience store would be something that's
19	convenient to your to your community. So to
20	me, it would be something that I could I could
21	I could stop by on my way home or whatever the
22	case may be. Or if I'm walking by, I can stop by

and know that I could pick up something and then leave without having to go to a larger store, maybe a Safeway or a CVS. It's convenient. It appears to be a lot of -- like I said, it's a lot of smaller items. It's a lot of candy. It's a lot of kind of stuff like that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there food?

I'm trying to find out what type. I mean, I

don't know. You've been there, so I'm just

asking what is it that you saw.

MR. JONES: I didn't -- I didn't see produce. There's no -- there's no deli style thing going on. It's just -- it's just a snack shop pretty much.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Describe for me the area in a sense that when you went to visit.

What's around there? What's in this -- not the zoning, but just describe for me the area that you saw.

MR. JONES: Well, you have -- it -- it -- it -- it actually took me a while to find the establishment because I passed it a couple of

times. There was no trade name. There's nothing on it. I know where Silverman's Liquor is which is right on the corner. I passed that a couple of times and I said, where -- and the address was pretty much linked to Silverman's. So I said it's got to be around here somewhere.

So there's Silverman's Liquor that's right on the corner of Benning Road, Northeast and 21st Street, Northeast. Right across the street, you have a Mobil gas station. A block going south past 20th Street, you have Sylvia's Liquors, you have Food 7. These are the areas where there was a teenager that was killed not too long ago and I attended the community meeting for that area.

MPD has been posted in that parking lot for the last eight, nine months just to give presence to that area. And from what I'm being told by the community is that they have actually been able to clean up that area with them initiating this initiative that they had over the summertime. And so since then, they've been

posted in that parking lot, and they present -they give you presence for that area.

So there are a few ABC establishments that are liquor in that area. And when you go there, whether it's day or night, there's people that are littering that street that are going to these establishments.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: From the GIS map, how many -- within that area, how many ABC establishments are there again?

MR. JONES: So -- so from the GIS map, it only indicates it's four. I thought that it would've registered more than that, but it had only four on there. So it had two A stores. It had a big grocery, and it had a CT, a tavern, Langston Bar and Grille.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now you said there's no signage on the building. I mean, was that a concern for me?

MR. JONES: It was for me because I passed it a couple times in an effort to conduct an investigation for a protest. So I'm -- and

again, you're asking me to speak. So I'm speaking on this.

For me, if I'm coming to conduct an investigation for a protest, I need to know who you are. I need to see what you're about, and I need to -- I need to see these things in my face pretty much. And I couldn't. Like I said, I passed the place a couple of times.

And so that was the one thing that kind of stood out. And I -- and normally when I conduct these investigations, I'll do monitoring before I go inside. So I circled the block a couple times. I went down the alleyway and I said, well, there's a school right here. Doesn't show up on a GIS either, though it's within 400 feet.

So that's interesting to me as well that it shares a fenceline. So that was a concern of mine as well. Which is why I took a couple of pictures of that alleyway and the alleyway leading to the fenceline as well as the school itself.

I know from being in that area and 1 2 conducting theft investigations over at Sylvia's and -- and I think it's Food 7, I see kids coming 3 out of school all the time and they're elementary 4 5 kids. And they're just running up and down 6 Benning Road. They duck into some of these I don't know what they're buying, but it 7 stores. 8 -- it -- it -- it could be a problem. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You said there's an establishment that's attached to this. 10 11 There's an ABC establishment attached to this 12 location. Is that correct? 13 MR. JONES: They -- there's an 14 abutting -- they share a wall, Silverman's Liquor 15 which is right on the corner. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Silverman's 17 Liquor, would that also be within 40 feet of a 18 school? 19 MR. JONES: I would assume no. If --20 if this doesn't register as -- if this doesn't 21 register as not having a school, rec center,

daycare center within 400 feet, because they

share a wall, I wouldn't think that Silverman's 1 2 would register as well. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 3 Any other 4 questions by any of the Board members? Yes, Mr. 5 Short. Go ahead. MEMBER SHORT: Silverman's Liquors. 6 7 As stated earlier, I grew up in that neighborhood 8 70 years ago. Silverman's Liquor has been there 9 all of those years. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. 10 MR. JONES: 11 MEMBER SHORT: And -- and -- and the police calls you mentioned, even when I was a 12 youngster, it was kind of dangerous. Whatever 13 reason Silverman's -- and I don't know how -- how 14 15 So most -- most -- most people park to go there. 16 of Silverman's is when I was in the neighborhood, 17 it was a walk up. People walk up to it. 18 MR. JONES: Okay. 19 MEMBER SHORT: So we have one A there. 20 MR. JONES: Yes. 21 MEMBER SHORT: And abutting, we're 22 going to put a B.

1 MR. JONES: A B. 2 MEMBER SHORT: Do you have any idea how much alcohol Silverman's -- I mean, would you 3 4 have any kind of knowledge what kind of business 5 they do in the community? It's been there for years, though. 6 7 MR. JONES: I know that they've been 8 Through speaking with the there for years. 9 protestants from what I understand, they're very -- they're active in the community. They're a 10 part of the community, and they have shown 11 12 themselves to be good actors. 13 As far as the sales, I couldn't -- I 14 couldn't tell you what the sales are. However, with me knowing that they've been longstanding, I 15 16 can't imagine that they're not doing bad. Okay. Well, I would 17 MEMBER SHORT: 18 certainly say this. I was here for the hearing 19 for Sylvia's recently. 20 MR. JONES: Okay.

at the front door. And we have Langston right

MEMBER SHORT: We had a murder right

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1 across the street. 2 MR. JONES: Yes. MEMBER SHORT: And so does the word, 3 oversaturation, does that ring any bells as far 4 5 as your professionalism in ABRA? I think if we're talking MR. JONES: 6 7 about -- if we're talking about four ABC 8 establishments, and these are short blocks. 9 These aren't long blocks. So we're talking short blocks. We're talking about an A store on the 10 11 corner that you share a wall with. And you want 12 to do a B. I think that's a problem. 13 just in my opinion. Well, that leads me to 14 MEMBER SHORT: 15 this question. Are there many ABC establishments 16 in your memory since you've been working ABRA 17 here for a few years where you have an A and 18 directly next door you have a B? And if so, can 19 you tell me what community that would possibly 20 be? 21 MR. JONES: I can't give you one. 22 MEMBER SHORT: Excuse me?

1	MR. JONES: I can't give you one, sir.
2	MEMBER SHORT: So there's not another
3	one in the city like that that you know of?
4	MR. JONES: I'm not I'm not that
5	I that I know of that is trying to come up
6	new. I can't give it I can't give it to you.
7	And especially with what's going on around and
8	the history of the area. That's more concerning
9	to me.
10	MEMBER SHORT: Well, again, one more
11	time, just to get this on the record.
12	MR. JONES: Sure.
13	MEMBER SHORT: Do you know of any
14	other neighborhood in the District of Columbia
14 15	other neighborhood in the District of Columbia where you have an A, an abutting wall with a B in
15	where you have an A, an abutting wall with a B in
15 16	where you have an A, an abutting wall with a B in the same block and a stone's throw away from
15 16 17	where you have an A, an abutting wall with a B in the same block and a stone's throw away from Sylvia's?
15 16 17 18	where you have an A, an abutting wall with a B in the same block and a stone's throw away from Sylvia's?  MR. JONES: No, sir.
15 16 17 18 19	where you have an A, an abutting wall with a B in the same block and a stone's throw away from Sylvia's?  MR. JONES: No, sir.  MEMBER SHORT: There's not another one

That's all I have, Mr. Chair. 1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions by any other Board members? It's your time. 3 Ιf 4 you have any questions you want to ask of the 5 investigator, you can now ask him whatever questions you want an answer. 6 7 MR. BAYETA: In first place, my 8 question is about the sign. Once I get the 9 license, I was -- I have spoken with a company 10 that --11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're asking -- all right. He just gave his report. 12 13 have any specific questions? I'm not asking you 14 to explain. You can do that later on. Do you 15 have any specific questions you want to ask of 16 him based on what he just testified to? 17 MR. BAYETA: The question is they gave 18 their report to ruin my name. There's nothing I 19 did. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry? 21 MR. BAYETA: The question is they gave 22 their report to ruin my name. There's nothing I

did.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does he understand what I'm asking him to do? Mr. Jones just testified he came to your store. He wrote a report. Do you have any specific questions of Mr. Jones based on what he just stated or testified to?

MR. BAYETA: My question is I have so many items in my store for the community.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you ask Mr. -- ask Mr. Jones the question.

MR. BAYETA: Mr. Jones, my question is in my refrigerator -- in the fridge, I have -- okay. In the refrigerator towards the side, I have so many items for the community like a hot dog that you did not see. And also on the other side on the shelf, I have house utensils. I have those.

And in addition to that, my question regarding the trademark, I am working on it, waiting for the office. They told me that they would finish the trademark within a week

electronically once you finish the license. 1 2 is the problem I have. In the wall is a window so I cannot do it however I wanted to do it. 3 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there a 5 question or is it a statement? Do you have any other questions you want to ask him? 6 MR. BAYETA: The second thing is, the 7 8 question is the stores are further. For 9 instance, the Sylvia and mine, the house is different. In addition to that, the liquor 10 11 store, there is Food 7, another store, and they 12 are different and they work together. They have 13 A and they have B. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you asking 15 a question of Mr. Jones or are you making a 16 statement? 17 MR. BAYETA: I'm also asking a 18 question because there's a question I have to ask and there are also things I have to explain. 19 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Now 21 is the time to ask questions. When you present 22 your case, you can explain. But if you have

1 specific questions you want to ask Mr. Jones, you 2 ask them now. When you present your case, you can do all the explanation you want to do. 3 4 MR. BAYETA: I don't have a question 5 Nothing is coming to my head right right now. 6 now. 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. 8 Moore? 9 MS. MOORE: So Mr. Jones, you mentioned during your testimony that you've 10 11 attended community meetings. 12 MR. JONES: Yes. 13 MS. MOORE: During those meetings, the 14 community expressed concerns about violent crime. 15 MR. JONES: Yes. 16 MS. MOORE: Could you tell us what 17 kinds of violent crimes were mentioned? 18 MR. JONES: This was, I guess, about 19 a year ago or over -- little over a year ago. But I know that it came off of -- it came off of 20 21 the -- the killing of the teenager in front of -in front of Sylvia's. 22 The multiple -- just the

1	ongoing robberies, the violent behavior as far as
2	stabbings are concerned, those types of things.
3	And how the community and MPD were going to be
4	able to combat that going forward.
5	So but it was really the rally
6	was behind the killing of the teenager and try to
7	figure out what the community can do going
8	forward.
9	MS. MOORE: Based on what you've seen
10	during your investigations in the area, did you
11	feel that those concerns were substantial and
12	credible?
13	MR. JONES: Yes.
14	MS. MOORE: When you went to Mr.
15	Bayeta's store, you had the opportunity to speak
16	with him, correct?
17	MR. JONES: Yes.
18	MS. MOORE: Did you speak about these
19	security concerns?
20	MR. JONES: So I spoke with Mr. Bayeta
21	before I spoke to any of you all. So he was
22	first interview. So I was getting from him what

the issues were from him. So I had not -- I 1 2 didn't have an opportunity to talk to him about the concerns that you all had after speaking with 3 4 you all. 5 But -- but we did speak about -- he 6 did mention that there were security issues. 7 -- the only thing that he mentioned about 8 security was the fact that it was about his 9 surveillance system and that he didn't have a camera system at the time, but he does now. 10 11 Did he mention any other MS. MOORE: 12 security measures? 13 MR. JONES: No. 14 MS. MOORE: Did he mention any

MS. MOORE: Did he mention any concerns about theft or barring notices of his establishment?

MR. JONES: I believe that was the reason why he was -- he went on to get the surveillance system because of those issues. And he did show the system to me. He showed that -- where each camera was positioned. He showed me the monitor and the recording factors of it, so --

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2	MS. MOORE: Can you tell me where the
3	monitor is?
4	MR. JONES: It's actually behind where
5	he where he is, where he's housed. It's
6	behind that Plexiglas on the wall.
7	MS. MOORE: It faces him or it faces
8	outward?
9	MR. JONES: It faces outward.
10	MS. MOORE: When you have visited the
11	store, on any occasion, did you ever see anyone
12	else working at the establishment?
13	MR. JONES: No.
14	MS. MOORE: Would you say that a fair
15	estimate of the size of the store is
16	approximately 750 square foot, smaller
17	MR. JONES: Yeah, probably. It could
18	it could be that a little it could be that
19	or a little smaller.
20	MS. MOORE: Can I show a picture as
21	part of the question?
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is this

1	is this
2	MS. MOORE: Of the inside of the
3	store.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is this
5	something that was previously disclosed?
6	MS. MOORE: Yes.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8	What is it you're showing?
9	MS. MOORE: It's a photo of the inside
10	of the store.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibit
12	was this?
13	MS. MOORE: It is Exhibit 1 in the
14	folder for photos.
15	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
16	document was marked as Protestant's
17	Exhibit 1 for identification.)
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure. Go
19	ahead.
20	MS. MOORE: And it's a photo, No.
21	2595. Did the store appear similar to this
22	during your visits? Was it a similar layout to

1	this during your visits?
2	MR. JONES: Yes, yes.
3	MS. MOORE: As you were walking around
4	the store, did you find it easy to see what was
5	happening in the center of the aisle when you
6	were standing on the aisle?
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you not
8	can you pull away the microphone from the paper,
9	please? Okay.
LO	MR. JONES: If you are if you if
L1	you are positioned so this is this is
L <b>2</b>	looking from the front door towards the rear of
L3	the store. If you're positioned on that left-
L <b>4</b>	hand side, it's kind of hard to see what's going
L5	on opposite of that shelving unit in the middle
L6	of the store.
L7	MS. MOORE: Okay. And that left-hand
L8	side is where Mr. Bayeta would be in his enclosed
L9	area?
20	MR. JONES: No, he's on the right-hand
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22	MS. MOORE: On the right-hand side?

1	MR. JONES: side coming in.
2	MS. MOORE: Okay.
3	MR. JONES: Yes. Because this is
4	this is actually in the middle of the towards
5	the middle of the store looking towards the rear,
6	I believe.
7	MS. MOORE: Yes.
8	MR. JONES: Okay.
9	MS. MOORE: So would it be easy to see
10	on either side of the store if you're on the
11	opposite side?
12	MR. JONES: No.
13	MS. MOORE: When you were in this
14	establishment, did you happen to see any of his
15	barring notices?
16	MR. JONES: No, no. I didn't see any
17	of that.
18	MS. MOORE: Were there any hours of
19	operation listed on the store?
20	MR. JONES: I didn't see that as well.
21	MS. MOORE: Okay. We've got some
22	visits listed here in the report. Were there any

1	other times when you attempted to visit the
2	established and it was not open to the public?
3	MR. JONES: Not that I can not that
4	I can mention, no.
5	MS. MOORE: Okay. Those are all my
6	questions.
7	MR. BAYETA: Investigator
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. It
9	has to be one person we can't have it has
10	to be one person asking questions. Since I was
11	told that you're representing the establishment,
12	so
13	Now if you want to share the duties.
14	But you can't have tag teaming. Okay.
15	MS. MOORE: Understood.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that it? Do
17	you have any other questions?
18	MS. MOORE: No. No other questions.
19	MEMBER SHORT: Can I just say one
20	more?
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
22	Short.

MEMBER SHORT: Investigator Jones --1 2 MR. JONES: Yes, sir. MEMBER SHORT: Or Lead Investigator 3 4 Jones, illicit or illegal drugs are a terrible 5 problem in that area. Is it or isn't it? 6 MR. JONES: Yes, sir. There was some 7 MEMBER SHORT: 8 testimony earlier that -- well, I'll just say 9 this. So having an A and a B and illicit drugs on the same corner, is that helping the 10 11 neighborhood? Or do you think that's negative or positive for the neighborhood in your opinion as 12 13 an investigator? 14 In my opinion, if you MR. JONES: already have illegal activity taking place, if 15 16 we're talking whether it's violence or it's drug 17 and you already have alcohol involved and you're 18 adding more alcohol, that's just another disaster 19 waiting to happen. 20 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you for your 21 honest and your candor. That's all I have, Mr. Chair. 22

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a
2	question for Mr. Jones based on the question that
3	Mr. Short just asked?
4	MR. BAYETA: My question for you is
5	that you didn't see but I do have the bars note.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?
7	MR. BAYETA: My question for you is
8	that you did not see but there is bars note.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Bars note?
10	What's that?
11	(Simultaneous speaking.)
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, but that's
13	not the question that Mr. Short asked, so the
14	answer is no. I didn't ask for your questions.
15	I asked based on the last question of Mr. Short.
16	Do you have sir, do you have
17	MR. BAYETA: The question I can ask
18	based on what he said. So the question is that
19	it's been that alcohol is increased that the
20	crime would also increase. But I will not do
21	that. And I don't agree with that.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any

1	questions based specifically any question that
2	was asked by Mr. Short?
3	MS. MOORE: I do. I have
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.
5	MS. MOORE: one question based
6	specifically on the
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8	MS. MOORE: question from Mr.
9	Short. He mentioned illicit drug use in the
10	area. Based on that question, you responded that
11	you thought it was a recipe for disaster to
12	paraphrase. Based on that question and your
13	response, would it be your recommendation to the
14	Board to approve this license?
15	MR. JONES: I don't know if I can
16	answer that. Yeah, I I can't I can't
17	answer that one.
18	MS. MOORE: Okay. Well, that was my
19	only question.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
21	Jones, thank you for your testimony.
22	MR. JONES: Yes, sir.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can step
2	down.
3	MR. JONES: Thank you, sir.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is your
5	how do you plan to prove to us that we should
6	provide you license? Are you going to testify,
7	or what are you going to do?
8	MR. BAYETA: I will continue under any
9	circumstance that you give me.
LO	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise
L1	your right hand, please? Have him raise his
L2	him. Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth
L3	and nothing but the truth?
L <b>4</b>	MR. BAYETA: I do. Yes.
L5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what is it
L6	that you want to tell us?
L7	MR. BAYETA: What I want to say is
L8	everything they say, what I want to say the truth
L9	is that I would do what they told me to do with
20	the alcohol. I'm not trying to get involved in
21	crime. When they say that I sell for underage
22	people, I will not do that. Based on the rules

and regulations, just like everybody else, I would work.

What they're saying that you didn't come to the meeting and everything. I went once, but they never invited me. And whatever that they are inviting me in the future, I will go to the community and I will attend meetings. And even in the mediation, we talked. We agreed. We talked about doing a settlement. We agreed on that.

But what they're saying is to help others and hurt me. Otherwise, I'm not above the law. Just like everybody else based on what's out there, I will work. This is all.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Moore, do you have any questions for him?

MS. MOORE: Yes. So one of the things that Investigator Jones pointed out during his testimony is that you had made the comment that problems in the area stem from other ABRA license holders or from ABRA licenseholders. Is that accurate?

MR. BAYETA: No, that's not accurate.

I didn't say that. That's not what I said. What

I said is -- what I said is in the area -- in

this area, there is not enough human resources.

I have seen -- I went outside and I've seen the

area. The area is typical. There's nothing. I

actually know what's going on outside.

The report is a report on the 14th,

The report is a report on the 14th,

17th, 19th Street. What I work is on the 20th

Street. There is no report with -- in my area

where I work, there is no report and I don't find

any. Based on alcohol or based on ABRA, there is

nothing. I don't find any.

MS. MOORE: Okay. So you're not aware of any issues with crime in the area?

MR. BAYETA: Crime, maybe there is.

But it's not because of alcohol. Somebody might

make shots, but it's not because of alcohol.

It's not because he drinks. And not because the

people are in business. People are there and

having stores there. It's not related.

MS. MOORE: So if there are already

issues with crime in the area, what steps have you taken to put together a security plan?

MR. BAYETA: First of all, I also have life. I see -- I see what's out there. I see the outside. When I see something, I will report. I will call the police. I call police before the problem happens. I will be alert and I will watch. What an individual will do, I will do that. Even more than that, I will do that.

And in addition to that, when people stand there and litter around, I get up and I just move around. I respect people. I will talk to them. They're not dangerous. They're community people. Those are community children. What they come and what they linger around, we know each other. I know them. And if other people come in the car or something dangerous happens, I will call the police.

MS. MOORE: So if there are no issues at the store with loitering and you have a good relationship with the people who are loitering, which one is correct?

1	MR. BAYETA: What loitering is in
2	my there is a sign. Like, I will tell them.
3	Like, don't bake. No loitering. Doing the other
4	side, doing the gas station, they may loitering.
5	It's on the other side and it's not it's not
6	towards my store. It's not related to my store.
7	MS. MOORE: Okay. So you're issuing
8	barring notices at your store. They're related
9	to someone else's store?
10	MR. BAYETA: Can you repeat that?
11	MS. MOORE: When you're issuing
12	barring notices through MPD, they're related to
13	someone else's store?
14	MR. BAYETA: I don't understand the
15	question.
16	MS. MOORE: So when you've issued
17	barring notices, that's related to negative
18	activity at your store, correct?
19	MR. BAYETA: We only bar if they
20	steal, if there's attempt. Not because they
21	bake. Only we only bar if they stole.
22	MS. MOORE: Okay. I'm not sure I

fully understood that response, if they bake. 1 2 MR. BAYETA: I said if they steal. Ιf they steal, they cannot come to the store again 3 4 purchase anything. 5 Okay. So you have MS. MOORE: Do you have any additional staff 6 members who work at the store? 7 8 There is no one. MR. BAYETA: I work myself. 9 I'll show on the camera and I'll bring stuff and I'll show. 10 11 MS. MOORE: Okay. You're requesting 12 an ABRA because due to financial difficulties in 13 operating the store. Is that correct? 14 No, not because of that. MR. BAYETA: The reason that we want it, it's not financial. 15 16 I can even do something else. It's not 17 financial. Just like everyone else, I need to 18 get it --19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Sir, 20 I need to hear and understand what you're saying. 21 So if she's translating for her, you can't talk over her if she's translating the first thing. 22

need to understand. Okay?

MR. BAYETA: Just like I said, that's it's not because of financial difficulties that I'm working. I want to work just like everybody else and I want to get the license. Just like everyone else, I need to work. And I have to compete.

MS. MOORE: So what is currently your top selling item?

MR. BAYETA: The main thing that I sell is grocery. Soda, dollar soda, groceries and kitchen items, candies and food. Bread, milk. They say cigarettes, but nobody buys cigarettes. There's nothing else. We might just sell one per day. He's talking about cigarettes, I believe. The number one top selling item is groceries.

MS. MOORE: So chips and candy?

MR. BAYETA: Candy, not that much to
be honest. Chips and -- chips, bread, and milk

are the main things. Who needs candy? Sometimes
when kids come, yes, they do buy candy. Per day,

	it could be a dollar or two dollars for candy.
2	MS. MOORE: So what is your plan for
3	securing alcohol on site at your premises if you
4	were to receive a license?
5	MR. BAYETA: First, I'll be there and
6	I'll monitor. Two, if the market is good, that I
7	will have some additional person to be around the
8	door area. And when I have camera, I can see in
9	the front and I can also see in the back. I have
10	it in the front. If I see some things, I will go
11	out and I speak.
12	MS. MOORE: So currently, you're not
13	in a financial position to hire additional staff?
14	MR. BAYETA: Because with this
15	situation, I can't.
16	MS. MOORE: Right. So on day one of
17	having alcohol available in the store, you would
18	not be properly staffed. Is that a fair
19	statement?
20	MR. BAYETA: Yes, I would be doing the
21	job.
22	MS. MOORE: So you don't have finances

1	to support an additional staff member to monitor
2	your merchandise?
3	MR. BAYETA: No, I don't. I don't
4	have it.
5	MS. MOORE: So I have another question
6	here. Okay. Are you aware of complaints
7	regarding illegal tobacco sales?
8	MR. BAYETA: Yes, I am aware.
9	MS. MOORE: Those are my questions.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
11	by any Board members? Go ahead, Mr. Short.
12	MEMBER SHORT: There was testimony
13	alluding to your store selling cigarettes with
14	Virginia stickers and not District of Columbia
15	stickers. Is that true or not true?
16	MR. BAYETA: It's false. It's not
17	true. Completely false.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Where do you buy your
19	cigarettes?
20	MR. BAYETA: Before it used to be from
21	Ox Street (phonetic). And now that one is now
22	V Street you see. And in addition the second

1 thing is not many people ask for cigarettes. 2 Within two years, I only sold one Marlboro Lights yesterday. Only one. Nobody asks me for 3 4 cigarettes all day long. They ask and they don't 5 They go somewhere else to buy. I don't 6 know why they do that. Okay. Well, my last 7 MEMBER SHORT: 8 question. He mentioned he bought cigarettes from 9 two separate locations, correct? 10 MR. BAYETA: Yes. We gave our license 11 to V Street. That's where we buy. 12 MEMBER SHORT: And he said he only 13 sells one pack of week or one pack a month. 14 how many cigarettes does he buy when he goes to 15 market to buy cigarettes? 16 MR. BAYETA: I buy one carton. 17 MEMBER SHORT: One carton? 18 MR. BAYETA: Yeah. 19 MEMBER SHORT: How long does it take 20 him to sell one carton of cigarettes? How long does it take him to sell one carton of 21 22 cigarettes?

1	MR. BAYETA: There is nothing to sell.
2	Nobody buys them. They just sit there. Just
3	eventually if they come. Not even from the
4	community. A lot of times, they come from
5	somewhere else.
6	MEMBER SHORT: Thank you. That's all
7	I have, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How long have
9	you been in business?
10	MR. BAYETA: This is my second year.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you
12	understand the rules and regulations if we were
13	to grant you an alcohol license?
14	MR. BAYETA: Yes.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't have
16	any other questions. All right. Do you have
17	anything else you want to say?
18	MR. BAYETA: Not much I want to say.
19	There is nothing.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? All right,
21	Ms. Moore. How do you plan to move forward?
22	MS. MOORE: I'd like to call witnesses

1	to testify.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's your
3	first witness?
4	MS. MOORE: All right. I'd like to
5	call William and I hope I'm not murdering it.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
7	Who?
8	MS. MOORE: Knudsen.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise
LO	your right hand, please? Do you swear or affirm
L1	to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?
L2	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, I do.
L3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. You
L <b>4</b>	can have a seat. I need you to pull the
L5	microphone close to you. And can you say and
L6	spell your name for the record?
L7	MR. KNUDSEN: Sure. Yes, sir. My
L8	name is William. First name, W-I-L-L-I-A-M.
L9	Last name is Knudsen. It's spelled K-N-U-D-S-E-
20	N.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness.
22	MS. MOORE: Mr. Knudsen, how long have

Τ	you lived in the community?
2	MR. KNUDSEN: I've pardon me?
3	MS. MOORE: Oh, just
4	(Simultaneous speaking.)
5	MR. KNUDSEN: Oh, okay. I've lived
6	over since 2005, 2006.
7	MS. MOORE: And where do you live in
8	relationship to Mr. Bayeta's store?
9	MR. KNUDSEN: I live about three and
10	a half blocks.
11	MS. MOORE: Okay. In that time that
12	you've lived in the community, have there been
13	serious issues with violent crime in the area?
14	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, there have been.
15	And and and actually, there have been
16	greater crimes since it started in terms of
17	loitering as the earlier investigator said with
18	drugs on the block, with people being passed out
19	right next to the gentleman's establishment. So
20	there have been issues, and and they've
21	actually gotten worse with the addition of the
22	current establishment on that block.

1	MS. MOORE: You regularly attend
2	Langston Civic Association meetings?
3	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes.
4	MS. MOORE: And you attended the
5	meeting where Mr. Bayeta came to talk about our
6	concerns regarding his request for an ABRA
7	license, correct?
8	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, Commissioner.
9	MS. MOORE: Okay. During that
10	conversation, members of the community expressed
11	concerns about violent crime and requested a
12	security plan. Is that correct?
13	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes.
14	MS. MOORE: Did Mr. Bayeta present a
15	security plan at that time?
16	MR. KNUDSEN: No. I believe I
17	believe part of his rationale was we're not
18	Georgetown. So we didn't need one.
19	MS. MOORE: Did he in any way share
20	information with you that gave you confidence
21	that he would take seriously the responsibilities
22	of being an ABRA license holder?

_	MR. KNUDSEN: NO.
2	MS. MOORE: Did he have responses that
3	directly addressed any of the community concerns
4	the less serious issues like litter?
5	MR. KNUDSEN: No. No, his concerns
6	were generally dismissive similar to his earlier
7	comment that this was a waste of his time, you
8	know, at this meeting.
9	MS. MOORE: So when we address items
LO	that we'd like to see in a settlement agreement,
L1	based on his participation in that meeting, did
L2	you think that he was receptive?
L3	MR. KNUDSEN: No.
L <b>4</b>	MS. MOORE: Living in the
L5	neighborhood, have you see consistent hours of
L6	operation at the store?
L7	MR. KNUDSEN: No.
L8	MS. MOORE: Have you seen issues with
L9	loitering, with litter near the store?
20	MR. KNUDSEN: I regularly walk I
21	regularly walk with my daughter, a toddler. We
22	regularly stroll past there. I ride the X2 every

-- almost every morning and definitely every evening. And so I'm regularly down that street. And unfortunately, the gentleman has not addressed those issues, unlike other businesses like Silverman's and others around the area that have proactively done it.

MS. MOORE: One of the issues also addressed during that meeting was some economic difficulties for the store owner in terms of running the store. And several community members suggested using Great Streets grant funding. Was the reception by Mr. Bayeta in your understanding a positive one of that suggestion?

MR. KNUDSEN: No, it seemed dismissive that the only objective to addressing his financial hardships was to sell alcohol and liquor to the community.

MS. MOORE: The requested hours of operation in the license were beginning at 8:00 a.m. Did you or any other community express concerns about those hours of operation?

MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, I think it was

unanimous at the community meeting that we were opposed for the reasons that have been outlined today that it was a little bit too early.

MS. MOORE: In our community, are there consistent issues with substance abuse?

MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, there are.

MS. MOORE: Can you give some examples of things that you've seen that would make that clear?

MR. KNUDSEN: Sure. I think on -- and for example, on the 20th block, there are regularly people, you know, that are passed out in the afternoon. They're passed out in the evening. I've seen, you know, liquor bottles around. And it's been -- you know, as we know, there have been community nonprofits that are busy helping supporting individuals.

But I've seen an uptick of not only individuals dealing with substance issues but also, you know, liquor paraphernalia more regularly around the neighborhood since the establishment started. And I would imagine,

similar to what the investigator said, there's a 1 2 saturation. And I'm not aware of how it would 3 4 help, you know, our families, our communities by 5 having someone sell something that's already readily available. There only seems to be a 6 negative associated with that, not a positive. 7 8 So selling alcohol in a MS. MOORE: 9 community that already has substance abuse issues 10 you don't see a positive? 11 MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, I don't see it's a 12 positive. 13 MS. MOORE: Are there any other 14 concerns having lived in the community for some 15 time and living so close to this establishment that you would like to share with the Board? 16 17 MR. KNUDSEN: I mean, I think the only 18 additional concern is whether our civic 19 association meeting or just here is that the 20 complete dismissive nature of -- of the owner. 21 You know, Silverman's right next door, liquor

store, as the one Board member said, has been in

our community for decades. I think they said they were the second liquor license in the District of Columbia after prohibition. They got a new one.

And this is really what worries me.

I've -- I've lived in our community over a

decade. We have a lot of great establishments, a

lot of great civic engagement. I've never met an

individual so dismissive of reasonable, you know,

adjustments to reach a settled. And, you know -
and yeah, I was just stopping so you could

translate.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Sir, he's testifying. She's translating to you.

Okay? When he's done testifying, if you have questions you want to ask him, you can ask him at that time when he's done.

MR. BAYETA: Yes, okay.

MR. KNUDSEN: So I think, you know, that in a nutshell. I mean, the work of the two commissioners, our former commissioners, you know, our civil leaders have all asked for a

compromise. And the attitude displayed today by the owner is a similar dynamic before. And to me, past is prologue. So that's why I'm really worried about it and I think that we have enough liquor services.

You know, I don't see how adding an additional liquor service would benefit our community. I would argue there are a lot of other services we could have in our community that would be better, especially since we already have wonderful people providing service that are attempting -- it may not be perfect but they're actually attempting to work with us. And I think we should reward that kind of behavior, not other behavior.

MS. MOORE: So that's all from me.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any

questions to ask him based on his testimony?

MR. BAYETA: How many times me and you

20 have we met? How many times?

MR. KNUDSEN: I think this probably the third time.

MR. BAYETA: With you, I've only met 1 2 once. That was a statement. 3 MR. KNUDSEN: 4 Thank you. I understand. 5 MR. BAYETA: Was there a time where you presented a question to me and I answered no 6 7 or disregard? 8 Actually, at the MR. KNUDSEN: Yes. 9 Langston Civic Association meeting, you were disregarding my questions and our community's. 10 11 The second point is that MR. BAYETA: 12 was there a time where you addressed to me about 13 littering, like, dirt or anything in front of the 14 store that you addressed to me that I didn't 15 respond back? 16 MR. KNUDSEN: No, I was focused more 17 on the systematic crime and the multiplier 18 negative effect of alcohol in a community that's 19 been by multiple studies, Harvard, others. So I was actually focused on actually the physical 20 21 safety. I thought that was the kind of first

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issue.

But given the dismissive nature, lack of concern about children dying in our community, that's what I focused on. So I did have an opportunity and I assumed that if you're dismissive of children dying, you'd probably be dismissive of litter.

MR. BAYETA: Where -- tell me where was a time where me and you met. There was only one time that during the meeting. That's when me and you were met. So when was the -- was there another time? Can you tell me?

MR. KNUDSEN: Well, in terms of, like, when I've asked the questions, I mean, I think

LCA was that. One time we actually did meet on the street and I said hi. I think you didn't recognize me, but yeah.

MR. BAYETA: Oh, well, that time, you didn't introduce yourself to me. You just went into the store. So I didn't really know. If I had known, I would have approached and talked to you.

MR. KNUDSEN: Thank you. I understand

1	that statement. Thank you.
2	MR. BAYETA: Okay. I just want to say
3	that if you tell me that you're the part of the
4	community. If you tell me, I will talk to you.
5	I normally don't dismiss people.
6	MR. KNUDSEN: Thank you for the
7	statement. I understand that. Thank you.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
9	other questions you want to ask him, sir?
10	MR. BAYETA: Yeah, no, I don't.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
12	of the witness by any Board members? Go ahead,
13	Mr. Short.
14	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Knudsen?
15	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, sir.
16	MEMBER SHORT: You say you live three
17	blocks away. Do you mind giving your address for
18	the record?
19	MR. KNUDSEN: Sure. It's 524 Oklahoma
20	Avenue. It's three and a half
21	MEMBER SHORT: You're directly across
22	the street from the stadium parking lot.

1	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, sir.
2	MEMBER SHORT: So how many years?
3	MR. KNUDSEN: Since about 2005, 2006.
4	MEMBER SHORT: You don't have to
5	answer it if you don't like. But sometimes we do
6	consider property values in the communities in
7	ABC stores. What are the property values or have
8	you made any money since you've been on Oklahoma
9	Avenue with your real estate?
10	MR. KNUDSEN: Well, I think similar to
11	everyone in Kingman Park, a nice area, our home
12	values have increased.
13	MEMBER SHORT: When I was a young
14	person right there at the Kingman Lake, people
15	used to have their boats.
16	MR. KNUDSEN: Yeah.
17	MEMBER SHORT: There were boats.
18	MR. KNUDSEN: Yeah.
19	MEMBER SHORT: And there are plenty of
20	turtles
21	MR. KNUDSEN: Yeah.
22	MEMBER SHORT: I mean, large

terrapins.

But at any rate, so real estate-wise, do you think that this additional B store would help or deplete values of your real estate?

MR. KNUDSEN: Well, my personal real estate, I don't, I really couldn't speak to that. But I know on the 20th block, that's probably the most blighted block on that section of Benning, you know, in the Kingman Park area. So I think for my neighbors adjacent I think the answer would be yes.

For me, I mean, as you said, you know, we have, you know, the great, you know, river right there. So I don't think it would be as impactful for me personally.

But I do think for my neighbors that it would be, you know, an issue. Given what I've described earlier, that often happens on that particular block.

MEMBER SHORT: Okay. And lastly,
Oklahoma Avenue, and you said you have noticed an
uptick in crime since this establishment has been

open, Convenient?

MR. KNUDSEN: I've noticed an uptick.

And then I've noticed an uptick of individuals,

you know, passed out or hanging out there and

loitering.

So I would imagine, you know, if people, you know, my understanding from speaking to other non-profits when we've worked with LCA and others, that, you know, there's people, you know, dealing with substance abuse and other issues that we're trying to help folks out and support them.

MEMBER SHORT: Okay. And lastly, there's a letter here from community, well, the chairperson for the ANC 5D, Clarence Lee, Commissioner Clarence Lee. Do you know him?

MR. KNUDSEN: No, I do not.

MEMBER SHORT: Do you know any, the position of the ANC regarding this application?

MR. KNUDSEN: Well, my understanding of the position of the ANC, at least the two commissioners that, well, the one commissioner

1	that represents it, Commissioner Blair, then the
2	commissioner that borders it is both opposing it.
3	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Thank you.
4	That's all I have, Mr. Chair.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
6	questions by any other Board members? Mr.
7	Knudsen
8	MR. KNUDSEN: Yes, sir.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: thank you
10	for your testimony. You can step down.
11	MR. KNUDSEN: Thank you. Appreciate
12	it.
13	MEMBER SHORT: Did he put his name on
14	the sheet?
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, he
16	spelled his name on that for the court reporter.
17	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. All right.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we have
19	another witness you want to call?
20	MS. MOORE: Yes. Ms. Lisa White,
21	who's the current president, I believe, of the

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MS. MOORE: During meetings of the 1 2 Friends of Kingman Park, have you all discussed issues with crime in that area? 3 MS. WHITE: Yes. 4 MS. MOORE: Did you discuss concerns 5 about this specific ABRA license application? 6 7 MS. WHITE: Yes. MS. MOORE: What were some of the 8 9 issues that you all discussed? Some of the issues we 10 MS. WHITE: 11 discussed, the violent nature, well, violence in 12 the community, the loitering issues, the saturation of additional alcohol license, well, 13 14 alcohol establishments in the neighborhood, and how it could possibly have a negative impact on 15 16 the community. MS. MOORE: As a person who's a civic 17 18 leader, are you aware that MPD included the area 19 of this store in the Summer Crime Initiative? 20 MS. WHITE: Yes, so the Summer Crime 21 Initiative, that Benning Road corridor was one of 22 the targeted areas. And they targeted for

illegal activity, including drugs, the usage of the synthetic marijuana with the spice and the K-2 issues that's already has saturated that corridor.

And they did additional safety walks with -- we have a monthly safety walk with the police. We started the orange hat patrol a couple years ago. And we have continued those safety walks. And we have targeted, along with MPD, once a month to walk in that vicinity to deter individuals that may or decide to, you know, commit a crime in that.

So the Summer Crime Initiative, they upped the police presence. And they had different targeted areas from the 7-Eleven that's at 25th and Benning to the 21st Street.

And then also at 19th and 20th, they had increased foot beats along with stationary bikes just to, just like mopeds just in particular areas so they could think that the police was in that area, along with patrol cars with additional police officers in that Summer

1	Crime Initiative, because we really want to clean
2	up that area.
3	MS. MOORE: So MPD is already making
4	a major effort including additional police
5	resources
6	MS. WHITE: Right.
7	MS. MOORE: like human resources.
8	MS. WHITE: Right. And we met with
9	the commander, Commander FitzGerald, of the 5th
10	District and expressed our concerns about that
11	corridor.
12	MS. MOORE: So we received increased
13	police resources during the summer, correct?
14	MS. WHITE: Correct.
15	MS. MOORE: Now that those resources
16	will not necessarily be available going into the
17	colder months, is this application consistent
18	with the efforts that we're making in terms of
19	properly allocating police resources?
20	MS. WHITE: It would definitely pose
21	a problem. I just feel like that with the
22	neighborhood already being saturated with other

establishments, and I just think that it's just not a good idea. It's not beneficial for the community if we had another alcohol license granted in our community.

If it was some type of other establishment that would be beneficial for the community, I would probably be for it, but not another alcohol license. And we're also, you know, concerned with the illegal drug usage as well.

MS. MOORE: And you've been inside the establishment, correct?

MS. WHITE: I have. I've been in there two times. One time I did try to go visit. It was like 7:00 in the evening. The store wasn't open. And then another time I rode past. He was just getting there. And he had his cab parked outside. And he was getting out of his cab to go into the establishment. And that was like at 5-something in the evening.

MS. MOORE: From what you've seen, is calling it a grocery an accurate characterization

1 2 MS. WHITE: Absolutely not. It sells crap and junk. That's what I consider it. 3 And 4 when I say crap and junk, no-name, off-brand 5 juice, sodas, junk. MS. MOORE: Chips? 6 7 MS. WHITE: Chips, wrapper snacks, 8 just stuff that just doesn't make any sense. But 9 that's just my personal opinion. 10 MS. MOORE: Have you seen a lot of people from the community using this store? 11 12 MS. WHITE: I actually talked to a 13 couple people who I know who visit the area. And 14 most people have never been in that store. 15 MS. MOORE: All right. That's all. 16 So did you also attend the ANC special meeting? 17 I did. MS. WHITE: I attended the --18 I think it was on June 27th. I attended the 19 special meeting. And he was there. 20 And it was an interesting conversation 21 that I had with him. He explained to me that he

was conned into this business. He bought the

business from another Ethiopian brother who didn't, was not honest with him about his sales.

And he bought into it expecting that it was going to be profitable. So the ledgers in the business ledgers that they presented to him, he said that it showed that it was a profit. And since he's bought the business, he found out that that person was not honest with him about the sales and the information that was in the business ledgers when he bought the business from another Ethiopian brother.

And then he also told me personally that he's only getting a liquor license so he could make some money. And he's in a lot of financial debt.

And honestly, I feel a little sorry for him, because I feel like he was conned into buying a business and they tricked him. And I don't think selling alcohol is really going to help his situation. I think he's just got in a trip bag and they weren't honest with him.

And I actually feel bad, because like

he said he has a family he needs to take care of.

And he drives the cab in the evening to take care

of his family.

So, but on the flip side, he also said he would sell alcohol at any means necessary.

When I told him at the special meeting that the Ward 7 side does not sell single cans of beer but the Ward 5 side does, he said, well, I'm going to sell singles. I'm like --

(Off-microphone comments.)

MS. WHITE: So I explained to him at the special meeting with 7D that there's a moratorium on single sell alcohol in Ward 7. He wasn't aware of that. And he said he would sell singles anyway.

So he disregarded even before, he's actually oppositional even now before he's even issued an alcohol license. And I had a problem with that.

And then he also stated to me that what do you care when that's the low-income neighborhood. That's offensive to me. I'm a

fourth generation Washingtonian. I've gone away 1 2 to college, came back. I live in this district. I worship in the district. And I work in the 3 district. And I felt like that was offensive to 4 5 me as being a Washingtonian. So, given all of the 6 MS. MOORE: 7 financial issues and challenges that Mr. Bayeta 8 shared with you and his attitude --9 MS. WHITE: His attitude sucks to be 10 honest. 11 MS. MOORE: -- in the district, do you 12 have confidence that were he given an ABRA 13 license that he would take that responsibility 14 seriously and follow all of the laws? 15 MS. WHITE: At this point, he has not 16 shown me that he would be a responsible alcohol 17 licensee. And I'm very concerned that it would just impact our neighborhood even more 18 19 negatively. And I'm just really concerned. 20 I ask the Board to really take that in 21 consideration. It's very concerning for me. And to add to it, not only have I been 22

1 the president of Friends of Kingman Park, I've 2 also been the ANC commissioner as well. I did two terms as well. And I've been actively 3 4 community-minded in the community. 5 And I've been, I bought my house in 6 2002. When I came home from college, I came back 7 and bought my house in 2002. So I've been in the 8 neighborhood since 2002. 9 MS. MOORE: So those are all of my questions. 10 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any 12 questions, sir, you want to ask her based on her 13 testimony? 14 The question I want to MR. BAYETA: 15 ask is when was the time where I was invited for 16 a meeting and I didn't show up. 17 MS. WHITE: So I'm not sure if Melissa 18 has the -- I've called you twice. I called you 19 I visit the store. Your hours are twice. 20 sporadic. I've met you in the store. And I also

sent emails. We sent emails to invite you to the

met you at the special meeting on June 27th.

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1	meeting. And we also, I personally called you
2	twice.
3	MR. BAYETA: I didn't get the call.
4	I asked
5	(Simultaneous speaking.)
6	MR. BAYETA: So that day I asked
7	Melissa, and I actually closed my store and tried
8	to come
9	MS. WHITE: And you were lost. And he
LO	was
L1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you hold
L2	on, ma'am. He's asking you a question. Wait
L3	till he's done
L <b>4</b>	MS. WHITE: Okay.
L5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: then answer
L6	the question, please.
L7	MR. BAYETA: And I waited for 45
L8	minutes. I searched for it, for the location,
L9	and I returned.
20	And for the second time, also Ms.
21	Blair reached out to me. And I closed my store,
22	and I came to you guys. The second address was

1	right. Outside of that
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to
3	do it in a sense of asking a question, not giving
4	a statement.
5	MR. BAYETA: Were there any business
6	idea that you talked to me or reached out to me
7	that I said no, or how are you coming up with
8	that idea?
9	MS. WHITE: I'm not understanding the
10	question.
11	MR. BAYETA: Have you ever reached out
12	to me regarding my business that you asked me a
13	question?
14	MS. WHITE: I did reach out. I called
15	you twice. And we also sent you multiple emails
16	inviting you to the community meeting.
17	MR. BAYETA: I didn't get that.
18	MS. WHITE: He had to get the
19	correspondence because he did come to, he tried
20	to attempt to come to one meeting.
21	MR. BAYETA: Only the address from Ms.
22	Blair, that's the one I get. I didn't get you

1	guys'.
2	MS. WHITE: He just said that he tried
3	to come to the one meeting, and he didn't make
4	it.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
6	other questions for her?
7	MR. BAYETA: No.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any
9	other, any questions from the Board? All right.
10	Let me ask a question. What meeting was he
11	invited to, and when was the meeting?
12	MS. WHITE: So we invited him to the
13	Friends of Kingman Park monthly meeting.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And when was
15	that?
16	MS. WHITE: It was in June.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how did,
18	how was he invited?
19	MS. WHITE: It was, we sent him
20	emails, and we actually called him.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so what
22	response did

1	MS. WHITE: He attempted to show. But
2	he never showed up for the meeting.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What do you
4	mean he attempted to show?
5	MS. WHITE: Because it rained that
6	day, and when it rained, we had an outside
7	meeting. Then we moved it over to the fields at
8	RFK. So he did attempt to attend that meeting,
9	which was a closed pavilion so the rain didn't
10	affect the meeting.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So how did he,
12	how would he have known that the location
13	changed?
14	MS. WHITE: We did. We called him.
15	He was in contact with several different people
16	from our community to give him where the meeting
17	was being held from the outside meeting into the
18	pavilion that was covered.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what was the
20	response from him?
21	MS. WHITE: He never showed.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But did someone
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1	call him or, and spoken to him?
2	MS. WHITE: And they tried to direct
3	him to the location.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5	MR. BAYETA: Can I
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.
7	MR. BAYETA: Can I speak? No?
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. You need
9	to pay attention, sir. I asked you to ask
10	questions of her. You said you didn't have any
11	more questions. Now the Board is asking
12	questions.
13	I might depending, I might, well, I
14	probably will give both sides an opportunity to
15	ask follow-up questions. But I will let you know
16	if I'm going to do that. Okay?
17	MR. BAYETA: Okay.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I
19	don't have any other questions. All right. Go
20	ahead, Mr. Short.
21	MEMBER SHORT: Ms. White, just to
22	clear up our record, Benning Road is dividing

1	line between on the north side Ward 5, correct,
2	because we've been talking about the ANC 5 a lot?
3	But you've reminded me we need to also talk about
4	the south side of Benning Road, which is the line
5	which is Ward 7.
6	MS. WHITE: And then 6 is the next
7	block over as well.
8	MEMBER SHORT: I understand. But
9	right now we want to get
10	MS. WHITE: Settled.
11	MEMBER SHORT: our directions
12	straight where this address is.
13	MS. WHITE: It's Ward 7.
14	MEMBER SHORT: 2031 Benning Road is
15	Ward 7.
16	MS. WHITE: Correct.
17	MEMBER SHORT: What is the ANC?
18	MS. WHITE: 7D01.
19	MEMBER SHORT: 7D
20	MS. WHITE: Or 7D.
21	MEMBER SHORT: 01, because for the
22	record someone reading the transcript would think

1	this is Ward 5
2	MS. WHITE: Correct.
3	MEMBER SHORT: Ward 7. And you
4	also reminded me that we need to also put on the
5	record that Ward 7, should this license be
6	granted, no single sales.
7	MS. WHITE: Correct.
8	MEMBER SHORT: And that was by the
9	D.C. Council.
10	MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
11	MEMBER SHORT: And your, his response
12	to you when you said he couldn't sell singles,
13	what did he say?
14	MS. WHITE: He said he could care
15	less, and he was going to sell them anyway.
16	MEMBER SHORT: No further questions.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
18	questions of the witness based on the questions
19	that were asked by myself and Mr. Short?
20	MR. BAYETA: Yes, I have a question
21	for her. So that day, the day that you mentioned
22	that you called me, I got a call from her and

from another guy. They directed me to another 1 direction. And then after that, I returned home. 2 I returned to work. Secondly, the question about 3 4 the beer is --5 MS. WHITE: So do you want me to answer that first? 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There was 8 really no question. So I'm trying to -- I need 9 questions to be asked rather than statements. 10 there was really no question for you to answer, 11 ma'am. 12 MR. BAYETA: The question I have for 13 you is that have I ever told you that I would 14 sell single beer. I mentioned to you that 15 MS. WHITE: 16 single sell was illegal in Ward 7. You said that 17 you was going to sell single sells anyway. 18 said that at the special meeting with the 7D 19 Commission. 20 MR. BAYETA: I did not say that. Ι 21 want the Board to know that I did not say that. 22 And I even recall that you told me that you sell

1	four packs and six packs
2	(Simultaneous speaking.)
3	MR. BAYETA: I said that I would only
4	work based on what the Board is, the conditions
5	that the Board was telling me.
6	MS. WHITE: That's not what he told
7	me. And not only did he say it to me, he said it
8	to Commissioner Blair as well.
9	MR. BAYETA: So I don't know, because
LO	I didn't, I was not even given the license. So I
L1	don't know the circumstances. And so was it
L2	right that you asked me all these questions or
L3	talked to me, all this, before I was even given
L <b>4</b>	the license?
L5	MS. WHITE: I was just, I was asking
L6	questions because you were at the meeting
L7	(Simultaneous speaking.)
L8	MS. WHITE: So I asked those
L9	questions. And those was your response.
20	MR. BAYETA: I didn't say
21	(Simultaneous speaking.)
22	MR. BAYETA: Every time I always stand

with what I state, that I would work based on 1 2 what the law is telling me. MS. WHITE: Well, that's not what he 3 4 said that day. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. allowing, because I know there is some issues 6 7 with, at least from my perspective, there might 8 be issues of language. So that's why I'm 9 allowing some leeway. But I don't want conversations going 10 11 back and forth. It's a question that's been 12 And I need people to ask questions and asked. then answer. I don't -- it's not a conversation. 13 14 Do you have any other questions for 15 her, sir? 16 MR. BAYETA: The second question is 17 that was there a time where you invited me, gave 18 me your office address, and that I didn't come. 19 It's not -- we have it at MS. WHITE: 20 a rec center, or we have it outside. So the day 21 that we invited you that you attempted to come I was not involved in the conversation. But I know 22

1	that we invited you. There was a mix-up with the
2	address because we changed the location to the
3	covered pavilion because of the rain. And
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
5	questions?
6	MR. BAYETA: No, I don't.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
8	follow-up questions to her based on the questions
9	that were asked by the Board?
10	MS. MOORE: Very briefly. The
11	question on clarification from Commissioner Short
12	about single sales in Ward 7, is it correct to
13	say that your concern here is that someone
14	applying for a liquor license should already be
15	aware of any laws and regulations governing such
16	sales?
17	MS. WHITE: Absolutely.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it?
19	MS. MOORE: That's it.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. White,
21	thank you very much for your testimony.
22	MS. WHITE: Thank you.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can step
2	down. Do you have another witness?
3	MS. MOORE: Yes, I do. Katie Walsh.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's your next
5	witness?
6	MS. MOORE: Katie Walsh.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who?
8	MS. MOORE: Katie Walsh.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise
10	your right hand, please? Do you swear or affirm
11	to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?
12	MS. WALSH: Yes.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat,
14	please. And can you spell and state your name
15	for the record, please?
16	MS. WALSH: Sure. Legally, it's
17	Kathryn, so K-A-T-H-R-Y-N. Katie is my nickname.
18	And Walsh, W-A-L-S-H.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
20	Your witness.
21	MS. MOORE: Ms. Walsh, you live in the
22	area of ANC 5D, correct?

1	MS. WALSH: Yes.
2	MS. MOORE: How long have you lived in
3	the area?
4	MS. WALSH: We moved there in 2015
5	after we got married.
6	MS. MOORE: Have you had any concerns
7	with crime along Benning Road?
8	MS. WALSH: Yes.
9	MS. MOORE: Would you find it
10	surprising if someone had been operating a
11	business in that area for at least a year and was
12	not aware of crime issues?
13	MS. WALSH: Oh, yes, yes. You can't
14	walk down the street without being aware of the
15	violence issues, the littering issues, you name
16	it, yeah.
17	MS. MOORE: Okay. What concerns do
18	you have about adding an additional ABRA licensee
19	at 21st and Benning Road?
20	MS. WALSH: One of my biggest
21	concerns, obviously, is increase in violence in
22	the neighborhood. That's been a problem for the

entire time that I've lived there. I think alcohol and violence kind of go hand in hand. These, it's known that these are, things are linked. And I don't think we need to add more of that to the neighborhood.

And beyond that, a major concern of mine is increase in litter. You can't go anywhere in our neighborhood without walking on broken glass. It's just broken glass everywhere and to the point where I can't walk down the street without, you know, well, I have dogs and I can't walk down the street without worrying that I'm going to cut myself or they're going to be injured or my car is, I'm going to run over glass. It's just, there's broken glass everywhere. And we don't need more of that.

MS. MOORE: Do you have concerns about MPD's ability to patrol an additional ABRA licensed establishment on Benning Road?

MS. WALSH: Yeah, so I know also from a Langston Civic Association meeting that I attended that when they, when MPD arrests

somebody and they have to take them back to the station, that leaves a gap in coverage until they can process and send somebody back out. So, if we have more of those types of calls, it actually, there will be more gaps in coverage I think. So it's -- yeah, of course.

MS. MOORE: So, as someone who lives in the community, do you have a concern that all of the activity on Benning Road strips police resources from other parts of the neighborhood?

MS. MOORE: Do you have any additional concerns that you'd like to share with the Board?

Yes, yes.

MS. WALSH:

MS. WALSH: I just, I think that I can buy alcohol at Silverman's. I can buy alcohol at Sylvia's. I can buy alcohol at Langston Bar and Grille. I can get it at Food 7. I can get it at Aldi. I can get it at Safeway. I can go down H Street and get it in 15 other places. I just don't think that we need, you don't need one more place to go buy alcohol. It's all over the place.

1	MS. MOORE: Thank you. So those are
2	all of my questions.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a
4	question?
5	MEMBER SHORT: No. No, he goes first.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
7	questions, sir, of this witness?
8	MR. BAYETA: Oh, actually, I never
9	have met you. Do you recall a time where you met
LO	me?
L1	MS. WALSH: No, we've never met.
L2	MR. BAYETA: The second question is
L3	that you mentioned that there is a lot of like
L <b>4</b>	littering and broken glasses everywhere. Are you
L5	suggesting that those came after I opened the
L6	store?
L <b>7</b>	MS. WALSH: No, I'm certainly not
L8	suggesting that at all. I think that's a long-
L9	standing issue in the neighborhood. But the more
20	liquor establishments there are, the more broken
21	glass there will be.
22	INTERPRETER: He is saying that he

wants to speak with the Board and answer a 1 2 question, give an answer. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, you can't 3 4 do that now. You have to ask her. 5 MR. BAYETA: Oh, because she didn't answer my question, I really want to tell the 6 7 truth. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Where we 9 are right now is that she's testifying, and you need to ask questions of her. You'll still have 10 11 another opportunity at the end of the case to, 12 again, wrap up your case. At this juncture, 13 excuse me, you need to ask her questions. If you 14 don't have any questions for her, then we'll move 15 on. 16 MR. BAYETA: Okay. Thanks. Do you 17 know the two people? Like do you like wake up in 18 the morning and see the two people that usually 19 like cleans up during weekends, like Saturday and 20 Sundays they clean up the road? Have you seen 21 those people? 22 MS. WALSH: Do I know two people who

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2	MR. BAYETA: Have you seen those
3	people, company?
4	MS. WALSH: Well, not specifically,
5	but I see people cleaning up litter all the time.
6	I mean, I know that I've been involved in litter
7	clean-ups in our neighborhood. We periodically
8	have them. I'm not 100 percent sure who he is
9	referring to.
10	MR. BAYETA: Yeah, that's all.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
12	Short.
13	MEMBER SHORT: Ms. Walsh, good
14	evening. There is an elementary school, Blow
15	Pierce Public Charter School, directly in the
16	rear of this applicant's business.
17	MS. WALSH: Yes.
18	MEMBER SHORT: And this is in Ward 7.
19	MS. WALSH: Um-hmm.
20	MEMBER SHORT: And I understand that
21	something is going on that probably needs to be
22	addressed by our councilmembers 5 and 7 in, east

of the river, because ordinarily if you have an alcohol business within 500 feet of a school you can't even apply.

And the only reason why this applicant is applying is because Silverman's has been there for 70 years. And so he's piggybacking on Silverman's license.

So somebody needs to tell their councilmembers or the council maybe that law needs to be changed, because if this goes through then you could have a third one, a fourth one, and a fifth one because they'd all piggyback off of Silverman.

So the city council has got to work with the citizens to kind of help with the deal.

So, on the Board, I can't do that. I can't talk to the council like that, but citizens can.

And the question I have -- I made a statement. But the question I have is we talked about family, and someone even mentioned the applicant mentioned his family. And the question I would like to ask, how many family people would

1	want a A store and a B store directly behind
2	their public charter school? Do you think that's
3	appropriate?
4	MS. WALSH: I can't imagine any family
5	would want that.
6	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Well, maybe
7	that's a question we need to ask the applicant,
8	because if he has a family I'm quite sure he'll
9	give us an honest answer.
10	MS. WALSH: Yeah.
11	MEMBER SHORT: That's all I have.
12	Thank you, Mr. Chair.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a
14	question for the witness based on what the
15	statement Mr. Short just made or the question
16	that Mr. Short just made?
17	MR. BAYETA: No, no.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Moore, do
19	you have any questions you want to ask of the
20	witness based on all right. Ms. Walsh, thank
21	you for your testimony. You can step down now.
22	Ms. WALSH: Okay.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
2	other witnesses?
3	MS. MOORE: Yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How many other
5	witnesses do you have?
6	MS. MOORE: Two.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8	Let's take a ten-minute break. All right.
9	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
10	went off the record at 7:54 p.m. and resumed at
11	8:15 p.m.)
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12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we
12 13	are back on the record. Do you have another
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13 14	are back on the record. Do you have another witness?
13 14 15	are back on the record. Do you have another witness?  MS. MOORE: Yes, Commissioner Tamara
13 14 15 16	are back on the record. Do you have another witness?  MS. MOORE: Yes, Commissioner Tamara Blair, 7D01.
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1	please?
2	MS. BLAIR: My name is Tamara Blair,
3	T-A-M-A-R-A, last name B-L-A-I-R.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
5	Your witness.
6	MS. MOORE: Ms. Blair, Commissioner
7	Blair, apologies, you are the Advisory
8	Neighborhood Commissioner in the district where
9	this licensee hopes to operate its ABRA license,
10	is that correct?
11	MS. BLAIR: Correct.
12	MS. MOORE: In your frequent reviews
13	of the area, have you had the opportunity to
14	visit Mr. Bayeta's store?
15	MS. BLAIR: Yes, so I've been in Mr.
16	Bayeta's store multiple times as I canvas the
17	neighborhood and deliver fliers announcing
18	meeting dates for both Friends of Kingman Park,
19	and I also canvas for 7D.
20	MS. MOORE: Have you witnessed any
21	activity that you had reason to believe was
22	illegal?

MS. BLAIR: Yes, I have. On one occasion when I stayed to have a conversation, an older gentleman came into the establishment, and I was kind of halfway towards, down towards the coolers.

So the gentleman was closer to the door and Mr. Bayeta went to wait on that individual, and he specifically asked for a blunt type of tobacco product, cigar, and it was a single, what appeared to me to be an unwrapped tobacco product, so it gave me the impression that there's probably a bulk supply and this individual was just purchasing one.

MS. MOORE: Have you had complaints from any of your constituents regarding similar what they believe to be illegal activities in regards to tobacco sales?

MS. BLAIR: I've heard two complaints, both concerning cigarettes. I heard one complaint about that is the one location to purchase cigarettes without the D.C. tax stamp if you were purchasing by the pack. I also heard of

individual sales of cigarettes, what is known as loosies.

MS. MOORE: Given your knowledge of the neighborhood and feedback from constituents, would you feel confident in Mr. Bayeta's ability to uphold laws and regulations concerning an ABRA license?

MS. BLAIR: I would not feel comfortable based on a couple of things that I've noticed in the store. Specifically it appears that he does carry some food products in the cooler section, and it's in one of my photos included, that it appears to be that he sells individual sticks of butter that are meant to be sold as one package.

It's not an ABRA concern specifically, but it gives you an indication that there is some practices that should not be going on, so a fourpack of butter that's open in the cooler with one stick missing.

MS. MOORE: Are there any additional concerns that you'd like to share with the Board

on behalf of your constituents at this time? 1 2 MS. BLAIR: I have a concern in the way that some particular products are stocked 3 that I think are in easy reach of children. 4 5 I noticed that there are cleaning products that contain toxic chemicals that are on 6 7 lower shelves that are easily in reach of 8 children should they come in there and he be 9 distracted because he's the only employee. So if he's addressing an employee who 10 11 is at the register, there is no way for him to 12 really keep an eye on what's going on in the back 13 of the store. 14 MS. MOORE: Okay, those are all of my questions at this time. 15 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any 17 questions you need to ask her, sir? 18 MR. BAYETA: So for what you were 19 saying, like regarding the children, or like 20 toxic items to sell, is that your expectation or 21 is something that you saw and witnessed? 22 MS. BLAIR: No, I didn't see children

purchasing, but the cleaning products are just 1 2 bleach, and soap, and that sort of thing that contains chemicals that can be harmful to 3 4 They're on the bottom shelf at floor 5 level. So it's concerning that children can 6 7 come in there because he sells a lot of products 8 that children are attracted to, chips, and 9 donuts, and sweet drinks, ice cream, ice pops, and that sort of thing, and so if he's not paying 10 11 attention, if he's distracted, children could 12 easily have access to that type of material because it's on the bottom shelf. 13 14 MR. BAYETA: Have you been to Safeway 15 or Giant and have you seen where they place those 16 items? 17 MS. BLAIR: I have been to Safeway and 18 Giant. I had no reason to inspect Safeway and 19 Giant and where they place their items. 20 MR. BAYETA: That's it. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have no more questions? 22

1	MR. BAYETA: I'm trying to think. I'm
2	sure I have some questions. Okay, so, like,
3	anybody could be asked, "Oh, do you sell
4	singles?" or, "Do you do this and sell that?"
5	Anybody could be asked, and that's not my fault
6	that they do and I was just answering to them, so
7	that's why I talked to the guy. That guy didn't
8	buy anything from me.
9	Every time, it's their right to ask
LO	me. Anybody could come in and ask, and it's
L1	their right, and there's nothing I can do about
L <b>2</b>	it.
L3	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: What's the
L <b>4</b>	question?
L <b>5</b>	MR. BAYETA: No, I don't have any
L6	question.
L <b>7</b>	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have no
L8	more questions, right? Any questions by the
L9	Board members?
20	MEMBER CATO: I do have a quick
21	question.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

MEMBER CATO: So I have a quick 1 2 question. MS. BLAIR: 3 Sure. 4 MEMBER CATO: Have you witnessed any, 5 what happens when children are let out of school, when they walk into the store, how he actually 6 7 handles the crowds of children, if there are 8 crowds of children that enter into his store, 9 considering there's only one person in the store? MS. BLAIR: I haven't been there at 10 11 times when children have been, let's say, at 12 dismissal time or before or after school. 13 been there when multiple customers come in the 14 door --15 MEMBER CATO: How does that --16 MS. BLAIR: -- but not necessarily -that's like a middle school. I haven't seen that 17 18 age range of kids. 19 MEMBER CATO: Okay, and so you say 20 typically he's selling chips, candy, and other 21 junk food types of items? 22 MS. BLAIR: There's some other things

besides chips. You know, I've seen bread. 1 2 has, like, Lunchables in the coolers, hot dogs, bologna, a couple of containers of milk. 3 I would estimate probably 20 different types of sugary 4 5 drinks in addition to sodas. MEMBER CATO: So I would think with 6 7 such a close proximity to a school, that he would 8 probably offer some healthy food options, I 9 assume, but that doesn't seem like that's the 10 case? 11 MS. BLAIR: In my -- I don't recall 12 seeing much of anything that's healthy in there. 13 I struggle to -- well, perhaps maybe popcorn, but 14 even the popcorn has a high sodium content. Sure, and then just 15 MEMBER CATO: 16 based on your experience working with him, would 17 you consider him to be a good business neighbor? 18 MS. BLAIR: Not a good business 19 neighbor, no. 20 MEMBER CATO: I have no further 21 questions. All right, any 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:

1	other questions by any other Board members? Yes,
_	Other questions by any other board members: res,
2	Mr. Short?
3	MEMBER SHORT: Commissioner
4	MEMBER CATO: Blair.
5	MEMBER SHORT: Blair, please
6	forgive me, so how long have you been living in -
7	- you're in Kingman Park, correct?
8	MS. BLAIR: Yes, sir.
9	MEMBER SHORT: All right, and that's
10	the 7th District?
11	MS. BLAIR: Yes, sir.
12	MEMBER SHORT: And your ANC is?
13	MS. BLAIR: 7D.
14	MEMBER SHORT: Okay, and you're the
15	chairperson?
16	MS. BLAIR: No, sir. I'm a new
17	commissioner.
18	MEMBER SHORT: So you're 7D01?
19	MS. BLAIR: 7D01.
20	MEMBER SHORT: Okay, I guess my
21	question centers around the elementary school, to
22	again Blow Pierce Charter Public School. So

1	let's just well, I guess, let me get to
2	another question first. You've been in the store
3	how many times, in this applicant's store?
4	MS. BLAIR: Oh, I would say at least
5	six to 12 times.
6	MEMBER SHORT: Okay, let me ask you
7	this question.
8	MS. BLAIR: Oh, is this since January?
9	MEMBER SHORT: Yeah. We had a picture
LO	on the screen earlier. The backdoor in that
L1	store is always locked, correct? Is there an
L <b>2</b>	exit sign over top of that door?
L3	MS. BLAIR: I don't remember if
L <b>4</b>	there's an exit sign, but
L5	MEMBER SHORT: The picture didn't show
L6	one.
L7	MS. BLAIR: there is a back door.
L8	MEMBER SHORT: The picture didn't show
L9	one. And again, public safety wise, there's a
20	lot of issues that I would have with this store.
21	If a bus or a car, which we know Benning Road is
22	quite busy, catches on fire, how do people get

out of that store, because they can't come out 1 2 the front door? 3 MS. BLAIR: Right. 4 MEMBER SHORT: So how do they get out 5 of there? That's a question I don't 6 MS. BLAIR: 7 have an answer to that. 8 MEMBER SHORT: Well, you're an ANC 9 commissioner. 10 MS. BLAIR: I'm an ANC commissioner, 11 yes, I am. 12 MEMBER SHORT: You need -- just trust 13 me when I say this to you. I say this for a 14 reason, because I was a public safety president 15 for a lot of years in the city, and the ANC 16 commissioner, you can help your community by, when somebody even applies for something, you 17 18 can, it's within your purview as the ANC person 19 to call the fire inspector out there. You still 20 can do that if there's no exit sign on that back door and there's no way to get out of there, if 21

there's not really an exit.

So actually, when you go in the front door, from the picture we saw, with the coolers on the right-hand side and the others, and then something right down the middle -- I would certainly say this.

If I were in your community, and I still live over there, I'm in Ward 7 now. I'm a Ward 7 person. I never left town. I can't get away.

In fact, I will simply say this. It's within your purview as an ANC commissioner. You could call the fire marshal's office and say to them this person has a CFO apparently. He has a business license, but you're concerned about the egress exit, and they would have to come out.

MS. BLAIR: Thank you for that information.

MEMBER SHORT: That's just as the ANC person. And again, public safety is just something that's in me. I did it for 33 years in the city and a lot of people, we found out because of the fire they had on McKinley Street,

1	some of these places just aren't getting what
2	they should get.
3	Now, the ANC commissioners are the
4	first line of defense for the community, so I
5	wish that you would do that.
6	MS. BLAIR: I will.
7	MEMBER SHORT: Okay, thank you.
8	That's all I have, Mr. Chair.
9	MR. BAYETA: Can I answer?
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.
11	MR. BAYETA: Can I answer a question
12	to her?
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can ask her
14	a question based on the question that was asked
15	by Mr. Short.
16	MR. BAYETA: Have you ever asked me if
17	there is an exit, if I have an exit in the store?
18	MS. BLAIR: No.
19	MR. BAYETA: No.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
21	questions?
22	MR. BAYETA: No.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Moore, any
2	questions based on the questions that were asked
3	by Mr. Short and Mr. Cato?
4	MS. MOORE: Yes, two. So Commissioner
5	Short had a question about the photo display. I
6	do have that photo. Is it possible for me to
7	approach the witness to show that photo? It's
8	the same exhibit from before.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need to see
10	what you're showing her.
11	MS. MOORE: Sure, it's Exhibit 1-2595.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That was that
13	photo from earlier?
14	MS. MOORE: Earlier.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you show it
16	to him, please?
17	MS. MOORE: So that's Exhibit 1, and
18	that's image 2595.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can ask her
20	the question on the picture, please.
21	MS. MOORE: All right, Commissioner
22	Blair, can you clearly see that photo?

1	MS. BLAIR: I can.
2	MS. MOORE: Do you see the rear door
3	that Commissioner Short mentioned
4	MS. BLAIR: Yes.
5	MS. MOORE: earlier during his
6	question?
7	MS. BLAIR: Yes, I see the rear door.
8	MS. MOORE: Do you see an exit sign on
9	or above that door?
10	MS. BLAIR: There does not appear to
11	be an exit sign based on this picture.
12	MS. MOORE: Thank you. The second
13	question was in regards to Commissioner Cato's
14	question about food items available in the store.
15	On any occasion, have you gone into the store and
16	seen food items that were moldy or in any way
17	unfit for human consumption?
18	MS. BLAIR: Yes, I have. There's a
19	basket on a lower shelf. It appears to at one
20	time contained onions. Remnants of an onion
21	seems to be still in the basket and it appeared
22	to be not, you know, edible in terms of it's been

1	there so long that it has become moldy, yes.
2	MS. MOORE: That's all from me.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
4	Commissioner Blair, thank you for your testimony.
5	You can step down.
6	MS. BLAIR: Thank you.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have
8	another witness?
9	MS. MOORE: My last witness is
10	President of the Langston Civic Association, Ms.
11	Juanita Diggs.
12	Just to clarify for the record, there
13	was an election as this proceeding has continued.
14	I was the previous President of the Langston
15	Civic Association. Ms. Diggs was elected in
16	September, so earlier this month.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Diggs, can
18	you raise your right hand, please? Do you swear
19	or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the
20	truth?
21	MS. DIGGS: Yes, I do.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat,

1	please. Can you spell and say your name for the
2	record, please?
3	MS. DIGGS: You said spell and say?
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.
5	MS. DIGGS: Juanita, J-U-A-N-I-T-A,
6	L., Diggs, D-I-G-G-S.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thanks. Your
8	witness, ma'am.
9	MS. MOORE: Ms. Diggs, how long have
10	you lived in the community?
11	MS. DIGGS: Actually since 1959.
12	MS. MOORE: Okay, so you've seen some
13	of the issues with violent crime, litter, other
14	issues that have been brought up by other
15	witnesses?
16	MS. DIGGS: Yes.
17	MS. MOORE: You attended a Langston
18	Civic Association meeting where Mr. Bayeta was
19	invited to hear some of those community concerns?
20	MS. DIGGS: I did.
21	MS. MOORE: Did he make any concerning
22	statements to you during that meeting?

1	MS. DIGGS: Yes, when asked what type
2	of safety plan he had to present to us after
3	being asked a number of other questions, his
4	statement was, "This isn't Georgetown," and I
5	actually took a personal affront to that.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you pull
7	the microphone close to you, ma'am, and speak
8	into the microphone?
9	MS. DIGGS: I'm sorry. When asked
10	what safety measures, what plan he had to present
11	to us as a community, as an entity, he said,
12	"This isn't Georgetown," and that actually, I
13	took a personal affront to that statement.
14	MS. MOORE: So you mentioned that
15	there was a question in regards to whether or not
16	he had a security plan?
17	Ms. DIGGs: Correct.
18	MS. MOORE: Did he present any
19	security plan at that meeting?
20	MS. DIGGS: He did not.
21	MS. MOORE: Did he share any financial
22	concerns he had about being able to implement any

1	of the security suggestions that were made?
2	MS. DIGGS: None whatsoever that I
3	heard.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, I can
5	hardly hear you.
6	MS. DIGGS: None whatsoever that I
7	heard.
8	MEMBER SHORT: Pull the microphone a
9	little bit closer to you.
10	MS. MOORE: What did he state as his
11	reason for wanting to get an ABRA license at that
12	meeting if you recall?
13	MS. DIGGS: His sole purpose was to
14	sell alcohol.
15	MS. MOORE: Did he share that he had
16	any financial concerns?
17	MS. DIGGS: To my knowledge, financial
18	concerns were not mentioned.
19	MS. MOORE: Given everything that
20	you've heard from the community, other issues
21	that you've seen along Benning Road, and Mr.
22	Bayeta's responses during the Langston Civic

Association meeting, do you feel confident that 1 2 he'd be able to follow laws and regulations around the sale of alcohol? 3 4 MS. DIGGS: I'm actually worried 5 listening to some of the statements he'd made that indeed, he cannot, and will not, and would 6 7 not. Do you have any other 8 MS. MOORE: 9 concerns that you'd like to share with the Board on behalf of yourself or your constituents? 10 MS. DIGGS: Well, just on behalf of 11 12 myself actually, as a citizen who has been in the 13 neighborhood since 1959, and my constituents in 14 the Langston Civic Association, you know, we are more than willing to welcome new vendors to the 15 16 neighborhood. 17 We just want people who want to 18 contribute to the neighborhood, who are not there 19 just for personal financial gain and just sort of 20 going around. 21 When the gentleman made the statement 22 about we weren't Georgetown, I thought to myself,

I wonder why he didn't go try to get a license in 1 2 Georgetown, kind of strange, and so that was, it was disconcerting to me. 3 But, you know, if he had come and 4 5 approached us with a different concept, you know, meaning he wanted to raise the neighborhood up 6 7 and not just profit from, maybe he could have 8 gotten even more help, and even at that, we 9 offered, you know, the help. We told him about Great Streets and other options that he possibly 10 11 could have. 12 MS. MOORE: Was he receptive to the 13 suggestion of applying for Great Streets grant 14 funding? 15 MS. DIGGS: No, there again, not to my 16 knowledge, no. 17 MS. MOORE: Do you have a concern 18 about an additional ABRA licensee so close to a 19 school putting a strain on MPD resources in the 20 area? 21 MS. DIGGS: I do have a concern, and 22 my concern is I actually live up the street at

21st and Maryland Avenue, and so as it is, the 1 2 resources are strained and I'm constantly begging for more police presence where I am, and if it 3 has to be diverted to another part of the 4 neighborhood, and it's already being diverted to 5 other parts of the neighborhood, that means we 6 7 get even less police presence. 8 And we have been getting a bit more 9 this last summer and it's actually seemed to 10 We had a much better summer up where I am 11 than we have had the previous three. 12 MS. MOORE: So that's it for my 13 questions. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your 15 opportunity, sir, to ask her questions, and 16 remember, you're asking questions, not statements, if you have any questions. 17 18 MR. BAYETA: The question I have is 19 like how did you ask me about Georgetown?

statement yourself, sir. We asked what safety

plan would you have in place, and for some

MS. DIGGS: You actually made that

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reason, you took that as an attack and you said,
"This isn't Georgetown." "What do you expect?"
in fact, was the previous statement before, "This
isn't Georgetown."

MR. BAYETA: I didn't say that. The first time that we met, there was, I don't recall exactly who it was, but there was one Caucasian lady, that she brought up the issue like a question, and I talked to her. I never mentioned about Georgetown completely. I never did.

How do I know Georgetown? I don't know the market in Georgetown. My market is -- yeah, I'd rather be fair and say my truth, and my market is in Bennington Street. It's not in Georgetown and I don't know Georgetown.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there a question you're asking her, sir, not statements, questions? You're cross examining her, so ask questions, please.

MR. BAYETA: Why are you putting so much pressure on me that I am not doing the same or anything? Why is there so much pressure on

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MS. DIGGS: I'm not sure. Ι understand the English and the words that you're I'm not sure how you're applying them to saying. me, but notwithstanding, what we're asking you to do is abide by the law, and that we're asking the Board to help us make sure that you do, and if there is pressure involved in that, then you might want to reconsider.

> MR. BAYETA: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any other questions you want to ask her? Any questions by the Board of this witness? All right, hearing none, Ms. Diggs, thank you very much for your testimony.

Thank you, Ms. Diggs. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can step down. Do you rest or do you have any other witnesses?

> MS. MOORE: I rest.

MEMBER SHORT:

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Before, are there -- well, I know that, sir, you don't have

1	any documents that you want us to rely on, is
2	that correct, because none was introduced, is
3	that correct?
4	MR. BAYETA: What she requested from
5	me that she also sent to my email, I can go home
6	on a computer and find it, and I can send that in
7	the future, right now, no.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So there are no
9	documents because none was disclosed. Are there
10	documents that we have had testimony on that you
11	want to put in the record?
12	MS. MOORE: Only the documents that I
13	had submitted in advance are the only documents
14	that I
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, we
16	haven't had testimony on those documents.
17	MS. MOORE: Oh, okay.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There are no
19	documents to
20	MS. MOORE: Well, then let's go
21	through the list.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What are the

1	if we haven't had testimony, I'm not going to
2	allow them in, so what documents?
3	MS. MOORE: Okay, so we have had some
4	related testimony that the document itself didn't
5	come up, which was in regard to the council, the
6	city council.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What documents
8	is that?
9	MS. MOORE: So both the Ward 5 and the
LO	Ward 7 councilmembers submitted letters in
L1	support of our protest. So there was some
L2	comments from Commissioner Short during some of
L3	the previous testimony about the council and
L <b>4</b>	their role.
L5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what
L6	document is that?
L7	MS. MOORE: So that is Exhibit 8 and
L8	Exhibit 9.
L9	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
20	documents were marked as Protestant
21	Exhibits No. 8 and No. 9 for
22	identification.)

1	MS. MOORE: Okay, and then there was		
2	also an additional item.		
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The video you		
4	showed us, what exhibit is that?		
5	MS. MOORE: So the pictures are		
6	Exhibit 1 and each individual photo is labeled.		
7	The specific photo referenced in terms of the		
8	rear safety exit was 2595.		
9	(Whereupon, the above-referred to		
10	document was marked as Protestant		
11	Exhibit No. 1 for identification.)		
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but all		
13	right, so the picture that you showed, what		
14	exhibit was that?		
15	MS. MOORE: That's Exhibit 1, image		
16	2595.		
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Two what?		
18	Ms. MOORE: 2595.		
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 2599?		
20	Ms. MOORE: 95.		
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 2595?		
22	Ms. MOORE: Yes.		

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
2	documents?
3	MS. MOORE: Yes, during Mr. Knudsen's
4	testimony, he referenced a D.C. Council report on
5	single sales that was coauthored by ABRA.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, that's a
7	document that you have?
8	MS. MOORE: That's a document that was
9	submitted. It's Exhibit 2.
10	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
11	document was marked as Protestant
12	Exhibit No. 2 for identification.)
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, that's
14	it?
15	MS. MOORE: So there was also, during
16	Commissioner Blair's testimony, reference to a
17	complaint about illegal tobacco sales, and that
18	is Exhibit 4.
19	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
20	document was marked as Protestant
21	Exhibit No. 4 for identification.)
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What a

1	complaint? What's that?
2	MS. MOORE: A complaint about illegal
3	tobacco sales.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who filed a
5	complaint?
6	MS. MOORE: Commissioner Blair, and
7	she referenced that during her testimony.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that's
9	exhibit what?
10	MS. MOORE: That is Exhibit 4.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
12	MS. MOORE: Okay, and then the only
13	other item that was mentioned on our exhibits'
14	list that we didn't specifically submit was
15	Exhibit 7.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's
17	Exhibit 7?
18	MS. MOORE: And that was a reference
19	to a realtor report in response to a question
20	from Commissioner Short on the impact on real
21	property values.
22	(Whereupon, the above-referred to

document was marked as Protestant 1 2 Exhibit No. 7 for identification.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 3 4 MS. MOORE: So that's it. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, at 5 this juncture, we're going to take a closing 6 7 statement, so I need you to tell me what is it 8 that you showed us today and what is it that you 9 want the Board to do? First, that all of the 10 MR. BAYETA: documents that I have, that I submitted to them 11 12 and they worked on that. Everything has confused 13 me because I did not think that everything would 14 be responded here in writing, and --15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I'm going 16 to, before you go ahead, you are here before me 17 for the protest hearing status hearing, is that 18 correct? 19 MR. BAYETA: Yes, I have. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you 21 specifically remember I read some instructions 22 about how this process works? And I specifically

informed you that if you had any questions, you 1 2 could contact our Assistant General Counsel April Randall. Do you remember that? Do you remember 3 4 that, sir? Yes, I do. 5 MR. BAYETA: CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you were in 6 7 front of me on August 14, so why are you now 8 telling me that you didn't understand anything 9 when I specifically provided you instruction on 10 how you can get help? 11 MR. BAYETA: So at the beginning, 12 first we went through mediation and we talked 13 about, like, settlement and agreement and 14 everything, so after that, with the hearing, like, we discussed --15 16 The only problem they brought up was 17 security issues only, so I had no idea that all 18 of these problems were going to be brought up to 19 me. 20 For that reason, I am not prepared. 21 Everything discussed was about security.

was the issue, and we even came to terms with

that. We agreed on that, so this is all new to me. All of this is a new topic, because if they opened up all of these issues, it's about me.

I might have to get a lawyer because
I don't know. This is a lot. It's a lot. I
cannot handle all of these.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, you started this. This is a process that's been going on for a long period of time. When you were here in front of me in August, if you didn't understand what was going on, why did you not say something?

MR. BAYETA: Forgive me, but, so in the beginning, when we sat for mediation, there was only three of them, just three people. We only discussed about security. Now everything is all -- to me, this whole group is very new.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what is it

-- as I said before, you were here in front of us
in August. I informed you that the Agency is
here willing and able to work with you if you
don't understand the process, so I'm taking it

personal that at the end of the hearing today, you're saying that you're all confused.

I'm sorry, sir, but this Board has extended itself to you to say if you don't understand, there is help within this Agency to help you, okay? So as I --

And I also want the record to be clear that as far as the PIF is concerned, it was submitted -- the same email was submitted to the Agency, ABRA, that was also sent to you, and you're saying that you could not open the email, but the same email, ABRA was able to open it when it was sent, and that same email was opened today for the record, so I don't understand, so I wanted the record to be clear.

MR. BAYETA: I remember I read something that was written on Word. I wrote seven, eight questions, and also the Investigator Jones has returned all of the questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So as I said, what is it that you're asking of the Board today? So you're wrapping up your case. What is it

1	you're asking the Board to do today?
2	MR. BAYETA: I would like to get
3	license. This is what I have.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's all you
5	have to say?
6	MR. BAYETA: And also with the ABRA
7	rules and regulations, if I were to be asked to
8	do things, I'm willing to do them. I'd rather
9	you guys lead me.
LO	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what
L1	did you say?
L2	MR. BAYETA: I'd rather you guys lead
L3	me.
L <b>4</b>	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, do
L5	you have anything else you want to say?
L6	MR. BAYETA: Maybe they are taking
L7	words from my mouth and they are, like, confusing
L8	me, but with the zone, what they're saying with
L9	the single, selling single, like, I only want to
20	follow the rules and do that. This is all I
21	know. There is nothing else I know.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. And

1	Ms. Moore, what is it that you're asking the
2	Board to do, ma'am?
3	MS. MOORE: Deny the license outright.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it?
5	MS. MOORE: Yep.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, do
7	the parties wish to file proposed findings and
8	facts and conclusions of law, or are you just
9	wanting the Board to make a decision on the
LO	testimony and arguments that were made today?
L1	MS. MOORE: I'd like to request that
L2	the Board make a decision based on the arguments
L3	and testimony as they were presented today.
L <b>4</b>	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You, sir?
L5	MR. BAYETA: Yes, I want the Board to
L6	decide.
L7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. As
L8	Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control
L9	Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance
20	with D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b) of the
21	Open Meetings Act hold on, I'm sorry. Before
22	I do that I apologize. It's been a long day.

All right, the Board will issue a decision. I want to thank both parties for their presentation today, and one of the things I've always said before, I've always asked folks if you can settle a matter, settle it.

Because whatever decision that's made by the Board today, one side is going to be happy and one side might not be happy, or maybe everybody will be dissatisfied, so that's why I've always said to decide however. All right, but, so, the Board will issue a decision within 60 days.

All right, as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for the purpose of seeking legal advice from our counsel on case number 19-PRO-00085, Express Convenience Store, pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b)(4) of the Open Meetings Act, and deliberating upon case number 19-PRO-00085,

Express Convenience Store, for the reasons cited 1 2 in D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b)(13) of the 3 Open Meetings Act. Is there a second? 4 MEMBER CATO: Second. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call 6 vote on the motion before us now that has been 7 8 seconded. Mr. Short? 9 MEMBER SHORT: I agree. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? 11 MEMBER CATO: I agree. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson 13 has agreed. As it appears that the motion has 14 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will recess these proceedings to hold a closed 15 16 meeting in the ABC Board conference room pursuant 17 to Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act. 18 Thank you very much, and as I stated 19 before, we'll issue a decision within 60 days. 20 Have a good evening. 21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 22 went off the record at 9:02 p.m.)

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