

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Georgetown Suites LLC/ :

Wabbit, LLC :

t/a Georgetown Inn West End :

1121 New Hampshire Ave, NW :

License #ABRA-109462 :

Retailer CR - New :

Application :

Case #18-PRO-00037 :

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Ms. LaVerne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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

2 10:11 a.m.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties in
4 the matter of Georgetown Inn West End come
5 forward? The parties in the matter of Georgetown
6 Inn West End. This is Case No. 18-PRO-00037,
7 Georgetown Suites, LLC/Wabbit, LLC, 1121 New
8 Hampshire Avenue, N.W., License No. ABRA-109462.
9 This is a Retailer Class CR new application.

10 The protest issues are adverse impact
11 on peace, order and quiet; residential parking
12 and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

13 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm
14 conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's
15 Agent.

16 Introductions beginning with the
17 applicant, please.

18 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on
19 behalf of the applicant. And that's S --

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Whoops.

21 MS. YOHANNES: S-I-D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-N-
22 E-S.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And
2 present on behalf of ANC-2A?

3 MR. SACCO: Hi, Ms. Fletcher. My name
4 is Peter Sacco and I serve as the Executive
5 Director for ANC-2A.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Sacco, how do you
7 spell your last name?

8 MR. SACCO: Sacco, S-A-C-C-O.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: S-A-C-C-O?

10 MR. SACCO: That is correct.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: All right. Thank
12 you. Thank you very much.

13 There is also a group of 50
14 individuals. Who is representing? Oh, are any
15 of the designated representatives present for the
16 group of 50?

17 MS. SILER: Sue Siler for 22 West.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Is Jamie Darvish
19 here?

20 MS. SILER: He is not here today. He
21 wasn't able to be here.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: What about Sally

1 Blumenthal?

2 MS. SILER: No.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: What about Florence
4 Harmon?

5 MS. SILER: She is our ANC rep.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Is she here today?

7 MS. SILER: She is not here today.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: According to the
9 Protest Letter, one of those three individuals
10 are representing the group, so I'm just trying to
11 figure out who is here today.

12 MS. SILER: I sit on the board at 22
13 West and I brought four of our residents who
14 signed the petition and I understood that that
15 was enough to register our protest.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: That's fine. I just
17 like to see the designated representatives who
18 are here first. That's fine with us. You signed
19 the Protest Letter?

20 MS. SILER: Yes.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Then let's
22 see. Can I get your name, please?

1 MS. SILER: Yes, Sue, S-U-E, Siler, S,
2 as in Sam, I-L-E-R.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And there
4 is a microphone right there, but don't move it.
5 I'm sorry.

6 MR. FRANZ: I'm sorry. I'll move it
7 back, here is comes.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: If you could state
9 your name? There is a microphone right next to
10 Ms. Siler for everyone present from that group,
11 if you could state your name and spell it for the
12 record?

13 MS. SILER: So we are not supposed to
14 move it. I'm sorry.

15 MR. FRANZ: Frank Franz.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: And, Frank, what's
17 your last name again?

18 MR. FRANZ: Franz, F-R-A-N-Z.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
20 Anyone else from the group? Hi.

21 MS. FRANZ: I'm Judy Franz, F-R-A-N-Z,
22 as in zebra.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Judy how do you spell
2 your name? J-U-D-Y? J-U-D-Y?

3 MS. FRANZ: J-U-D-Y.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. ECONOMY: I'm George Economy.

6 George as it sounds and Economy as it sounds.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
8 Economy.

9 MS. HACK: I'm Elizabeth Hack, H-A-C-
10 K.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: H-A-C-K?

12 MS. HACK: Yes.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Anyone else from your
14 group today?

15 MR. LABAS: I guess I am, too. I'm
16 Chris Labas, L-A-B-A-S.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: L-A-V-A-S?

18 MR. LABAS: B as in boy.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: B as in boy?

20 MR. LABAS: Right.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: And that's C-H-R-I-S?

22 MR. LABAS: That's correct.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: So you also signed
2 the Protest Letter from that group, Mr. Labas?

3 MR. LABAS: Yes.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. So each one of
5 you signed the Protest Letter. So there are six
6 individuals present from your group, which means
7 that the group is granted full standing today.

8 So is anyone present today going to be
9 the designated representative for the group as
10 well? Because there is going to be an upcoming
11 Status Hearing and the three individuals that
12 were named are not here today. So is anyone from
13 this group going to be coming to the upcoming
14 Status Hearing? Because only the designated
15 representative needs to come to the Status
16 Hearing.

17 MS. SILER: It depends on the date,
18 but, yes, I will say yes.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that you, Ms.
20 Siler?

21 MS. SILER: Siler, yes.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: So what I'm going to

1 do, because you are here today --

2 MS. SILER: Right.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: -- I'm going to add
4 you to the list of designated representatives, so
5 that if you show up on the -- at the Status
6 Hearing, you will be recognized, because we don't
7 know if the other three are going to appear,
8 because they didn't appear today. And that's
9 okay. I'm just including you.

10 MS. SILER: Yes, thank you.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: You're welcome. And
12 so, Ms. Siler, could you, please, put your
13 contact information on that sheet?

14 MS. SILER: Yes, ma'am.

15 MR. SACCO: Do you have any more
16 sheets? Possibly this one is out --

17 AGENT FLETCHER: You know what, just
18 flip over. We only needed the designated
19 representative's information anyway.

20 MR. SACCO: Oh, okay.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: So just flip over.

22 MR. SACCO: Yes. Ms. Fletcher, I just

1 wanted to know, too, for the ANC, if we could
2 also have communication sent to Commissioner
3 Florence Harmon? She is the commissioner for the
4 District that includes the property. And I put
5 her contact information as well as mine on the
6 designated representative sheet.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: And so, Mr. Sacco,
8 you want -- so Ms. Harmon also signed the Protest
9 Letter for the group.

10 MR. SACCO: She did. That is correct.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: That's fine. I'm
12 just trying to clarify something.

13 MR. SACCO: Yes.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: And so you want her
15 included, you want her copied on any
16 communication that we send to you?

17 MR. SACCO: That would be ideal.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: So who is going to be
19 the designated representative for the ANC?

20 MR. SACCO: Per our Protest Letter
21 that we signed, all commissioners as well as the
22 Commission's Executive Director are authorized to

1 serve as designated representatives.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: And so you put -- did
3 you put her contact information on that sheet as
4 well?

5 MR. SACCO: Yes, I did.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. SACCO: And the applicant's
8 counsel definitely has her contact info as well.

9 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I do.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Siler?

11 MS. SILER: Yes?

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Just for your
13 information, if the ANC enters into a settlement
14 agreement with the applicant, the protest filed
15 by the group of 50 would be automatically
16 dismissed. You are aware of that already?

17 MS. SILER: Yes.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
19 But until then, you are a part of the group.

20 MS. SILER: Thank you.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: I'm going to give you
22 a date for a mediation, a Status Hearing and a

1 Protest Hearing. I'll give the dates for the
2 Status and Protest Hearing first.

3 The date for the Status Hearing is
4 July 11 at 9:30, that's July 11 at 9:30.

5 The Protest Hearing is scheduled for
6 August the 1st at 1:30, August 1 at 1:30.

7 I'll give you the next available date
8 for mediation. The next available day for
9 mediation is Tuesday, June 19, at 9:00, 10:00,
10 10:30, 11:00 or 11:30. That's Tuesday, June 19.

11 MS. YOHANNES: I can be available at
12 11:00.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: 11:00. Mr. Sacco?

14 MR. SACCO: I'm sure that would work
15 for Commissioner Harmon.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: And, Ms. Siler?

17 MS. SILER: It works for me.

18 MR. SACCO: Just to confirm, that's
19 Tuesday, June 19th, at 11:00?

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. Any questions,
21 anybody? Thank you for coming.

22 MR. SACCO: Thank you.

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MS. SILER: Thank you.

AGENT FLETCHER: The Roll Call Hearing
is concluded. Thank you.

MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was
concluded at 10:20 a.m.)

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