## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <br> + + + + + <br> ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD <br> + + + + + <br> MEETING

| IN THE MATTER OF: | $:$ |
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| GF, LLC, | $\vdots$ |
| t/a Il Canale | $:$ |
| 1063 31st Street NW | $:$ Protest |
| Retailer CR - ANC 2E | $:$ Hearing |
| License No. 83707 | $:$ |
| Case \#19-PRO-00033 | $:$ |
| (Application to Renew | $:$ |
| the License) |  |

Wednesday
November 20, 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
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:<br>RISA HIRAO, COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT GIUSSEPPE FARRUGGIO, APPLICANT TERESA FARRUGGIO, APPLICANT JOHN UHAR, PROTESTANT ROGER UHAR, PROTESTANT INVESTIGATOR SHANELL MURRAY, DC ABRA ABDERRAHMAN MOUHSSINE, WITNESS<br>DAGOPERTO ITALO RODRIGUEZ, WITNESS<br>WILLIAM VERNO, WITNESS<br>IRENE ADLER, WITNESS<br>GARETH LESTRADE, DC MPD<br>ABDUL MOUHSSINE, WITNESS

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(1:40 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Our next case is a protest hearing, case number 19-PRO-00033 Il Canale, license number 83707. Will the parties please approach and identify themselves for the record, please?

MS. HIRAO: Risa Hirao, counsel for Il Canale. And Chairman, I apologize for the seating switcher. We had a technical issue, so -

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's fine.
MS. HIRAO: I'm sorry.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's fine. And who is with you?

MS. HIRAO: And to my left is Giuseppe Farruggio.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Giuseppe Farruggio.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon, sir.

MS. HIRAO: Your Honor. And --
MR. FARRUGGIO: Wife.
MS. HIRAO: -- to his left is his wife for moral support

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And her name?

MS. FARRUGGIO: Teresa.
MR. FARRUGGIO: Teresa Farruggio.
MS. FARRUGGIO: Teresa Farruggio.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon. There is a sign in sheet, so make sure you sign in, please. And who do we have for the protestant?

MR. R. UHAR: Roger Uhar.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon.
MR. R. UHAR: Abutting property owner. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon, sir.

MR. J. UHAR: John Uhar. Abutting property owner.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon. This matter comes before the Board as a protest in application to renew Il Canale's retail ABC license, located at 1063 to 1065 31st Street Northwest.

> By way of background, the Board's record reflects the following. The renewal application was placarded on March 29, 2019. The application was protested by one, ANC 2E. That was May 13, 2019, represented by Commissioner Lisa Palmer. Number two, John Uhar, abutting
property owner, on May 10th, 2013, and Robert Uhar, abutting property owner, on May 31st, 2019.

The roll call hearing was held on May 28th, 2019, and standing was conferred on all protestants. The protest hearing was originally scheduled for September 11th, 2019, but was continued until October 23rd, 2019, and again to today's date.

Subsequent to the roll call but prior to the protest hearing, the ANC entered in a settlement agreement with the Applicant, leaving only two abutting property owners as the remaining protestors for purpose of this hearing.

Okay, let's now turn our attention to those preliminary matters that need to be addressed by the Board before we can commence with the protest hearing on the renewal application.

The Board is aware of two issues, one that concerns the subpoenas requested by protestant John Uhar and the other issue concerns the untimely filing of witnesses and exhibits by Mr. Uhar.

Counsel for the Applicant seeks to quash the subpoenas and seeks to limit the
protestant's exhibits and witnesses to those that were filed by the deadline. With regard to subpoena, protest Uhar submitted a request for the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of eight witnesses.

The subpoena request was originally incomplete and Mr. Uhar provided the remaining addresses and information on November 15th, 2019. Through the efforts of two of our supervisor investigators, service was either had or attempted prior to today's hearings.

Of the eight subpoenas issued, only two were successfully served. We now have the Applicant's motion to quash the subpoenas, though two were already served.

Regardless, the Board will take oral arguments from the parties regarding these subpoenas and whether the witnesses sought by the protestant are relevant to these proceedings, especially given that this is a hearing on the renewal of the Applicant's ABC license.

Let's have arguments on the subpoenas so we can, who is John? Okay, so tell us about the subpoenas, sir.

MR. J. UHAR: I had sent to Ms.

Jenkins a list of the subpoenaed people that I wished to appear today because I am arguing for the revocation of the license under Haight v. the ABC Board.

In the Haight v. ABC Board, says that only illegal actions can be accepted as evidence. You have before you from a myriad of agencies, numerous incidences of falsehoods in applications, permits, testimony, as set forth in my complaint.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're just talking about the subpoenas.

MR. J. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're not, okay. So, we're not --

MR. J. UHAR: So, these folks have actual knowledge of the illegal acts. And I do have the record here that $I$ had submitted to Ms. Jenkins where she told me that $I$ did not have to give notice to Ms. Hirao of the subpoenas that I asked for. And I think the record will state that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't answer that question, sir.

MR. J. UHAR: Well, I think perhaps

Ms. Jenkins can.
CHAIRPERSON: You're saying to Ms.
Jenkins that what?
MR. J. UHAR: I gave Ms. Jenkins notice of the subpoenas well in advance of the seven days. I asked Ms. Jenkins if I needed to let Ms. Hirao know of the subpoenas. She said no.

And so the delay in the subpoenas was not caused by me, and the fact that, I'm not talking about property values or any of those things. I'm talking about illegal acts. And each of these people has evidence of the illegal acts. If you can wait for a minute, perhaps you might want to talk while $I$ find the exhibit.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The first issue is whether or not the subpoenas were untimely submitted. I mean, there's, and I've not looked at your PIF, so I think, I'll say if you're going to subpoena someone, then the name has to be listed in the PIF. So were all these names listed in your PIF?

MR. J. UHAR: No, but I also asked, first of all, I'm not an attorney. And I've been burdened by the Applicant and his folks, and I
asked the ABC Board, Ms. Jenkins, and the staff if I could just see an example of how this all went out so I would not waste your time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on a minute, sir. Hold on. You were here for the protest hearing status, is that correct?

MR. J. UHAR: That's correct.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And at the protest hearing status, and when did we have the protest hearing status?

MR J. UHAR: I think it was the 11th of September.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: September 11th, I specifically told everybody, I read the instructions, and I also told everyone, if you have any questions, you can call Ms. Randall.

Well, Ms. Randall does work for Ms. Jenkins, the general counsel, so that's part of the office. And I told all parties what needs to be done.

I also informed all parties that seven days before the hearing, any witnesses that you're going to rely on, they have to be listed in the PIF. Now I don't want to be told that I did not know that I didn't have to list the
person's name in the PIF.
Now if you say to me that you got incorrect information how to serve a subpoena or a subpoena was not properly served, that's a different issue. But as a first issue, though, I specifically stated, if you're going to rely, any document or witnesses you're going to rely on, it has to be exchanged seven days prior.

MR. J. UHAR: Understood.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are those names in your PIF?

MR. J. UHAR: No, and the --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And why are they not in your PIF?

MR. J. UHAR: Because I have been given incorrect information by everyone in ABRA, from --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I told you sir --

MR. J. UHAR: I asked ABRA.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but I told you, sir. You came to me. No, sir. You came to me and I'm not going to talk about what information was given you subsequent.

But one of the first discussions that
the Board gave you, we're having a protest hearing. Seven days before the protest hearing you have to provide the documents or witnesses. That's what I said.

Now if you told me I did not tell you that at this protest hearing status, but I don't understand, if we sat here, I told both parties to say that these are the documents. We have to exchange the documents or witnesses seven days before, don't tell me someone else told you that you didn't have to do that.

I'm not talking about the technicality of serving a subpoena. That's a different issue. So if you say to me, I didn't quite understand. I spoke to General Counsel. I told him I wanted to do a subpoena but they never told me exactly how to do it, they didn't tell me how much time to do it, they didn't tell me that $I$ needed to do the address.

If you say that to me, then we'll have further discussion. But if you're saying to me that, well, I did not know that I'm subpoenaing these witnesses but I did not know because someone told me that their names didn't have to be in a PIF, $I$ don't want to hear that.

I'm saying I don't want to hear that, sir, because I specifically told all the parties as part of the instructions that $I$ read at the protest hearing status. I talk about that to say, if that's not done, then the Board might, unless you can tell us why it was not, the cause, then it's more likely for us not to include that.

MR. J. UHAR: Understood. And I have here Ms. Jenkins --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Ms. Jenkins said what?

MR. J. UHAR: Let me read it for you. This is Thursday, November 14th. Well, let me read --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When was the PIF due?

MR. J. UHAR: It was due the 13th.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The 13th.
MR. J. UHAR: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The PIF was due the 13th, and you're telling me that Ms. Jenkins sent you an email on the 14th, so --

MR. J. UHAR: No. I'm reading backwards. Let's start from the beginning.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, go ahead,
sir.
MR. J. UHAR: On the 22nd of October, I requested and I copied Mr. Powell, and Ms. Randall about CFA FOIA requests.

And I said, good afternoon, Ms. Raposa, because Mr. Martinez has critical information relative to outstanding sidewalk café issues, we will need to call Mr. Martinez as a witness.

I am copying Ms. April Randall, attorney for DC ABRA, and Jared Powell, Public Information Officer, for assistance with the subpoena process for Mr. Martinez. I apologize in advance for any burden placed upon Mr. Jose Martinez, but I would like to believe Mr. Martinez would want to assist us in clearing up the inconsistencies in the application and the process.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
MR. J. UHAR: And then on Tuesday,
October 22nd, Ms. Randall replies, good afternoon, Mr. Uhar. Thank you for including me on the email below. Regarding your subpoena request, please submit your request in writing to the Board. Please ensure that it is signed.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
MR. J. UHAR: And I did do that.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MR. J. UHAR: And then, on Tuesday, October 22nd, I said, thank you. I will get to work on the signed request to the Board.

In addition to Mr. Martinez, I respectfully will be requesting ABRA to subpoena the following witnesses. Do I need a separate letter request to call each of the following to testify?

One, Hossein "Shawn" Korshidi, the landlord of 1063 31st Street, who transferred his Alamo Grill of Georgetown license to Fratelli la Bufala before it was transferred again to Il Canale.

Mr. Korshidi should have the original lease. All ABRA has is a subsequent sublease between Mr. Farruggio and himself, once he got rid of his Fratelli la Bufala partners. Two

MS. HIRAO: If I can interject, he's reading from a document that has, we don't have a copy of.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where we are, we're not, this is not something substantive.

I'm just trying to find out where we are. I mean, $I$ believe what has been provided is that he's telling me that he has submitted a letter to ABRA asking to subpoena folks. So that's what I'm hearing. So I'm trying to hear the process that was followed. So far so good.

MS. HIRAO: I would like to ensure he's reading everything correctly and in context and not self-editing, though.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know the case. All I'm trying to do is a process because there's a subpoena. So I'm just trying to find the process of, what I've heard so far is that contact was made to our General Counsel staff asking for the process of how to issue a subpoena, and that's what I'm hearing. To me, the fact part is not important. But $I$ don't believe you're an attorney. Are you an attorney, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: No, I'm not.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So because you're not an attorney, then I'll give you some leeway. And, you know, if you're not an attorney, we're going to elaborate a little bit more, so I'll give more people more leeway. I'll
be more difficult with you, though, because you're an attorney.

MS. HIRAO: I'm older.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Huh?
MS. HIRAO: I'm a senior lady.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you are still an attorney. And so because you're older, you are more seasoned. So therefore, I have even much more higher expectation of you, because I'm saying you're a more seasoned attorney. So you should know better. But I digress.

MS. HIRAO: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but I'm just trying to find process, sir.

MR. J. UHAR: Yes. The second one was Robert L. Moore, Senior, landlord of 1065 31st, needs to be compelled to testify concerning skylights and other alterations made by Il Canale in violation of CFA, that's the Commission on Fine Arts.

Number three, Robert L. Moore, Junior, landlord's son, who needs to be compelled to testify concerning the restaurant Il Canale claims they took over 1065 31st. Having but clam chowder, I only a few soup warmers and steamers
for crabs.
The fourth person was Meredith Moldenhauer, Esquire, of Cozen $0^{\prime}$ Conner, needs to be compelled to testify about false documents submitted to Matt LeGrant of the DC Government.

Number Five, David Harrison, Esquire, needs to be compelled to testify about false documents submitted to DCRA for the Sidewalk Café.

Six, Mark Griffin, Esquire, needs to be compelled to testify about a cease and desist letter, intended to burden me and obstruct legitimate complaints.

Number seven, Bill Maiden, AIA of Maiden and Associates, needs to be compelled to testify about false documents submitted to DCRA, CFA, and others.

Eight, Leo Boeckl, architect, submitted false plan to CFA, expanding the Sidewalk Café from 1063 to 1065 31st Street. Should I forward this email to Ms. Hirao on behalf of Il Canale?

Lastly, when can I review the Trump Hotel protest? Unlike the Trump protest, I am protesting Il Canale's research on a 1981 liquor
license case, Haight v. ABC Board, in which the DC Court of Appeals seemed argue that good character merely prohibits, quote, illegal conduct and no more.

The witnesses I wish to subpoena above are all integral to my case, but I would like to review the Trump case to familiarize myself with the process.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you sent the, you requested that the Board subpoena these witnesses, and so what happened after that?

MR. J. UHAR: On Thursday, November 14th, Mr. Uhar --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, when was that?

MR. J. UHAR: This was sent October 22nd.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was the response after, to the agency October 22nd written correspondence?

MR. J. UHAR: I'm reading up. I see on November 4th.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're saying that you sent us an email on October 22nd and we didn't respond until November 4th?

MR. J. UHAR: Mm-hm. On Thursday, November 14th, at 4:56 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, are you telling me that Agency did not respond to your email for almost three weeks?

MR. J. UHAR: I'm reading off an email chain. It'll be in all your records. But if I could continue, this is from Ms. Jenkins.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Again, the dates are important. That's why I'm --

MR. J. UHAR: Oh, understood.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MR. J. UHAR: This, you know, you read these all --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MR. J. UHAR: Yeah. Anyway, Mr. Uhar, we have prepared the subpoenas for the two landlords to appear at next week's hearing. The other six are ready as well, except that we cannot finalize them without an address.

Please provide at your convenience, and then we can get them served over the weekend. Thank you. And I said, I thank you. I will have the addresses for you the first thing in the morning. And $I$ have that here. No, it's not
here. I did give the addresses in time.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. And I signed off on the subpoenas. I remember. But still, why were the names not listed in the PIF?

MR. J. UHAR: The record will show, if we were to review the email correspondence between me and Ms. Jenkins or Ms. Randall, that I asked if Ms. Hirao be --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. That's something different, sir. It's irrelevant. It wasn't that she should be in the email chain. The relevancy I'm asking you is, are the witnesses you're trying to, the people you're trying to subpoena, were they supposed to be here today to testify on your behalf?

MR. J. UHAR: No. They are adversarial. That's why they had to be subpoenaed.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, but they'll be here to testify on your behalf. Positive or negative. Your subpoenaing these people because they were part of your case in chief, is that correct?

MR. J. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. So
aren't these people witnesses that should have been in your PIF?

MR. J. UHAR: I asked for guidance from ABRA and I was told, I wasn't given an answer.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I told you that any witness that you had, any documents that you have, must be listed in your PIF. I told you that when you last were here.

MR. J. UHAR: I remember that. I read the document.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So if I told you that they should be listed, you know, I understand there might be some confusion about how a subpoena has been served.

I understand that that. That's clear. But whether or not the subpoena is served or not, the issue is that these people need to be in your, because it's not supposed to be a surprise.

MR. J. UHAR: Understood. But I asked your agent and $I$ only acted upon the advice of your agent, which is your legal counsel.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I told you that before you asked my agent.

MR. J. UHAR: I asked your legal
counsel. Are you an attorney?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. I am an attorney here. There are two attorneys on the Board, but the Board Chair has to be an attorney. So I am an attorney.

MR. J. UHAR: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But what I told you at our pre-hearing conference is that if you're going to have documents or witnesses, it has to be listed.

So anyways, so where are we with the subpoenas and what are you asking the Board to do with these witnesses and subpoenas? What is it that the Board is being asked to decide today regarding that specific issue?

MR. J. UHAR: Well, as previously read into my testimony, because $I$ am arguing about illegal actions that are evidenced in my documents, $I$ ask that the pertinent people, who were not my friends, $I$ mean, $I$ just wanted somebody to come up and tell the truth, and I got two back yesterday.

This is from Ms. Jenkins yesterday. The two investigators just left my office. Please see the attached subpoenas. Some were
successfully served. Most were not.
The Board will discuss this issue with the parties at the beginning of the hearing. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have anything else you want to say on that issue, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: Yes. On Tuesday, November 19th, Ms. Jenkins also informed me that, about the subpoena process, stating, Mr. Uhar, please see below.

The law and regulations provide for the issuance of subpoenas and prescribe how they are to be served. It is has been my experience that the Board does not pursue a request to the Superior Court to compel witnesses who fail to appear.

If your witnesses fail to appear tomorrow, you may take that up with the Board as a preliminary matter at the commencement of the hearing.

You are also welcome to orally request a continuance at that time. And then she sent 25-443 of DCMR, subpoena of witness, and this is something that, which is why I would like, because I'm dealing with criminal actions, it is

Section 25-443(c), in the case of contumacy, or refusal to obey a subpoena, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, upon written request by the Board, shall issue an order requiring the contumacious person to appear and testify before the Board or to produce evidence if so ordered.

So I think that it should be continued until the people who have firsthand knowledge of these criminal and illegal actions come and testify.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so you're saying that these are relevant and critical witnesses for your case today?

MR. J. UHAR: Absolutely.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because you believe that the Applicant has, there's some criminal actions that these witnesses could prove on your case, that the Applicant has committed. That's your argument?

MR. J. UHAR: Yes, sir. I'm not protesting under any other section. I believe it's 25-301, good character clause.

MS. HIRAO: Chairman, I am so sorry. Mr. Farruggio is not feeling well right now. Can we take a break so that he can get fresh air?

It's quite hot here.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure. We'll take a ten-minute break.

MS. HIRAO: Thank you very much.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
We're off the record.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at $2: 05 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and resumed at 2:13 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on the record. Any response?

MS. HIRAO: Oh, I'm sorry. What was that? Any response?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any response?
MS. HIRAO: The purpose of the PIF is to provide the parties in the case notice as far as who is going to testify in the protest hearing. What Mr. Uhar is failing to understand is, there is a difference between subpoena and a list of witnesses, which is clearly written on the PIF form.

A subpoena is how you bring that particular person to the venue, such as this hearing. The list of witnesses, well, I think a fifth grader would understand how to write down a
list of witnesses here.
Without the list of witnesses, we have no idea who's going to come out and testify and challenge the appropriateness of Il Canale to hold a license.

And then secondly there's the issue about scope. What's the scope of these witnesses? How are they going to testify?

And also, with respect to the subpoena, you know, it's kind of like we have seven witnesses on one PIF, then two, then it expands and contracts.

That's not what a PIF is supposed to be about, and that's not what fairness is supposed to be about, as far as an Applicant who has had their business in Georgetown for ten years, trying to maintain their license, being a good citizen.

And now to kind of guess or maybe test the wind to figure out when the protestant is going to produce another individual to testify on his behalf out of thin air. This process needs to be about fairness and transparency, and we need to know the scope.

Is the testimony within the scope of
what this Board is charged to assess, which is the appropriateness standard of holding an alcohol license? And also whether you're fit to hold a license.

So we would like the individuals that have been subpoenaed that are not on the list to be, those subpoenas should be quashed and not permitted to testify at the hearing. The other issue I turn to is Roger Uhar's PIF.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. Hold on a minute. Let me just deal with, I'm going to get to that --

MS. HIRAO: Sure.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: --shortly. So you're saying that, as far as the subpoena is concerned, what are you asking the Board to do?

MS. HIRAO: I want the subpoenas to be quashed and the individuals that were identified today by Mr. Uhar not to appear as a witness.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But none of those are, are any of those individuals in the PIF?

MS. HIRAO: No, they are not.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Then his second request is that we should provide a
continuance so he can get a chance to amend his PIF or to get them to show up.

MS. HIRAO: He's had plenty of opportunity to get his ducks in a row, get his subpoena request in. And for us, we have worked hard to coordinate our schedules to make it to the Board appointed date of today.

We are ready to go forward, and we do not agree to continue the hearing. We are ready to go forward.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Yes, sir, you have a final word on this issue. Do you have a response?

MR. J. UHAR: Yes, I do. I'm just composing myself. First of all, the witness list changed after conversations and I narrowed by focus just to 25-301 and the illegal acts.

And it's also my understanding that because my protest is about illegal acts, that I fall outside, $I$ don't have to be here today. It was in respect of the Board that I came here today. And then thirdly --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you say you don't have to be here today? Why are you at the protest hearing?

MR. J. UHAR: Because these are criminal illegal activities --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.
MR. J. UHAR: -- that, it's my understanding that I don't have to wait every three years to complain about illegal activities. These are illegal activities and they can be heard anytime.

If you look at my record, everything that I have is lies and misrepresentation to DC ABRA, the United States Commission on Fine Arts, and DCRA and DDOT.

And then the third, the last statement I'd like to say is, Mr. Farruggio asked for an extension before. We willingly gave it to him, and I thought that it would be reciprocated. But I was told that $I$ have to be here today and whatever the Board wishes I'm here to try to make it happen.

MS. HIRAO: If I may?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: The purpose of the initial continuance was so that the parties could engage in settlement negotiations. What we have here is, if you're going to have a request for a
continuance, you need to have good cause and file the motion within the time prescribed by the Board's rules.

We don't have that here, and we have a last-minute request because Mr. Uhar overlooked or didn't follow or read the PIF form that says list your witnesses and provide a summary of your witnesses' testimony.

A fourth grader can understand that. So as far as the good cause for continuance, I do not see that there is one. So I would like, and Mr. Farruggio would like, and especially the witnesses who have reorganized their time, they have rescheduled meetings, they have put this date on their calendar to go forward, I object to Mr. Uhar and the protestant's request and I don't hear Mr., the second Uhar, requesting a motion for continuance.

But we vigorously oppose any continuance. We want to go forward today

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. My recommendation to the Board, and I'm going to ask the Board to vote on this, is that I agree that we should not grant a continuance.

And so therefore, my recommendation to
the Board members is that we not grant a continuance. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. All in favor, say aye.

GROUP: Aye.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All opposed?
All right. The matter passes five to zero. So we're not going to grant the continuance as good cause has not been shown. Regarding the subpoena, my recommendation also to the Board is that we quash the subpoena and these witnesses not be allowed to testify. And my reasons for the support is that the instruction that was given specifically states that all document and witnesses must be disclosed seven days prior to the hearing.

And that was not done. I have not been told anything today to state that there was good cause why any of these witnesses were not listed.

There might have been issues with the process, and that's fine. If there are issues, if one didn't understand, if you're asking for more guidance from our legal office, what's the mechanism in serving a subpoena, that is fine.

And one can agree or disagree to say the legal office did or did not give you proper guidance. That's not here for discussion today. But as a first instance if these are witnesses that you intend to call upon, they must be listed on the PIF. And no good cause has been, all I was told is that there were, I had conversation with the legal office about the process of service a subpoena, but since these witnesses are not listed on the PIF, so my recommendation to the Board is that the quash because they did not comply with the seven day rule to list the witnesses on the PIF. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye.

GROUP: Aye.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed? The motion passed five zero. The second issue, then, you filed a motion in limine, Ms. Hirao. What's that motion? I've not read the motion. So what was the second motion that you filed? MS. HIRAO: Sure, I'll break it down into pieces

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: -- for the Board members. First, I will address Robert Uhar's PIF that was filed beyond the deadline on November 13th. So in the --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When was it filed?

MS. HIRAO: Pardon? I believe November 13th. Yes November 14th.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We was it due?
MS. HIRAO: November 13th.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It was due November 13th. It was filed November--

MS. HIRAO: It does not list any exhibits, but it does list a witness of Louise Sagalyn. I don't see Ms. Sagalyn here, but it might be moot. But, $I$ do have an issue of listing Ms. Sagalyn and without providing what is the scope of her testimony, what's the scope of her testimony, that's one, the late filing of the PIF, and this probably is important because both protestants have a different distinct request for relief.

John Uhar is request revocation of the license. This Uhar is more focusing on the trash
aspect and the litter and the cleanliness. What are we supposed to do?

You know, take an educated guess as to what Louise Sagalyn is going to testify to? You know, we have one severe remedy versus the other, and, you know, I think we are entitled, at least as we approach the hearing, to know the scope and boundaries of Ms. Sagalyn's testimony.

And also I would state the late filing of the PIF also is reason enough to strike her as a witness from this hearing for the protestants.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You said it was filed one day late and you're saying that you weren't given specific notice what she is going to testify to?

MS. HIRAO: With respect to what she's going to testify, significant time has lapsed since the filing of the initial protest. Our restaurant has since entered into a settlement agreement. It has worked very hard to be in compliance with the settlement agreement.

So the environment has changed, and it changed for the better, I might add. Still, if you're going to add a witness and you have two protestants, one asking, I'm going to revoke your
license and the other going, rats, maybe?
We should understand what Roger Uhar intends to use this witness for. And it's blank. And I might say the same for John Uhar's PIF as well. There are various individuals, well, let me reserve that for another time. But knowing the --

CHAIRPERSON ANDSERSON: But the motion that you filed was regarding what? Specifically what? Because I've not read the motion. So the motion you're disagreeing with the late filing? Is that it?

MS. HIRAO: I am disagreeing with the late filing and the lack of the summary of the testimony for Roger Uhar's PIF to introduce Ms. Sagalyn for his case?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Sagalyn?
MS. HIRAO: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. And what's the other part?

MS. HIRAO: The other part is John Uhar. Well, we've already addressed the subpoena issue. He also has filed multiple PIFs with expanding and contracting witnesses.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Were all his

PIFs filed timely?
MS. HIRAO: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So --
MS. HIRAO: There were two that were filed maybe shy of midnight on the day of November 13th. But after that, there was a November 18th PIF, which reduced his witness to arguably two people, and I think they're government employees.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But were those two people on the first PIF?

MS. HIRAO: Yes, but $I$ do not know the nature of their testimony.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, he's not an attorney, so I mean, I'm not saying, I am just saying right now. So, that was filed timely?

MS. HIRAO: The first two were.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But the name of the witnesses you have concerns with, you had timely notice of those witnesses?

MS. HIRAO: I actually have concerns with all of the witnesses that are listed on the page.

## CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to

 address the motion because $I$ have not read themotion, that's why I'm trying to find out specifically what your motion is about. That's why I was asking, to just make the motion --

MS. HIRAO: To boil it down in its essence, failure to describe the scope of the testimony even though you may have listed the witnesses is prejudicial to use. I see two witnesses that $I$ think are government inspectors. I don't know. He uses acronyms that I'm not too sure what they mean.

If they are government boy I'd like to know what they are going to testify, and if it does have any relevance for any subject matter before this Board.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Whose PIF are we talking about again?

MS. HIRAO: We're talking about John Uhar's PIF.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: John. All right. Mr. John Uhar.

MR. J. UHAR: Yes, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, tell me about, they're objecting to Ms., what's the last name again?

MR. J. UHAR: That would be Roger.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That is why, all right.

MR. J. UHAR: Roger, do you want to clarify?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on a minute. I'm confused. Ms. Sagalyn, whose PIF is Ms. Sagalyn under?

MS. HIRAO: Ms. Sagalyn is under John Uhar's early PIF filings and Roger Uhar's filings. Roger Uhar, however, seeks a remedy that does not involve revocation of a license. John Uhar, however, does.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you're saying that Ms. Sagalyn, her name was listed on a PIF that was provided within the seven days, is that correct?

MS. HIRAO: Yes. However, doesn't the PIF say to describe the summary of the testimony?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. It
does. So you are saying --
MS. HIRAO: Is it going to be like what's that movie called? Pirates of the Caribbean, where they say it's just guidelines? If it's in the PIF and you, it says to provide a summary, shouldn't you provide a summary?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So who wants to respond? Yes, sir.

MR. R. UHAR: I would just like to say, everyone, Ms. Sagalyn is a neighbor.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MR. R. UHAR: Everybody knows who she is, I think, and Mr. John, you know who Ms. Sagalyn is. It's not like she's coming from some other place and we don't know who she is.

She's a neighbor who's been adversely affected. I had the line with the ANC people. That's why I wasn't going to submit mine. We were working, crunching it, getting it done.

The next day, John says, hey, they say you can amend your list. You can do this, you can do that. And on the advice of them, $I$ submitted.

I figured okay, I actually, Risa, you have an exhibit of mine that says I know I'm wrong, I know I'm late, I guess this means I can't do it. Your folks come back and say, no, that's not the case. It's up to the Board. I say, well, thank you.

If there is a little bit of grace time since I'm not an attorney, $I$ don't do this all
the time. You know, filling out all these forms. My argument was to clean the litter, trash, peace and quiet.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, if the squabbling has to do with the fact that the witness was listed, and although there was not a clear description of what she's going to testify, that's is not sufficient for me to bar that witness.

The witness was timely identified on the PIF. Yes, he's not an attorney. And so, I believe that, if that witness is here today, if we move forward with the hearing, I'm not going to deny the witness to testify. And I think in this particular case, it states that the witness, yes, sir?

MR. R. UHAR: Not to interrupt, but we were going to bring Ms. Sagalyn today. At 10:00 o'clock I saw her on the canal, 50 yards from the restaurant, and she said she was suffering from sciatica. She said, how's it going? I said, I don't know, $I$ was filed late. We got Risa stuff. She's trying to get me off of, you know, disqualified. She says, I'm really hurting.

She's 92 years old, and she says, if
it's okay, I don't know if I'm going to be heard. I've got things tonight. Is it okay if I pass? I said, Louise, as you know, with me and her and the other neighbors who, through this whole process which has been a terrific learning experience, were discounted and not eliminated. So we're not as strong as we should be, but Louise hung in there. And anyway, she's not here today, so she's not going to be testifying. And if it would make the case easier, I will withdraw my protest.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
Fine. You're going to withdraw your protest?
MR. R. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you withdrawing your, you are --

MR. R. UHAR: Roger.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Roger.
MR. R. UHAR: Yes, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Roger U- --
MR. R. UHAR: U-H-A-R, Uhar.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Uhar. So, Mr. Roger Uhar is withdrawing his protest. And do you have any objection to that, ma'am?

MS. HIRAO: No objection.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No objection. And so, is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I make a motion that he be dismissed. Mr. Short has, all those in favor say aye.

GROUP: Aye.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So you are dismissed, sir. I hope it was not my cologne why you decide that you didn't want to be here this afternoon.

MR. R. UHAR: Not at all. The ANC is, we've worked with Risa. What we're trying to do is, the community, which is the blocks right around who are adversely affected by the trash and the rates.

We asked repeatedly, help us with the trash and the rates. And Joe, you looked at me and said, no, you're not going to help.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, thank you, sir, for being here today. And all right, thank you. All right.

So we are not going to, so we're going to, your motion, Ms., I'm going to deny your motion.

MS. HIRAO: There are remaining parts to that we need to address, please. I'm sorry. My son also says that, too.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I asked you to just tell me what your motion is.

MS. HIRAO: Well, I was just piecemealing it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But piecemeal it, I can --

MS. HIRAO: I'm sorry.
CHARIPERSON ANDERSON: You know, I'll say this. I've been a lawyer for 30 years. I think I can take a couple of stuff at the same time. So just tell me what your entire motion is so I can have the protestant respond and then I can rule.

MS. HIRAO: Sure. With respect to my argument regarding Roger Uhar's witnesses, they also apply to John Uhar's. I don't know what witnesses he has. He's changed it three times.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, John is no longer here. So therefore --

MS. HIRAO: John is right here.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
Roger is gone. What is the PIF that John
provided to us? Where is the PIF? Who are the witnesses who are on his PIF?

MS. HIRAO: So John has provided a PIF on November 13th, 2019, at 11:48 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The one that's been timely filed. We have already --

MS. HIRAO: And he's listed three witness there.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Which, all right, for the --

MR. J. UHAR: Can I interject?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.
Yes, sir.
MR. J. UHAR: I'm not going to call any witnesses. I'm going to let the record at the US CFA, the DCRA, DDOT, and the other documents that you have before you today speak for themselves.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So we have no witnesses.

MS. HIRAO: All right. No witnesses? And then the final issue is, it's our contention that, based on our interaction with the Uhars up to this point, we anticipate that he will say prejudicial statements regarding Il Canale, Joe

Farruggio, his family, so I would like for those prejudicial statements either to be stricken or there's a sidebar.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, okay. You are an attorney. I expect that when we are doing our hearing that if there are statements, questions, you object. You can object after the answer is given.

You need to object when a question is asked and I will rule. And so if there's an objection, are you going to testify, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: Yes. I am. And can I make one clarification? Again, I am sorry this is the second time we've been here. But I thought a witness was someone on your behalf, and those that I subpoenaed, I thought that was a different character.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But that's still on your behalf, although they might be hostile. That's why you subpoenaed them. But they're still on your behalf.

MR. J. UHAR: Okay. Well, again, I'm sorry. And whatever happens --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I don't want you to feel, that's one of the reasons why

I'm taking the time. Whether or not the person is going to be positive or negative, we understand your subpoena because if it's something that you have a good relationship with, you'll talk to them, they will know when to come.

MR. J. UHAR: They'll show up.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: They'll show up. But if you don't have the working relationship with them, so that's why you subpoenaed them. But at the same time, you have to list them as a witness.

Now, if, say for example, you list them as a witness and you are saying that, I contacted the legal staff. They did not give me proper guidance on how to get the witness, because I have seven emails to Ms. Jenkins. She told me this is what I need. I gave it to her.

And so there was some misunderstanding on my part, then that's a different story because that's a different story. But at the same time, if you had listed them on your disclosure, then it's like, okay, yes.

MR. J. UHAR: On Friday, November 8th, to Lisa Palmer, Risa Hirao, Mayberry and Jenkins, I said, good morning, everyone.

Not having heard from Ms. Hirao yet, and with a deadline looming, please find attached a draft of my exhibit list and a draft of Exhibit 3. Hopefully, ANC can look over the format for consistency, since the community resource office at ABRA is unable to assist.

I was told per Ms. Hirao's, she objected. I said I just want to see how these things look. I think I mention in an email, I don't even have to know what they say. I just want to know the format so that $I$ can do, we can make this all the way it should be, and I was denied, and the record will show that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Well, we're ready to rule, so let's do, we're going to do our hearing in the sense that --

MS. HIRAO: I have additional preliminary matters.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's that?
Yes?
MS. HIRAO: The rule on witnesses.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He has no witnesses, though. There are no witnesses.

MS. HIRAO: The other one I wanted to ask is on time and breaks. Is it 90 minutes?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, each side has 90 minutes, but $I$ assume he's not going to use 90 minutes. We have a 4:30 protest hearing and it's half to the room, so $I$ am hoping that we can streamline the issues.

I don't know how many witnesses you have. But this basically is going to be on your part, because you're the one who will have witnesses.

So therefore, the process is that the Board will call its witness, the Board will ask questions of its witness, which is the investigator. We will ask questions. You will have an opportunity to cross-examine.

Both sides will have an opportunity to cross-examine, and once that's one, you will present your case. You will present your witnesses and the protestant will present his case and his witnesses. But since he's the only one testifying, $I$ don't believe that his case is going to take all afternoon.

MS. HIRAO: So with respect to my motion, may $I$ get clarification. Only the part regarding the subpoenas being quashed has been granted?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But he has no witnesses, so what is it that --

MS. HIRAO: Oh, okay. Never mind. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He has no witnesses.

MS. HIRAO: Got it.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's no witnesses, so --

MS. HIRAO: All right.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So any other preliminary issues that need to be addressed? No? Do you wish to make an opening statement?

MS. HIRAO: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.
MS. HIRAO: Board Members, good afternoon. We are here today on a protest of Il Canale's application to renew its license. Based on the evidence and testimony that will be presented today, Il Canale will establish that it is has well satisfied the appropriating standards to merit renewal of its license.

Additionally, the evidence and testimony will show that Il Canale and Giuseppe Farruggio hold the necessary character and -- to
hold such a license.
You will hear from four witnesses today, Abdul Mouhssine, a long-time employee of Il Canale and a manager, who will testify regarding day to day operations of the restaurant.

Next you'll hear from Guiseppe Farruggio, the owner and the heart of Il Canale. He will testify regarding his extensive restaurant experience, restaurant operations from an ownership point of view, and his aspirations to make the best pizza in the world.

You'll also hear form his abutting property neighbor, Italo Rodriguez, who will testify about his experiences with Il Canale and Joe Farruggio.

And finally, you will hear from Bill Verno, a property manager for RB Properties, whose office is directly located across from Il Canale. He will testify about his experience with Il Canale, as well as being a patron and comment on how Il Canale has contributed to the neighborhood in a positive way.

The evidence will show that the appropriateness standards have been met. Joe

Farruggio and Il Canale meet the fitness test to hold such a license and we are requesting for this Board to grant its application for renewing its license. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Do you wish to make an opening statement, sir, or are you just, basically, yes.

MR. J. UHAR: Yes, I will.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure, go ahead.
MR. J. UHAR: Let me read from my protest, which I can't find now. I'll just read the protest information form for you all. The summary description of the nature of my protest. Protest of the Il Canale liquor license pursuant to DCMR Section 25-301, good character based on evidence of illegal activities over the years that satisfies the legal thresholds set forth in Haight v. ABC Board The illegal construction of Il Canale's summer garden on the public alley behind 1063 and 1065 31st Street, to connect above an illegal and unpermitted shed on Lot 0842 on Square 1189, subsequently ordered demolished by the DDOT and DCRA respectively, is prima facia evidence of multiple illegal activities with
regard to DC ABRA, DCRA, DDOT, DCFD, DC Historic Preservation Board, and the US Commission of Fine Arts.

MS. HIRAO: I am going to have to object. This has nothing to do with a license establishment.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's his opening statement. You can object to his opening statement. So this is his opening statement.

MS. HIRAO: You got to try.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Go ahead, sir. Go ahead.

MR. J. UHAR: The illegal construction of Il Canale's summer garden on the public alley behind 1063 and 1065 31st Street to connect above an illegal and unpermitted shed on Lot 0842 in Square 1198 subsequently ordered demolished by DDOT and DCRA respectively, is prima facie evidence of multiple illegal activities with regard to DC ABRA, DCRA, DDOT, DCFD, DCHPB, that's the Historic Preservation Board, and the US Commission of Fine Arts, despite warnings from the ANC, the US Commission of Fine Arts, and others.

The US Commission of Fine Arts, OGB,

HPB, and DCRA violations still exist with unapproved doors, windows, skylights, and structural modifications not approved by the appropriate federal and DC agencies, despite the recent removal of the four stop work orders issued by DCRA earlier this summer.

Hopefully, these remaining illegal building activities will be addressed shortly. The evidence shall show that similar illegal activities in violation of federal and DC regulations resulted in an illegal outdoor sidewalk café in front of 1063 31st Street, which has since been fraudulently expanded into 1065 31st Street Northwest, in violation of DCMR 25762, DCRA buildings codes, DCFD, the US Commission of Fine Arts and other agencies.

The success of Il Canale in securing and expanding its illegal outdoor sidewalk café in front of 1063 31st Street and 1065 31st Street predates and probably encouraged last year's illegal summer garden activities, since demolished.

Turning to the interior of 1065 31st Street, illegal activities include, but are not limited to, the submission of plans to DCRA
showing 12 seats at the bar where six are permitted, again in violation of DCMR 25-762, structural changes not allowed under the DCRA building permit, and the aforementioned skylights, doors, windows, vacuum system, and other visible violations in the rear of 1065 31st Street.

Il Canale was aided and abetted in its multitudinous illegal activities by a series of different lawyers and architects over the years. Most have become willing co-conspirators in these illegal activities, which should be referred to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for further investigation and prosecution under DCMR 25-205. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All right. The Board will call its first witness. And for a protest hearing, the way it operates is that the Board will call our investigator, and so our investigator will, I'll have the investigator go through the report and the Board will ask questions of the investigator about the report.

Then both of you will have, I'll start with the Applicant, will have questions of the investigator of the report. And you can also ask
questions to the investigator about the report.
So if there are statements in the report that you disagree with, when you have an opportunity to cross-examine the investigator, then you can ask the investigator about whatever representation or whatever aspect of the report you disagree with, okay? Yes, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: Roger, do you have a copy of the investigator's report? Would it be possible to get a copy of the investigator's report?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. We'll make sure that you get a copy of the report.

MR. J. UHAR: She can start.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So we will get you a copy of the report. All right. So the Board will call its first witness, Shanell Murray. Can you raise your right hand, please? Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?

MS. MURRAY: I do.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Have a seat. Please pull the microphone to you, please. Where are you currently employed, Ms. Murray?

MS. MURRAY: ABRA as an investigator. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear. Speak into the microphone, please.

MS. MURRAY: ABRA as an investigator. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how long have you been employed by ABRA?

MS. MURRAY: Since April 29th, 2019.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have you ever testified in a protest hearing before?

MS. MURRAY: No, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Are you familiar with this application?

MS. MURRAY: Yes, I conducted a protest investigation on the establishment.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you tell us what it is you were able to find regarding this protest?

MS. MURRAY: Okay. Il Canale is
located in Ward 2. To the north of the establishment is abutting one story restaurant named Flavio.

It's located at 1039 31st Street Northwest. The current structure of Il Canale is two previously independent buildings with 1063 31st Street Northwest being the initial location
of the establishment prior to expansion.
The license renewal application with Il Canale was initially being protested by three entities, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC 2E, led by Lisa Palmer; Roger Uhar, abutting property owner; and John Uhar, abutting property owner.

There are 40 ABC establishments that are within 1200 feet of 1063-1065 31st Street Northwest, with Flavio being an abutting onestory restaurant. Out of the 40 establishments there, there is 31 restaurants, one Class A establishment, three taverns, four hotels.

Out of the 40 establishments, there are nine sidewalk cafes, 17 summer gardens, 20 entertainment endorsements, and 22 settlement agreement establishments.

The protest issues were adverse effect of the establishment on real property values; adverse effects of the establishment on peace, order, and quiet, including the noise and litter as set forth in Section 25-725 and 25-726; adverse effects of the establishment upon residential parking needs, vehicular and pedestrian safety.

On Tuesday, August the 26th, 2019, I interviewed both Mr. John Uhar and Roger Uhar at their residence located at 3075 Canal Street Northwest regarding the abutting property owners' issues regarding Il Canale's alcohol license renewal application.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: One thing I want you to do because, only Mr. John Uhar is, he's now the only protestant, so just be clear when you give your testimony, that you're specific to his concerns.

MS. MURRAY: Just Mr. John Uhar's concerns?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
MS. MURRAY: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Hold on.
MR. J. UHAR: She didn't really address my concerns.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, that's a question. When she's done testifying, you can cross-examine her.

MR. J. UHAR: Well, I was just going to say it's okay, because I'm not really, it doesn't --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I guess

I don't know what the issues are. So I need to know. And there's only one protestant, so I don't need to know what the other issues for the other protestant are. I just need to know --

MS. MURRAY: Just Mr. John Uhar.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Basically, yes.
MS. MURRAY: Okay.
MS. HIRAO: Chairman, if I can get clarification. So she is not permitted to address her report on Roger Uhar in this report? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's no protest by him, so whatever concerns that he had, it's not relevant to this hearing because there's no protest. It's the same thing, whatever concerns the ANC had is no longer relevant here because they had a settlement agreement.

So the only protestant is John and so, therefore, $I$ just want to, so that's the only issue that we're addressing, his protest.

MS. HIRAO: Yes, I know. I understand.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Go ahead.

MS. MURRAY: Okay. Mr. John Uhar reiterated that the renewal application of $I 1$

Canale is being protested on the grounds that the establishment may negatively impact the peace, order, and quiet in the community.

Mr. Uhar stated the establishment has an unbalanced air conditioning unit and an illegal backup system that's turned on the at the end of the day.

Mr. Uhar stated that the establishment allows its contractors to park in the alley, which blocks others from entering and exit. Mr. Uhar stated he just wants the establishment to abide by the rules.

Mr. Uhar stated that the establishment ignores the values of neighboring properties. I advised Mr. Uhar that our investigators are not qualified to address the issues of real property values. Mr. Uhar stated that he understood.

On Thursday, November 14th, 2019, I interviewed Mr. Farruggio, owner of Il Canale regarding Il Canale's alcohol license renewal application. He stated that Il Canale has addressed the residents' concerns and corrected the issues that were brought to his attention.

He also stated that there's no construction in process at the establishment, and
he stated that the vacuum has been turned off since the protest made a complaint in regards to the vacuum being too loud.

He said it was put in place temporarily, and it would eventually be removed. He also stated that he has made great efforts to maintain the cleanliness of the alley, but also shares the alley with other people and other establishments.

He stated that the employees and contractors of the establishment park in the alley. He stated that he does not believe that objections raised are with his operation as an alcohol licensed establishment.

Rather, he believes the protest is personal. He stated that he has tried to be compliant with the alcohol laws and regulations and to be a good neighbor.

My findings in regards to the protest were, ABRA personnel monitored Il Canale on 21 separate occasions from August 19th, 2019, through November 10th, 2019. I monitored the establishment 13 times out of the 21 times.

During the time the establishment was monitored for peace, order, and quiet, including
noise and litter provision. I did not observe any noise violations. The establishment was quiet with little to no traffic.

However, M Street, which is a crossing block of Il Canale, produced a lot of vehicular traffic. The establishment has two garbage cans with locks and the establishment's name is located on the trash cans, and two recycle bins. At the time, I did not observe any overflowing trash cans.

During the time I monitored the establishment, I did not observe the sidewalk café blocking pedestrian traffic flow. The effects of the establishment on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety, I did not witness any signs of excessive pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or excessive noise within or around the establishment at any time. Il Canale does not offer onsite parking, and that is in street parking due to city construction. Directly across from this establishment is a public parking garage, and within walking distance, there are six additional public parking garages.

Adverse effects on real property
values, ABRA investigators are not qualified to address issues concerning property values. We also do not make a determination if an establishment or individual is of good character while conducting this investigation in preparation for testimony for the Board.

ABRA record search revealed that there is no history of complaints as it relates to noise at 1063-1065 31st Street Northwest. A review of ABRA records also revealed that Il Canale does have a settlement agreement on file. However, no ABRA violations were found.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that it?
MS. MURRAY: Yes, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there exhibits to your report? Can you go to --

MS. MURRAY: Yes, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What are the exhibits?

MS. MURRAY: The exhibits are a copy of the renewal application.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to go through the exhibits one by one. Identify them for the record.

MS. MURRAY: Okay. Exhibit 1 is a
copy of the renewal application. Exhibit 2 is a copy of the ANC 2E Protest Letter. Exhibit 3 is a copy of John Uhar Abutting Property Owner Protest Letter.

Exhibit 4 is a copy of Roger Uhar Property Owner Protest Letter. Exhibit 5 is a copy of a map of ABC licenses located within 1200 feet of the establishment. Exhibit 6 is a copy of a map showing that there are no schools or public libraries or recreation centers located within 400 feet of the establishment.

Exhibit 7 is a photo of the exterior of Il Canale, front facing, of the establishment. Exhibit 8 is a photo of Il Canale's sidewalk café. Exhibit 9 is a photo of Il Canale's rear door entryway.

Exhibit 10 is a photo of the alleyway that's on the opposite end of the Flavio Restaurant, and in the back it shows there are residents and the parking for the residents. Exhibit 11 is a photo that I took on August 26th of a extension of the establishment that was added to Il Canale.

Exhibit 12 is the bar area of Il
Canale as you immediately enter. Exhibit 13 is
the interior photo of Il Canale. Exhibit 14 is an interior photo of Il Canale. Exhibit 15 is an interior photo of Il Canale.

Exhibit 16 is an interior photo of Il
Canale. Exhibit 17 is an interior photo of Il Canale. Exhibit 18 is an interior photo of Il Canale. Exhibit 19 is interior photo of Il Canale. And Exhibit 20 through 23 is interior photos of Il Canale.

Exhibit 24 is the exterior photo of the garbage collection which shows the, Exhibit 24 shows Il Canale's two recycle bins. And Exhibit 25 shows the trash bins with Il Canale's name located on it and locks. Exhibit 26 should be a copy of the settlement agreement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those are all the exhibits?

MS. MURRAY: And Exhibit 27 is a copy of the ABRA investigation.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh. I didn't see that. Now you stated that ABRA investigators monitored through these proceedings. The establishment was monitored 21 times, you said? MS. MURRAY: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Was there any

ABRA violations found during the 21 times that it was --

MS. MURRAY: No, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No?
MS. MURRAY: No, sir. No ABRA violations were found.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you said that you personally monitored the establishment 13 times, you said?

MS. MURRAY: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Okay. All right. Any other questions by any of the Board members? All right. You can ask questions, Ms. Hirao.

MS. HIRAO: I have no questions.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have no questions? Mr. Uhar, do you have any questions you want to ask her?

MR. J. UHAR: In regards to Exhibit 7, which is a picture of just 1065 31st Street, the record should note that those window treatments on the top have been removed per DC ABRA regulations.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you asking her a question, sir, or are you making a
statement? Which one is it?
MR. J. UHAR: That's a statement.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have to ask her a question. You can't --

MR. J. UHAR: Well, I don't think she knows.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So

MR. J. UHAR: What is your familiarity with Exhibit 7?

MS. MURRAY: It's the front facing area.

MR. J. UHAR: You said that you took a more recent picture. It doesn't look like this now, does it?

MS. MURRAY: No, it doesn't.
MR. J. UHAR: Okay. I'm sorry.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there an exhibit that the establishment looks like currently that is here?

MS. MURRAY: No, this is when I first

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
right. Any other questions, sir?
MR. J. UHAR: Yes. Exhibit A, is this
your understanding of the approved DC ABRA seating arrangement?

MS. MURRAY: Yes.
MR. J. UHAR: Hm.
MS. MURRAY: Yes, it is.
MR. J. UHAR: Could I enter an exhibit that shows the approved ABRA --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you can ask her if she's familiar with whatever, I mean, I know your exhibit's not on the record, but if you have a question you want to

MR. J. UHAR: Actually, $I$ will take it in my testimony. That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
Okay.
MR. J. UHAR: Exhibit 11, this, too, is an earlier picture that --

MS. MURRAY: Yes.
MR. J. UHAR: Is this building still existing?

MS. MURRAY: No, it's not. It's been taken down.

MR. J. UHAR: And lastly, my eyes aren't too good, but could you read Exhibit 23, that those steps that lead out, $I$ believe that's
to an outdoor summer garden. Does that say terrace? Those steps leading up and out to the back?

MS. MURRAY: I cannot see what those words are, sir.

MR. J. UHAR: Okay. Thank you. One last question. I did send you a picture of the vacuum system and also a tape of the vacuum system that was not entered into the record, is that correct?

MS. MURRAY: No, it was not. It was not entered into the record.

MR. J. UHAR: So I was correct, because that vacuum system is still there.

MS. MURRAY: I entered photos that I took into the record.

MR. J. UHAR: But you asked me for any exhibits, correct?

MS. MURRAY: I do not recall asking you for any exhibits.

MR. J. UHAR: Okay. Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
questions?
MR. J. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms.

Murray, for your testimony. You can step down. MS. MURRAY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you wish to call a witness, ma'am?

MS. HIRAO: Yes, I'd like to call Mr. Abdul Mouhssine.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the last name?

MS. HIRAO: Mouhssine.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mouhssine.
MS. HIRAO: Should I spell it?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I'll ask him to do that. Okay, raise your right hand, sir. Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I do.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat, sir. And pull the microphone to you when you speak. You can ask him to identify himself and spell his name for the record.

MS. HIRAO: Sure. What is your full name and can you spell your name for the record?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Abderrahman Mouhssine and it's spelled $A-B-D-E-R-R-A-H-M-A-N$, and the last name is M-O-U-H-S-S-I-N-E. I am a current
employee at Il Canale and manager position.
MS. HIRAO: Where do you reside right now?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I reside in Virginia.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. What is your title at Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Manager at the moment.
MS. HIRAO: And how long have you been a manager at Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I think more than five years.

MS. HIRAO: How long have you worked at Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Almost ten years now.
MS. HIRAO: And how did you start your employment history with Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I started as a food runner.

MR. J. UHAR: As a food what?
MR. MOUHSSINE: A food runner.
MS. HIRAO: And then after food
runner?
MR. MOUHSSINE: I grew up with the business to, I became a server and then assistant manager and then grew up to be a manager. I am
an executive manager right now.
MS. HIRAO: Do you possess an ABC manager's license through ABRA?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I do.
MS. HIRAO: Can you describe Il
Canale?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Il Canale's an Italian restaurant, mainly southern, Italian southern cuisine. It's more authentic. It's family owned, family friendly.

MS. HIRAO: And can you describe the philosophy of VPN for me as it relates to Il Canale's restaurant operations?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes. VPN is a certification guaranteed with an association called Verace Pizza Napoletana, which is an Italian association which protects and preserves the pizza heritage. So it makes sure you make the pizza the way it was made 200 years ago.

MS. HIRAO: Please describe the awards and reviews that Il Canale has received.

MR. MOUHSSINE: We are currently a four and a half star restaurant on Yelp, four and a half star on Open Table, and also we are like fourth in pizza, according to pizza expert in Las

Vegas, and we are among one of the best 70 restaurants with a patillion (phonetic) worldwide, and also we have a certification of Italian Hospitality, which is only 300 restaurants possess it in the United States.

MS. HIRAO: And how often are you on site at Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I'm there six days a week.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Morning shift, evening shift, or it varies?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I have a varying shift, yes.

MS. HIRAO: And describe the type of customers that frequent Il Canale.

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's mostly walking locals. We do have events, meetings, even government parties. Also, like, I would say celebrations.

MS. HIRAO: And how do most of your customers arrive at the restaurant? Do they rely on taxis? Do they walk?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would say most of them in Georgetown are like 50 to 60 percent walkings. A lot of people take taxi and
rideshare, and a lot of people also do bring their own car.

MS. HIRAO: And if a customer requests for parking, what do you do?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We always encourage them to park in the public parking to avoid, like, parking tickets, since it's a limited parking on the street.

And also there is, sometimes, like a high volume, and we redirect them to different public parkings.

MS. HIRAO: What are the hours of operation? The actual hours of operation at Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: The current opening hours is 11:00 a.m. every day, and the closing hours is Monday to Thursday at 10:30 and Friday and Saturday 11:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00.

MS. HIRAO: Your alcohol beverage license allows later closing times. Why the earlier time?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would say to preserve the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, and also I believe that we looked at one of the amendments on the settlements, that was before
with the previous restaurant, that limits the hours of operations to early hours, and also to let the employees leave early.

MS. HIRAO: Can you explain how alcohol beverage consumption is monitored at In Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We do have multiple managers on site. So we make sure we ask for IDs to follow the ABRA guidelines and also monitor the consumption and sometimes deny serving alcohol to pre-intoxicated guests.

MS. HIRAO: Do you have various managers rove around the restaurant checking in each section? You have two buildings that are part of the restaurant. Can you describe a little bit about that?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, it's mainly two buildings together. So we do have an upstairs seating and a main dining room, and we do have back of the house as well.

And these managers that covers most of the areas, mostly one manager at the front door all of the time and one at the back area, which is the kitchen and bar, and in case we use the second floor, which we don't use most of the
time, we make sure there's a manager present there.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Please describe the training for your staff to prevent underage drinking to minors.

MR. MOUHSSINE: We fiercely enforce checking IDs. Like, for all customers pretty much, unless they look a little senior.

MS. HIRAO: Do you have periodic training with your staff?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Of course.
MS. HIRAO: As well as one-on-one training?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We do.
MS. HIRAO: And new hire training?
MR. MOUHSSINE: New hires are mostly the ones that train.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And did you experience a compliance check by ABRA during the summer?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We did. We do have inspections.

MS. HIRAO: And what were the results of the compliance check for sales to minors during the summertime?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We were all successful.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Describe the training for the staff regarding compliance to the settlement agreement.

MR. MOUHSSINE: We do monitor, like, the daily activities and first things is, like, new hires are, like, strictly reminded to comply with management that is written, and also to, like, periodically meetings with back of the house to take care of most of the areas. And we do also check on ourselves.

MS. HIRAO: Do you remind them to make sure that the trash bins' lids are closed?

MR. MOUHSSINE: That's for sure, since we send pictures to the owner every night.

MS. HIRAO: And why did he request to get the pictures of the closed bins?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's an, I think he said, recent amendment that we signed with the neighbors and ANC, I believe.

MS. HIRAO: All right. And do you have an entertainment endorsement at the restaurant?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We do.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Do you have live music?

MR. MOUHSSINE: No.
MS. HIRAO: At your sidewalk café operations, do you have umbrellas?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We don't possess those.

MS. HIRAO: Do you have heaters?
MR. MOUHSSINE: No, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: Do you have a manager constantly monitoring the sidewalk café?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, we do have a manager and a host all the time.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Can the public walk by the sidewalk café without obstruction?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I believe so.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. And describe your daily routines at Il Canale when you open restaurant to close?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Well, the main tasks are, like, power washing the sidewalk and the back area of the restaurant to maintain the cleanliness, and also make sure all the staff are, like following the safety guidelines.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And at the end of
the day, what do you do? I think you referred to trash.

MR. MOUHSSINE: We make sure that trash, recently trash, we upgraded, to make sure they're all closed and we send a picture, as I said, to the owner every night.

MS. HIRAO: To make things easier on the Chairman, may I present a binder to the witness, and then I will identify some photos and I'll offer it for introduction?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I would ask that the witness, you don't look at the photo or look at the binder until you are specifically asked to.

MS. HIRAO: Pardon?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I am telling the witness that, yes, you can provide the binder but he should not look at the binder until he's--

MS. HIRAO: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- specifically advised as to what document to look at.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. I'd like for you to take a look at photos 1 through 9, please.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, but what are photos 1 through 9? And are they

Exhibit 1 through $9 ?$
MS. HIRAO: Exhibits 1 through 9. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Okay.
MS. HIRAO: If you can take 1 through 9, please. I plan to introduce them en masse. So, for purposes of the Board members, I'll just pan through using the PowerPoint. Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Did you take these photos?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, I did.
MS. HIRAO: What are these photos of?
MR. MOUHSSINE: It's the exterior of the restaurant, which is featuring the sidewalk and also the, it's mostly the 1063 and 1065 outdoor seatings.

MS. HIRAO: I would like to introduce Exhibits 1 through 9.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have an objection, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: No. When can I comment on them, though?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can ask him when she's done testification, you can ask him questions about. So moved.

MR. J. UHAR: Thank you.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. So the power washers, can you take a look at Exhibit Number 1? MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. For Exhibit Number 1, where does that manager usually position himself so that he monitors alcohol consumption? MR. MOUHSSINE: At the front door. MS. HIRAO: At the front door? Near, near the red, white, and green balloons? MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, ma'am. MS. HIRAO: Okay.

MR. MOUHSSINE: That's our main entrance.

MS. HIRAO: Can you describe what number 2 is? Exhibit Number 2?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Can you rephrase it?
MS. HIRAO: Is this 1063 or 1065?
MR. MOUHSSINE: 1065.
MS. HIRAO: This is the sidewalk café for 1065?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. Let's go to number
3. Can you describe what number 3 is.

MR. MOUHSSINE: This is 1063.
MS. HIRAO: The exterior of 1063?

MR. MOUHSSINE: The exterior of 1063.
MS. HIRAO: Thank you. Let's go to Exhibit Number 4 and 5. And actually I'd like for you to go to Exhibit Number 5. So what is this a picture of? The sidewalk café? Is it the sidewalk café?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's a panoramic view of the sidewalk café from the --

MS. HIRAO: You mentioned that in addition to, strike that. Okay, let's continue on. So this is the sidewalk café. How about Exhibit Number 5? What part --

MR. MOUHSSINE: That's the view from the 1063 building towards M Street.

MS. HIRAO: And the fern, where the fern is, is that also part of the restaurant? Or is that Georgetown House?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Is it Exhibit 5?
MS. HIRAO: Exhibit 6.
MR. MOUHSSINE: That's still 1063 sidewalk café.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And Exhibit Number 8.

MR. MOUHSSINE: That's Georgetown House.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And is that located right next to Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: And Exhibit Number 9. What is Exhibit Number 9?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's Canal Square across the street.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Thank you. All right. I would like for you to take a look at Exhibits 11 through 13. And for the benefit of the Board, I will show 11, 12, and 13. Mr. Abdul, did you take these pictures?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, I did.
MS. HIRAO: What are they pictures of?
MR. MOUHSSINE: The interior of 1065.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. Board members, I would like to introduce Exhibits 11 through 13 as Applicant's Exhibits --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why don't you have him identify the documents first and then once he has identified the documents and testified, then you can ask to move them into evidence.

MS. HIRAO: Sure. Mr. Abdul, can you tell me what Exhibits 11, 12, and 13 are?

MR. MOUHSSINE: That's the interior of 1065 building.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. It's the interior of 1065 first floor?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Main floor, yes.
MS. HIRAO: First floor. And it's the dining area?

MR. MOUHSSINE: The dining area.
MS. HIRAO: And these photos are photos that you've taken yourself?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. I move to introduce, move into evidence Exhibits 11 through 13.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have no objections, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
MS. HIRAO: Pardon me. It's 10 through 13. Okay, can you tell me as far as what $10,11,12$, and 13 are as are as description? Let's first focus on 10. When a customer enters into the restaurant, who do they see?

MR. MOUHSSINE: The host.
MS. HIRAO: The host.

MR. MOUHSSINE: There is a host right in the entrance.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And let's go to number 11. What is this a picture of?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's the exit on 1065.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. And then let's go to Exhibit Number 12. Can you tell me where the kitchen is in relation to the bar?

MR. MOUHSSINE: The kitchen is right behind the bar. It's a see-through glass.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And your bartenders, how many bartenders do you have, and do they possess an ABC manager's license?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, we do have two bartenders and they all possess ABC license.

MS. HIRAO: What type of alcoholic beverages do you primarily serve? Is it beer and wine?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's a full-service restaurant. A full-service bar.

MS. HIRAO: Let's go to Exhibit Number 13. Is Exhibit Number 13 typical of the setup for the restaurant? For 1065?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIROA: Okay. I would like for
you to take a look at Exhibits 14 through 23. Let me know when you reach 23.

MR. MOUHSSINE: To 23?
MS. HIRAO: Through 23, yes.
MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, these are photos of the 1063 building, first floor and second floor and summer garden.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. So let's go to 14. So 14, 14 is the ground floor or the second floor?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Ground floor.
MS. HIRAO: And then 15?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Still the ground floor.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And then 16?
MR. MOUHSSINE: 16 is still the ground floor.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And then 17 is what part of the building?

MR. MOUHSSINE: 17 is the ground floor of 1063.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And then 19? 19 and $18 ?$
monitor alcohol for these two floor locations?
MR. MOUHSSINE: There's always, like, waiters, and the manager is always present on the premises.

MS. HIRAO: If I didn't, and I'm tired right now, I would like to introduce Exhibits 14 through 23 as Applicant's Exhibits.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any objection, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: No. Could I suggest maybe we just go with the pictures that $I$ do object to, or does she want to continue?

MS. HIRAO: I'd like to continue.
MR. J. UHAR: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. What do you object to?

MR. J. UHAR: Just time.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What do you mean, time?

MR. J. UHAR: I don't have complaints against most of these interior pictures. I only have the complaints against pictures that show things that are not as they should be.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then once you cross-examine him, then you can ask him questions
about those pictures. So you can cross-examine him about those pictures, the time he takes it, and whatever concerns you have with them.

MR. J. UHAR: It's my understanding that 4:30

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Don't worry about that, sir.

MR. J. UHAR: Okay. Thank you. That was my concern.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I was just saying, we are doing this protest hearing so don't worry about the time.

MS. HIRAO: I'm sorry. Could we get a break as well? We had a request for maybe five-minute bathroom break?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not going to grant that request. You're in the middle of direct examination of a witness. So I apologize.

MS. HIRAO: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I'm not going to grant a break. We can take a break after the witness is done testifying, but not in the middle of the witness's testimony.

MS. HIRAO: All right.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.

MS. HIRAO: So, you have said that, let me see. Exhibits 19 is the second floor for 1063?

MR. MOUHSSINE: That is correct. MS. HIRAO: Okay. And we go to 20. MR. MOUHSSINE: Still the second floor of 1063 .

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Can we go to Exhibit 22 and 23? Can you describe those photos for me?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It is the summer garden of 1063.

MS. HIRAO: And how is this area monitored for alcohol?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Same as the main dining room. There's always a manager checking and there's always checking for IDs.

MS. HIRAO: Thank you. Okay, please go to Exhibits 24 through 32.

MR. MOUHSSINE: Would you like me to identify them?

MS. HIRAO: Yes, in the binder please.
MR. MOUHSSINE: 24 is the recycling bins, along with trash grease container. 24 is the close up picture of the recycling bins. 26
is the cardboard trash bin together in the same picture with the lids on. 27 is the picture dumpsters at nighttime. 28 is recycling bins and the grease container at nighttime as well.

MS. HIRAO: 29? Are those --
MR. MOUHSSINE: 29 is next door restaurant trash bin and recycling. MS. HIRAO: And then 30?

MR. MOUHSSINE: 30 is a view of our trash area and parking cars that doesn't belong to us.

MS. HIRAO: And 32?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Is the next door comparison between their trash and ours.

MS. HIRAO: And 32?
MR. MOUHSSINE: 32 is the close by building's trash.

MS. HIRAO: Did you take these photos?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: Exhibits 24 through 32?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIROA: And do you recall
approximately when you took these photos?
MR. MOUHSSINE: I can't recall
exactly, but it should be the daytime.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. But was it last week? Within the month?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would say maybe in a month or so?

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Let's go to 24. How does Il Canale, how can you tell that a trash bin is Il Canale's versus another restaurants'?

MR. MOUHSSINE: They all labeled Il Canale or GF, which stands for company's name.

MS. HIRAO: So I 'm looking at Exhibit
24. Do you see those labels on the bins?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. I'm going to go to 25. Do you see the labels on those bins as well?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Would you considered these bins rat proof?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: How often is trash picked up at this site?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Daily.
MS. HIRAO: Daily? And who is the trash company that picks it up?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Good Friends.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. And is this the
same for your linens? Are your linens picked up daily?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Linens are picked up daily, but different company. Alsco.

MS. HIRAO: And are your current linen bins rat proof?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, correct.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. Thank you. Could you describe the trash management procedures at Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Can you repeat that question?

MS. HIRAO: So when your staff throws trash out, what do they do? What are your instructions to your staff?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Trash bags are all sealed and when they dump it in the trash can, it has to be, the lid closed all the time.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And where does Il Canale keep all its trash bins? In the back? In the front?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Back alley.
MS. HIRAO: And do other businesses maintain their trash bins in the alley as well? MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.

MS. HIRAO: What type of businesses?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Restaurants.
MR. HIRAO: I see. And you mentioned that Il Canale does label its trash cans.

MR. MOUHSSINE: That is correct.
MS. HIRAO: How often is this trash area for Il Canale leaned?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's daily power washed.

MS. HIRAO: Would you say that your neighboring restaurants also maintain a clean trash area?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I wouldn't say they do it the same way.

MS. HIRAO: Let's go to Exhibit 29.
MR. MOUHSSINE: That's next door, Flavio restaurant's trash bins.

MS. HIRAO: And do you usually find the trash bins in this condition?

MR. MOUHSSINE: More often.
MS. HIRAO: Let's go to Exhibit 30. What is Il Canale's policy about staff parking in the alley?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We don't have staff parking for cars there.

MS. HIRAO: Is that your car there?
MR. MOUHSSINE: No, ma'am.
MS. HIROA: Or any staff car belonging to El Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: No, ma'am.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. Please go to Exhibit 31. What is this photo of?

MR. MOUHSSINE: The next door restaurant, unorganized trash bins and recycling bins.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And then 32? What is that a picture of?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's a bar in the vicinity of us, which is like the opposite side. It has trash cans as well.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. So I see, one of them, if you zoom in on it, that it is, oops. I can't do this. The trash lids are open. Is it your opinion that this attracts vermin to the area?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Absolutely.
MS. HIRAO: How far is this location from Il Canale in Exhibit 32?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would say about, like, eight feet.

MS. HIRAO: Eight feet? Okay.
MR. MOUHSSINE: Or maybe, I would say eight to ten feet.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. I notice that one of the exhibits shows a bin that is locked. Let me go back to Exhibit 27. Why is this bin locked?

MR. MOUHSSINE: To maintain that nobody else from the neighborhood dump their trash into there.

MS. HIRAO: Is this a frequent problem?

MS. MOUHSSINE: We've had issues before, yes.

MS. HIRAO: And do you take any other steps other than locking it to make sure your, your trash bins are not tampered with?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We monitor them like every hour or so with one member of our staff.

MS. HIRAO: And what are your procedures if you anticipate your trash to be filled to capacity?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We do hold it inside the property.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Does Il Canale have
complaints regarding trash maintained by other restaurants right now?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I didn't quite get the question, sorry.

MR. HIRAO: Are you happy with the way other restaurants maintain their trash?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Personally, no.
MS. HIRAO: Why is that?
MR. MOUHSSINE: It affects us as well. If the trash is not maintained very well, it do affect us.

MS. HIRAO: Does Georgetown have a rat problem?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, it does.
MS. HIRAO: Is Il Canale the cause for rats to come to the alley?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I don't think so. My personal time that I spend there, there is rats everywhere. Like, it is in the river, like in the C\&O Canal, due to the recent construction, there's a mass migration toward the street.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. I would like to have you go to Exhibits 33 through 36. Can you explain to the Board what these photos are of?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It is the rear part of

1065 and the alleyway.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you just name the exhibit when you describe it by number?

MS. HIRAO: Exhibit 33.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MS. HIRAO: And then what is Exhibit 34?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It is the same area with a different view.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. And I see a bin on the right-hand side. What is that?

MR. MOUHSSINE: That's a linen bin.
MEMBER SHORT: What?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Dirty linen bin.
MS. HIRAO: And then Exhibit 35?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Is the alleyway towards where we put the trash.

MS. HIRAO: And then Exhibit 36?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Is the view of the alleyway from the opposite side.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Did you take pictures for Exhibits 33 through $\mathbf{3 6}$ ?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. And how long ago did you take these pictures?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would say about a month.

MS. HIRAO: A month ago?
MR. MOUHSSINE: The whole pictures together or just specific pictures?

MS. HIRAO: Just 34 through 36.
MR. MOUHSSINE: I can't recall, but it's more recent.

MS. HIRAO: More recent?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. And how does your staff maintain the rear area of Il Canale?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It is daily power washed.

MS. HIRAO: Daily power washed?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Okay. Thank you. Okay. And then finally, let's go to Exhibits 37 through 39.

MR. MOUHSSINE: 37 is the view of the construction of the bridge, and 38 is the view for the construction sign on the opposite side of the sidewalk. 39 is a view of the actual construction that's going on on the bridge.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. That's it. 39. So

Exhibits 37 through 39, did you take these this photos?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: How long ago did you take these photos?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would say early this month.

MS. HIRAO: Would you say that since the construction started, you've seen an increase in rats?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, we do see them at the front of the restaurant.

MS. HIRAO: So I'd also like to ask you about Joe's character. Do you think that Joe is fit to carry a license? Describe Joe's character for me?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Joe is a person with rules and manner of experiences. He's really like a father to us at Il Canale.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. What's the concern, sir?

MR. J. UHAR: Well, I just wanted to finish the exhibits.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, as I said before --

MR. J. UHAR: I'm sorry.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- when she is done --

MR. J. UHAR: It seems discombobulated that she can interrupt me and that's okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but she has not, I've not allowed her to interrupt you.

MR. J. UHAR: Okay. That's fine.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You'll get a chance to cross-examine him and --

MR. J. UHAR: Well, I just wanted to stay on the exhibits. But fine.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, this is her presentation of her case, and then every document that he has testified to you will get an opportunity to examine him on that. Okay, sir.

MS. HIRAO: Okay, if I didn't already,
I'd like to introduce Exhibits 37 through 39 as Applicant's Exhibits.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any objection?
MR. J. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
MS. HIRAO: All right. I would like to ask you, well, strike that. I would like to reserve Mr. Abdul as a rebuttal witness later,
but --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you have an opportunity to call a rebuttal witness if there's something to rebut. So we don't need to reserve him. If there is an issue that you want, if you want to recall him as a rebuttal witness, then you'll have that opportunity.

MS. HIRAO: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any other questions for him?

MS. HIRAO: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your questions, you can ask him now, questions and his testimony, sir.

MR. J. UHAR: She didn't finish the rest of the exhibits.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's her right, sir. So you can only question her on the exhibits that are now in the record.

MR. J. UHAR: Oh, Okay. Thank you.
MS. HIRAO: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. Could we have that break?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I prefer not to have a break in the middle of someone testifying.

MS. HIRAO: However, this is a health
issue.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is it for you or is it for your client? Well, your client can leave. I understand. I mean, can your client take a break and we still move forward?

MS. HIRAO: I would prefer --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I would prefer not to, but if we need to take a break, fine. But I prefer not to take breaks in the middle of testimony.

MS. HIRAO: I've already contacted the Board that there could be health issues, which would require --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't have a problem with that. I don't have any problem with that. Okay, we'll take a five-minute, how long do you want a break for?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Five minutes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is my position, okay. I do not want to take breaks in the middle of a witness testifying.

I will take breaks once the witness is done testifying. I will accommodate whatever breaks are necessary, but I do not want to take breaks. But since you say, in this particular
case, we'll take a five-minute break.
But I'm not going to, we're not going to take, unless it's a dire emergency, I'm not going to take a break in the middle of a witness's testimony.

MS. HIRAO: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir? No, we're taking a break.

MR. J. UHAR: I know. I just wanted to know where she stopped with the exhibits. Which was the last exhibit?

MS. HIRAO: 39.
MR. J. UHAR: 39.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Take a five-minute break.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 3:39 p.m. and resumed at 3:46 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on the record. I'm sympathetic to whatever concerns. However, I don't have a problem taking breaks between witnesses if we have to. I prefer not to. But I can't take a break in the middle of -- the only time -- if your client is testifying and if he has an issue and needs to
take a break, fine. I will stop the hearing in the middle of his testimony. But if another witness is testifying, $I$ can't take a break in the middle of a testimony. That's not fair to the witness. So we need to finish the witness, and then we can take a break, okay? Go ahead, sir. This is your opportunity to cross-examine.

So she has a right to only, I don't how many documents or how many pictures are in the record, but the only ones that we had testimony on were the ones that are in the record. So you can only rely on the ones that she already presented.

MR. UHAR: Could I ask why? Because if - -

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's her choice, sir. So they're not in the record.

MR. UHAR: But if it's in the record --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But it's not in the record until I put them in the record. She disclosed them, but they're not in the record until --

MR. UHAR: Oh, okay. I thought she was trying to take stuff away from me, and then she takes away stuff --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: They're not -MR. UHAR: I'm good.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: They're not in the record until -- That's one of the records why she asked to move them in the record. I asked you if you have an objection. So if she hasn't, although it might be in her PIP, if she has not asked me to move them in the record, they're not a part of the official record.

MR. UHAR: So when it's my turn, I have to ask that everything be entered into the record?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Then you have to identify the document, you're going to try to move it into the record. I'm going to ask her if she has an objection. If she does, she'll give a reason, you'll respond, and then I will rule whether or not I'm going to allow it to move in the record or whether or not it's going to stay out. Okay?

MR. UHAR: Sure.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So now you can ask whatever questions you want, based on this testimony.

MR. UHAR: Yes. Hello, Abdul. We've
known each other for a long time.
MR. MOUHSSINE: Yeah, we do.
MR. UHAR: Did you work at the Alamo Grill of Georgetown?

MR. MOUHSSINE: No, sir.
MR. UHAR: Did you work at Fratelli la Bufala?

MR. MOUHSSINE: No, sir.
MR. UHAR: You said that there were no umbrellas and no heaters.

MR. MOUHSSINE: We don't possess any.
MR. UHAR: That's now, but did you ever have umbrellas and heaters in front of 1063 and 1065 31st Street?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We don't have any, though.

MR. UHAR: Did you have them? That's the question.

MR. MOUHSSINE: We don't have them now.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, ask the question, sir. The question is did you have them? Yes or no? Or you don't know?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, before.
MR. UHAR: Thank you. You report that there is one linen bin that's rat-proof, that
both linen bins are rat-proof. But if we were to go there today, would we see two rat-proof linen bins or only one rat-proof linen bin?

MR. MOUHSSINE: We possess one bin ratproof.

MR. UHAR: And one is --
MR. MOUHSSINE: And the other one is in process.

MR. UHAR: So it's in process.
MR. MOUHSSINE: I didn't say two, I said one.

MR. UHAR: You said your linen bins were rat-proof.

MR. MOUHSSINE: I said linen bin.
MR. UHAR: Do you charge the waitresses $\$ 20.00$ to laminate a menu?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I don't see that related to what we're talking --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, sir. That's not your call, sir. This is the way it's going to operate, okay? He's going to ask a question. If your attorney say object, you don't answer. Unless your attorney says objection, he asks a question, sir, you answer the question. If you can't answer the question, say I don't
know. You don't ask him questions, sir.
MR. MOUHSSINE: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
What's the question you asked, sir?
MR. UHAR: The question was is it Il
Canale policy to charge $\$ 20.00$ to the server staff for laminated menus?

MS. HIRAO: And this is where I jump in to say objection.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the nature of your objection?

MS. HIRAO: Irrelevance. What's the relevance to lamination with respect to the service and sale of alcohol?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Objection sustained. Ask a different question.

MR. UHAR: Okay. Exhibit 1. Do you want to go back and show Exhibit 1?

MS. HIRAO: Exhibit 1. Here we go.
MR. UHAR: Exhibit 1 shows the window treatments. This is a recent picture, correct?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Correct.
MR. UHAR: But that's after the window treatments were removed, correct?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Correct.

MR. UHAR: And those seating arrangements, you contend that these are ABRA approved with four-tops along the way?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Based on my knowledge, yes.

MR. UHAR: Moving to Exhibit 2. That stand that this man is sitting at, was that ABRA approved and CFA approved? Is that a CFA approved --

MS. HIRAO: Objection. What does he mean by ABRA approved? He needs to provide a little bit more information about that.

MR. UHAR: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Objection sustained.

MR. UHAR: So the question is ABRA approved --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sustained, yeah, so rephrase your question, sir.

MR. UHAR: Okay. The ABRA and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the ANC have to approve outdoor things. Is this thing approved by ABRA and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts to the best of your knowledge?

MS. HIRAO: Objection. Mr. Abdul is a
manager at the restaurant and is not intimate with the regulations with seating.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I don't know that. That's for him to answer. He can say - I don't know that, so I'm going to sustain the objection. Let him answer. He can say I don't know. I don't know what he knows. He's been the manager of the restaurant, so maybe he has intimate knowledge. I don't know. So that's a question that can be asked, and so you either answer the question yes or no, whether or not if you know the answer, sir.

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would answer that is not my area of expertise.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Fine, next question.

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 3. This is 1063 31st Street?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Correct.
MR. UHAR: And these are the unapproved window treatments that remain?

MS. HIRAO: Objection.
MR. UHAR: In other words --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, let me ask -- all right, all right. I don't know
whether or not they're approved or unapproved so --

MR. UHAR: I'll rephrase the question.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
MR. UHAR: The difference that we see in the windows between 1063, which is what we're looking at in Exhibit 3, and the window treatments that we see in Exhibit 1, is that a recent change to the structure of Exhibit 1?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Can you rephrase the question, please?

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 1 is the recent -Did Exhibit 1's windows used to look like Exhibit 3's windows?

MS. HIRAO: Objection. Again, what is the relevance with this line of questioning with respect to the service and sale of alcohol?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold on. This is why I'm going to sustain the objection. This is your exhibit. He's asking a question on the exhibit. Now I don't know why is it that you had entered the exhibit into evidence. I really don't know why you identified these documents. He has a right to ask questions about the exhibits, so I'm going to overrule your
objection based on he's asking a question about the exhibit.

He can ask whatever questions he can about the exhibit because it's an exhibit that you put into evidence. I don't know why it's in evidence, and it's up to the witness to testify. He can say I don't know, but he needs to answer the question.

MS. HIRAO: Shouldn't the question,
however --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, ma'am. I don't know why is it that you put all these document -- I don't know why all these pictures are in evidence. These are your documents. He's asking questions on your documents, and so therefore, you can't tell him what type of questions he's going to ask about your documents. So yes, he can ask questions about your documents. If the witness is unable to answer a question, that's up to the witness to say I don't know, $I$ can't answer, $I$ don't have the expertise. But he's asking a question.

I cannot tell him what type of questions he can or can't ask on the document that's already in evidence, because I don't know
why you put it in there. So you can ask your question, sir, and the witness is instructed to answer.

MR. UHAR: Did the windows in Exhibit 1 look like the windows in Exhibit 3 until recently?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's two different buildings.

MR. UHAR: But were the window treatments, did they look the same until recently?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I wouldn't say the same. I'm not a expert in that, but they look differently before.

MR. UHAR: But you were probably there when they took down -- they made Exhibit 1 look like it is today, right?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I'm not sure $I$ was able to give the reason. I don't know what you're talking about.

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 4. We see that
stairway. Doesn't DCRA say that --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. What stairway? Am I not seeing it --

MR. UHAR: Okay, well, there's --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm not seeing it.

MR. UHAR: You'll see steps in Exhibit 4.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, there are steps there?

MR. UHAR: Yeah, there are steps in Exhibit 4.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, go ahead, all right.

MR. UHAR: According to DDOT, the floor of a sidewalk café must be at the same elevation as the existing surface space in order for the floor of the sidewalk café to be at grade. A floor may be constructed if it is less than 18 inches --

MS. HIRAO: Objection. He's
testifying. I don't even know what he's reading.
MR. UHAR: I'm asking --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. He's not an attorney, so I'm going to give him some leeway. So what $I$ need you to do, sir, is to ask a question, not necessarily to testify, but try to ask him instead of what you're doing. Try in the form of a question what you're asking him,
sir.
MR. UHAR: Is the steps shown in Exhibit 4 at grade with the restaurant?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Can you rephrase the question, please?

MR. UHAR: It's true that you have to walk up two steps to get into 1063? That the floor of the restaurant is not at the same grade as the sidewalk café?

MR. MOUHSSINE: That's correct.
MR. UHAR: Thank you. Moving on. Exhibit 22, well, let's take Exhibit 22 and 23. Your permit for a summer garden is for 150 seats? MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.

MR. UHAR: How many seats would say are there?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I'd say about 28.
MR. UHAR: Thank you. Exhibit 29 and Exhibit 31.

MR. MOUHSSINE: Do you say 29 to 31?
MR. UHAR: 29 and 31. What is the relevance of what Flavio does with what Il Canale does?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Can you rephrase the question, please?

MR. UHAR: Actually, strike it. Let's move on to Exhibit 33 and 34. Was this a recent development, this picture?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MR. UHAR: If we were to have taken a picture before Labor Day of this year, would it have looked the same?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I don't recall the exact chronology.

MR. UHAR: Well, there used to be a shed here, is that correct?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It's not there anymore.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, okay. He asked you a question. He said to you, did there used to be shed there? If you don't know, say I don't know. If one was never there, say I don't know. But you can't say it's not there anymore, okay, sir? So listen to the question he asks you and please answer his question. If you can't answer the question, say $I$ can't answer the question, but $I$ don't want you to say, there's not one there anymore. That's not a response to the question, okay, sir?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
listen to the question that's being asked and answer the question.

MR. MOUHSSINE: Can you ask the question again, please?

MR. UHAR: Does this picture show -this is an after-picture after a shed was removed, is that correct? 33 and 34 , there used to be a shed on these?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes.
MR. UHAR: Thank you. Moving on to Exhibit 36.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
MR. UHAR: Those windows up above, were those recently installed?

MR. MOUHSSINE: They've been there all the time. If you're talking about the top floor?

MR. UHAR: Those windows have been there all the time?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I believe so, best of my knowledge.

MR. UHAR: How about those -- you see on the right-hand side where those beams are that are in the alley, as well as --

MR. MOUHSSINE: What exhibit is that?
MR. UHAR: We're still on Exhibit 36.

You can see where the outdoor sidewalk café was cut away, right? The summer garden?

MS. HIRAO: Objection. There's no outdoor sidewalk café designated on here.

MR. UHAR: I stand corrected.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so --
MR. UHAR: Can I rephrase?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
MR. UHAR: We see hanging off the wall below the windows, we see these beams coming out, correct?

MR. MOUHSSINE: Correct.
MR. UHAR: And along the alley?
MR. MOUHSSINE: Yes, correct.
MR. UHAR: That is a public alley and those were recently cut away, correct?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I would say that they were cut away, but I'm not an expert to say stuff like --

MR. UHAR: Within the last year.
MR. MOUHSSINE: I believe so, yeah.
MR. UHAR: Thank you. Exhibit 37, again, this is 1065 to the left and 1063 to the right, but the windows used to look the same, correct?

MS. HIRAO: What is the question?
MR. UHAR: If the win--
MS. HIRAO: If it's 1063 or 1065, or is
it the windows?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think as a point of clarification he tried to give the address and then he asked the question did the windows look the same.

MR. UHAR: Until recently. It looked more like 1063 up until recently, is that correct? The window treatments?

MR. MOUHSSINE: The exact same?
MR. UHAR: No, not exact, not exact, but I mean, it was the same window treatment, the same boxy thing as opposed to now we just have the original historic windows.

MS. HIRAO: I don't understand the question.

MR. UHAR: This has to do with the United States Commission of Fine Arts.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you have an objection, you raise an objection. That's not up to you to say you don't understand the question. That's up to the witness. Say if you have an objection on the phraseology --

MS. HIRAO: Objection on the phraseology of the question posed to the witness. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I understand the question, so I'm going to --

MS. HIRAO: I don't know. He kept on going on and on and on and on.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to overrule the objection, so let the witness answer the question if he can. Do you have an answer, sir?

MR. UHAR: Again, 1065 to the left used to look like 1063 to the right, window-wise, correct? On the second-floor?

MR. MOUHSSINE: It used to look different.

MR. UHAR: Yes, 1065 used to look different?

MR. MOUHSSINE: 1065 looked different than that one.

MR. UHAR: Yes, 1065 used to look like 1063, is that correct?

MR. MOUHSSINE: I'm not expert.
MR. UHAR: That's good. That's all.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions by the board members of this witness? Do you need
to ask any follow-up?
MS. HIRAO: Nope.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
-- how do you pronounce the last name?
MR. UHAR: Can I ask one more question?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have lost your opportunity, sir.

MR. UHAR: Okay, sorry.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have lost your opportunity. That's why you have to make sure when you ask questions, because then if she had asked a question, maybe, but you have lost your opportunity. So your name is Mr. Farru --

MR. MOUHSSINE: Abderrahman.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, I'm sorry. I wrote the wrong --

MR. MOUHSSINE: My short name is Abdul.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Abdul, thank you very much for your testimony. You can step down.

MR. MOUHSSINE: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we have another witness?

MS. HIRAO: Yes, we do.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How many more
witnesses do you have?
MS. HIRAO: Three more.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: About how long do you believe that each witness?

MS. HIRAO: Maybe 20 minutes each.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Twenty minutes each.

MS. HIRAO: Maybe less.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just remember you have 90 minutes to do your case, and I'm not quite --

MS. HIRAO: I'm trying to --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I'm not quite sure how other -- I wasn't keeping track, but $I$ think that we are -- all right. So who's your second witness?

MS. HIRAO: I'd like to call Giuseppe Farruggio to the stand.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, Mr. Farr--
MR. FARRUGGIO: Farruggio.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Farruggio. Over the last couple of weeks I've been here, I have beginning to learn some interesting pronunciation of names. I'll just say it that way. Here, raise your right hand, sir. Do you swear or
affirm to tell the truth and nothing but truth?
MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Have a seat. Please pull the microphone to you and speak, and please speak in the microphone, sir. So pull the microphone closer to you, please. You can pull it to you. You don't have -- yeah, you can pull it, yes. Your witness, ma'am.

MS. HIRAO: Good evening. Can you state your full name for the record and spell it?

MR. FARRUGGIO: My name is Giuseppe Farruggio, F-A-R-R-U-G-G-I-O.

MS. HIRAO: And where do you reside?
MR. FARRUGGIO: 3602 Prospect Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

MS. HIRAO: Can you tell the board about your restaurant experience?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Who is he?

MS. HIRAO: Ah, $I$ will get into that.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But no. That's how we start off with it, so who is he? I mean, you first --

MS. HIRAO: Got it. How are you related to Il Canale?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I am the owner of Il Canale, the founder.

MS. HIRAO: Can you tell us about your restaurant experience?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I have about close to 50 years' experience in the restaurant business. I came in from Italy in 1970 when I was about 16 and a half, and started working at a pizzeria in New York, and I'm still in it.

MS. HIRAO: Do you own other restaurants in D.C. other than Il Canale?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, I also own the 90Second Pizza on Wisconsin Avenue.

MS. HIRAO: Do they hold an alcoholic beverage license at 90 ?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No, no.
MS. HIRAO: 90 Pizza? And how about in Virginia? Do you own another restaurant? MR. FARRUGGIO: Yeah, also I own a restaurant with my family called Joe's Place Pizza and Pasta. There we have beer and wine. MS. HIRAO: How long have you owned Il Canale?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Ten years.
MS. HIRAO: Tell me about Il Canale's
neighborhood.
MR. FARRUGGIO: Il Canale is a commercial and residential neighborhood, you know, pretty much down the street is more residential in the middle, I would say. In the back it's commercial/residential. I think everything is pretty much commercial/residential, but there's some people live there, some people doesn't, you know.

MS. HIRAO: What was the neighborhood like when you took over Il Canale?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I think the neighborhood was a little run down, especially, you know, there is the beautiful hotel across the street right now. It used to be an empty office building. The restaurant next door was a dancing bar and place. When I took over, you know, it was a pretty run down restaurant.

MS. HIRAO: Would you describe the neighborhood now as blighted and run down?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I don't think so. I think the neighborhood is a blessing. The traffic, $I$ think brought a lot of people to come to 31st Street, and it's beautiful people. They come around and enjoy the family and the friends
and tourists. No, I think I've been an asset to the neighborhood.

MS. HIRAO: Can you describe the type of food that you serve at the restaurant?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes. I'm a pizza maker for pretty close to 50 years, and I want to make the best pizza in the world, and that's what I'm doing. We came number 4 in Las Vegas in the world. As Abdul expressed, we are one of the 70 best restaurant and pizzeria in the world. That gives me, you know, a lot of pride and to -- and I have to do better. I keep have to do better.

MS. HIRAO: You have to do better.
MR. FARRUGGIO: Because my customer, they are beautiful and I want to give more.

MS. HIRAO: And let me see, hold on for a second. How often are you on-site at Il Canale?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Pretty much every day. I'm usually there in the morning or in the evening.

MS. HIRAO: And when you are on-site, what do you do at the restaurant?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I do what I know how to do, what, you know, I've done all my life. Make
sure that the restaurant is clean, first, and then my employees are doing the job, following the recipes and check and test the product. I eat a lot of pasta because they make me taste it, you know. I pretty much oversee the whole operation and talk to my managers or my GM.

MS. HIRAO: Can you tell me about your staff, the number of managerial staff at Il Canale?

MR. FARRUGGIO: We have four managers, and one of them is the GM, which has been with me about six months, five months, but she's still in training.

MS. HIRAO: How many ABC managers do you have at Il Canale right now?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Three.
MS. HIRAO: Can you tell us about your reset policy at Il Canale? What does that mean? Reset?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Reset, oh, okay.
MS. HIRAO: Yes.
MR. FARRUGGIO: Reset is something that I like to use it. But the end of the night, before we close the door, we have to clean and put everything in place. Let's say you move a
pot and a pan and then you cook with it or whatever, you put it back the way it was, in the condition it was in the morning. And that gets done outside and inside. So press wash the kitchen so there's no food left in the floor and, you know, yeah.

MS. HIRAO: And we talked about trash with Mr. Abdul. How did you find your rat-proof bins? Was it a difficult task?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yeah, you know, we had to do some research. You know, we got the trash company to get the right ones.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you speak up?

MEMBER SHORT: Closer to the microphone.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, you're talking to us, not to her.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Oh. She's asking the question.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She's asking the question, but $I$ know that she's the attorney, but we're the ones --

MR. FARRUGGIO: Sorry, sorry. I
(Simultaneous speaking.)

MS. HIRAO: Okay, and you instruct your staff to clean the trash area every day?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, yes, to press wash it every day, make sure that they close and keep it inside the restaurant. The manager opens the door, they put the trash out, they put them in the bin, and they come in and we arm the doors. All the doors in the back, they're all armed.

MS. HIRAO: Why do you require your staff to take photos of the trash at the close of each day?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Because I want to make sure, because you know, I knew that we were closing the bin, but then I was told that the bins were open in the morning. And I just wanted to make sure that I left the right staff who would not do that, because people would go and put other stuff in and I would get blamed for it.

MS. HIRAO: Who is Il Canale's pest control company?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Orkin.
MS. HIRAO: Orkin? And what's your opinion about Georgetown's rat problem?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I think, you know, we all know what the problem is. I can only do what

I can do to clean my area. I think that it's been a problem and it is always going to be a problem, you know. Yes, it's a problem. It's been a problem. I think it's a lot cleaner in the area, a lot cleaner than it used to be, but still with the activity of the bridge, for some reason they popping from the front now at 31st Street.

MS. HIRAO: And you're talking about the 31st Street Bridge construction?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: I'd like for you to take a look at Exhibit 39. Is this the bridge construction you're talking about?

MEMBER SHORT: It's also over the top of your head, sir.

MS. HIRAO: It's on the screen? Giuseppe, it's on the screen.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Ah, okay.
MS. HIRAO: Can you see it?
MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes. Yes, that's the construction I'm talking about.

MS. HIRAO: And is that close by to Il Canale?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.

MS. HIRAO: Is this the front of the construction site?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Your neighbors say that Il Canale is the cause of the rat problems. How do you respond to this?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Well, I think it's not true. I'm not responsible for -- put Il Canale there, but I'm not responsible to have the rats in there. No way I would assume that responsibility.

MS. HIRAO: Have you been convicted of any felony?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No.
MS. HIRAO: Have you had your ABC
license revoked?
MR. FARRUGGIO: No.
MS. HIRAO: Did you know that the Uhars are real estate brokers?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: How did you meet the Uhars?
MR. FARRUGGIO: In the beginning, you know, I think until a couple of years ago, we had I'd say a good neighbors relationship. We talked, you know. I would get there in the
morning, and in the afternoon he'd walk out of the house and I was working out of the restaurant and we would chat. I like real estate, I enjoy talking about real estate, commercial especially, and we had some great conversation about it.

MS. HIRAO: He was a good friend and neighbor?

MR. FARRUGGIO: He was a friend. You know, he has some bees at his farmhouse. He brought me the honey. I miss that, you know, because now it's like everything I do is no good, you know. I cannot become that person, he makes me.

MS. HIRAO: Did you send a cease and desist letter to John Uhar through your attorney? MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.

MS. HIRAO: Why is that?
MR. FARRUGGIO: Because John had got out of control, you know. He will call the health department inspection, he will call fire, he will call all inspectors that the city has at its disposal and send them, you know, four or five times. And I got to the point that I put all my permits in a box. An inspector will come in and I'll say, look for what you need, you
know. Every time I say why are you here, they say somebody called, a neighbor.

MS. HIRAO: Was there an incident where John Uhar entered your restaurant and screamed at your patrons?

MR. FARRUGGIO: That's one -- then yes, many times he will come in and, you know, get angry at my employees and tell them, you know, you can't do this, you can't do this. And then at times he will walk in the restaurant shouting with my management and disturb my beautiful customers. They don't need to be disturbed by anybody, not just him. I would defend that all the time.

MS. HIRAO: Did any of your staff report that they felt threatened?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes. One time, my GM at the time, he had called me and says he's here again, he's acting crazy. I said call the police, you know, and the police were called.

MS. HIRAO: Have any of your kitchen staff report that they felt threatened, that they didn't want to work there anymore?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, yes.
MS. HIRAO: Do you feel threatened by
him?
MR. FARRUGGIO: I do, I do. This person comes out sometime with eyes almost coming out his ear, and he just screams at me. Like, you are fake, you do all these illegal things. You've got to do the same things everybody else. You obey by the rules, and I do obey by the rules. I do not have any citation. I have a license for everything. I do my job. I consider myself and two other people that I'm an elite in the restaurant business, like elite sport players.

I've been doing this for 50 years. I'm 66 years old. I'm not here to, you know, do anything. I don't need to, you know.

MS. HIRAO: Do you feel that this is more personal rather than a valid peace order and quiet allegation?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I think so, I think so, I think so. You know, the last six months has been the worst. All my blood, I did my blood work about a month ago. It's all wacky. I n ever had, I'm really healthy, I'm a runner. I smoke a cigar here and then. I don't drink, and I'm pretty healthy. But all my health is all
wacky. My wife, I go home, and she says again and I received another email or another text message from my lawyer or from a neighbor that told me about it, and it gets right in my stomach, you know. It gets under my skin for no reason.

MS. HIRAO: Do you feel like he's harassing you?

MR. FARRUGGIO: All the time, all the time, and yes, all the time.

MS. HIRAO: Can you go to Exhibit 55 in the binder, please? Yeah, I'll go to 55. My apologies. This is blurry. I'd like for you to go to the binder, 55. Did you find it?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Do you recognize that

## letter?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I am not a good reader. Mr. Griffin? Yes. I --

MS. HIRAO: Can you just --
MEMBER SHORT: Into the microphone, into the microphone.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, I identify the letter. I had to hire a zoning lawyer because, you know, it had to do with zoning. He just
claimed that, you know, everything was, you know, run it by him. And through all this harassment I had with my employees and with my management, I had a lawyer to say, you know, send a letter. Let him know that we can't go on like this.

MS. HIRAO: So this letter was sent out to stop the harassment?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, it's already began. It already was going on, and it was accelerating.

MS. HIRAO: I have no more questions.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any questions you want to ask, sir?

MR. UHAR: Yes. Mr. Farruggio, did you own Fratelli La Bufala, or were you just the landlord for Fratelli La Bufala?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I was a silent investor.

MEMBER SHORT: Into the microphone, please, in front of you.

MR. UHAR: I'm sorry. You were a silent investor in Fratelli La Bufala?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MR. UHAR: I seem to recall you being involved in every aspect of Fratelli La Bufala
and complaining about your partners.
MS. HIRAO: Objection, testifying.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, hold on. I'm going to sustain the objection, but not because he's testifying, because it's not relevant. I don't understand why. It's not relevant to -- I didn't hear any testimony under direct on that issue. Also, sir, when you ask questions in cross-examination, it's based on his testimony. So if he didn't testify to whatever you're asking to, you can't ask questions that are not necessarily things he testified against. I'm sorry, not against, that he testified about.

MR. UHAR: It's your testimony here today that you've satisfied all legal requirements for an outdoor sidewalk café at 1063 and 1065 31st Street?

MR. FARRUGGIO: What's the question, John?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you can't answer the question, ask him to rephrase. Do you not understand the question, sir?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I wonder if he asks me if I have the permit for the outdoor --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't think I
heard that. What was the question?
MR. UHAR: Yeah, he said that he's done everything according to the rules.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was the question you asked him?

MR. UHAR: The question is have you satisfied all legal requirements from the United States Commission of Fine Arts, DDoT, DCRA, the ANC, and others in securing your outdoor sidewalk café for 1063 and 1065?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, because I have a license.

MR. UHAR: Does the existence of a license automatically mean that you have a valid permit?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I am no expert in that, Johnny. I hire a lawyer to help me to get the seating outside, and after about a year, it took about a year and we got it.

MR. UHAR: When did you get your first outdoor sidewalk café permit?

MS. HIRAO: It's in the record.
MR. FARRUGGIO: It's in the record, yeah. I don't remember.

MS. HIRAO: Objection.

MR. UHAR: No, it's material.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ask the question again, sir. You asked the question.

MR. UHAR: Can he read it back? I'm getting confused.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't think he can verbatim read something back. No, all right, the reason $I$ 'm saying -- it can't be it's in the record. So you either object, but not in the record. So if he's asking a question, he asks a question, if the witness doesn't know the answer, he doesn't answer. So that's what I'm saying. She interrupted by saying it's in the record, and she shouldn't have. The attorney can only say object and tell me, not they can't answer the question. So that's why I'd asked you to ask the question again. But let's move on and see where it goes from there.

MR. UHAR: Mr. Farruggio, did you have a permit for the shed on Lot 0842 in Square $1198 ?$

MS. HIRAO: Objection, relevance. The shed is not part of the ABC licensed establishment, and there is a board order that denies that.

MR. UHAR: Could I object. It is a
part of it, and you'll see it in the record. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. You're saying that the shed is not what?

MS. HIRAO: The shed is not part of the ABC licensed establishment. I believe it's Lot 84, and the board has issued an order denying a motion for reconsideration for Louise Sagalyn being a protestant based on being an abutting property owner. And in that order, the board denied Louise Sagalyn's standing as an abutting property owner because she was claiming that being next to Lot 842 was the basis that she should be a protestant in the case, and the board disagreed.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so the board said that the shed is not a part of the license? MS. HIRAO: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, so I'm going to --

MR. UHAR: Well, I want to ask, did you have a shed on Lot 842 in Square 1198?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MR. UHAR: Did you build across the public alley behind me?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No.

MR. UHAR: What was that construction that was behind us that we had?

MS. HIRAO: Objection, what's the relevance to this line of questioning with respect to sales and service of alcohol at Il Canale?

MR. UHAR: That's not my question. My question is illegal activities without permits.

MS. HIRAO: But it has to have relevance.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well --
MS. HIRAO: And there's no --
MR. UHAR: Subject to 25301, it's very relevant.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't really know where we're going here, so I'll give him some leeway, but there has to be some point. I don't --

MR. UHAR: Well, he says that he's gotten permits for all --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's one of the reasons why I'm allowing you, but because -so I heard that testimony, I'll give you some leeway, but I'm not quite sure -- I'll give you some leeway, but I don't want to spending this
entire hearing trying to figure out whether he has had illegal permits for whatever. I'm not aware of that. As far as the board is concerned, he's asked to renew his license. He has provided us with the proper permits from --

He has a Certificate of Occupancy or whatever. He has the certificate that he requires from the District top operate his business. So as far as the board is concerned, I mean, I believe he has met that threshold. But I am not going to go into whether or not he has done illegal construction, because that's not relevant to this hearing. So I'll give you some leeway, but I mean, we can't go into, okay, when did you get your first permit, because that's just going a little bit too far afield.

MR. UHAR: Okay, understood. Do you think the rodents have gotten better since the shed was removed? I'm not asking about the liquor license. Did you store materials in a shed on Lot 0842?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, I had -- There's some stuff that $I$ store there, yes. Metal stuff or, you know, box.

MR. UHAR: Did you store linen bins?

MR. FARRUGGIO: There was a linen bin there, yes.

MR. UHAR: Did you store chemicals?
MR. FARRUGGIO: They're not there, Johnny, anymore. They're not there. That was a long time ago, you know, a year ago, six months ago. I removed it because you wanted me to.

MR. UHAR: You talk about the cease and desist letter that was given to me, and you claim that I was calling the agencies. Is it your contention that you've never received a violation from the D.C. Fire Department?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I received a violation from D.C. Fire Department.

MR. UHAR: Is it your contention that you have not received any citations from D.C.R.A.?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I don't have any right now. I do not have any citations standing at all, you know. Everything's been care of.

MR. UHAR: That's not the question, sir. Will the record show that you had four stop work orders this summer?

MR. FARRUGGIO: When are you talking about?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He said this summer.

MR. FARRUGGIO: This summer, yes.
MR. UHAR: What were those for?
MR. FARRUGGIO: One was -- it was all the same one, really, you know, for some neighbor, $I$ 'm not going to say, you know, John. Some neighbor called the inspector, said that I was working in the shed, which was not true. And then there was some window treatment in the front of the building, which $I$ had put in two and a half years before, and they said that it was illegal. And I removed them since then.

MR. UHAR: Again, on that cease and desist letter, you mentioned the D.C. Department of Health. Your attorney claims that I had called in the D.C. Department of Health, is that correct?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I said a neighbor.
That's what the health department told me, the lady. Every time $I$ ask an inspector, they say a neighbor, and they never penalized for it because I didn't have anything wrong.

MR. UHAR: Was there a article in City Paper saying that you scored a 66 out of 100 on

YELP for your health department?
MR. FARRUGGIO: I never saw it.
MR. UHAR: But is there one?
MR. FARRUGGIO: I don't know.
MS. HIRAO: Objection. Where is this going?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I don't read that paper.

MR. UHAR: Where it's going is, is that

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm listening, where, yeah.

MR. UHAR: Where it's going is, is that he talks about being a good neighbor. A good neighbor, and my exhibits will show this, but you put illegal umbrellas back in front of 1063.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. No, all right.

MR. UHAR: Okay, I can't do that, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There was an objection and the objection was about the health. MR. UHAR: I have a different question. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

MR. UHAR: We were good neighbors until

I asked Matteo to remove the illegal umbrellas in front of 1063 and 1065?

MS. HIRAO: Objection. He's asking the witness to speculate what a individual who's not here, what his frame of mind was. It has no relevance.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness testified that we were good neighbors. He had a farm for bees. He used to give me honey, and then something changed, so I don't know. So that's yeah, go ahead, ask the question. Answer the question. The testimony was that yeah, we were good neighbors, so I'm trying to find out since you brought it up, so he's trying to ask what changed. So answer the question, sir.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Me?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, you.
MR. FARRUGGIO: What's the question again?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He said, what was it you said? You were good neighbors until you --

MR. UHAR: We were good neighbors until Matteo called in a police report that you referenced. Is that correct?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Until about, you know, about the time of the Mr. Griffin in 2018.

MR. UHAR: I believe it was 6/9/18, or 6/12 the letter was written, 6/9/18 was when --

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yeah.
MR. UHAR: -- Matteo --
MR. FARRUGGIO: That's when I got it that there was issues with my neighbor. I did not know before because he was not -- I don't think he could be like that, you know. I'm like, what do you mean? Come on, I said to my manager. Give him a chance. He's maybe mad for something. Until, you know, really, really get out of line and that's when I got a zoning lawyer involved.

MR. UHAR: Mr. Farruggio, your zoning lawyer, in that letter, is there anything against the law for making a valid complaint about a restaurant or any establishment and the way it conducts its business?

MS. HIRAO: Objection. He's asking the witness to render a legal opinion. What's the relevance to this?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You put it in evidence.

MS. HIRAO: Sure, but he's asking him
to come to a legal conclusion.
MR. UHAR: It's not a legal conclusion.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You put the document in evidence to say that --

MS. HIRAO: If you look at the record, I didn't put it into evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you asked him questions about that document.

MR. UHAR: You submitted it after --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir. And so therefore, he's trying to make himself, from his perspective, so go ahead, answer the question, sir, if you can, about this letter and whatever is his interpretation of this letter. You know, when you put a document in evidence, the other side can ask whatever question it is on the document, because you opened the door. You opened the door by putting the document in there, so he has an opportunity to ask questions on the document that you put into evidence.

MS. HIRAO: You can ask questions about the document, but as far as someone else's frame of mind, that's pretty tenuous, especially with someone else not being here.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I've already
made my ruling. Answer the question about the document, sir. If the witness cannot answer the question, tell him that $I$ can't. That's not for you to answer. He can give whatever answer he can or can't, but he needs to give an answer.

MR. FARRUGGIO: In my knowledge, the way I knew my GM, and I think my GM would make a good judgment to either, you know, call the police or not call the police, and I stick with him. And at this point, you know, I support my manager because he was supporting, he's there every day and he knew what he was doing, you know.

MR. UHAR: Do you remember what time your manager called before making the police report?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I was not there, Johnny.

MR. UHAR: But you said he called you.
MR. FARRUGGIO: He called me before. I don't remember. No, I swear to God, I don't remember the time. I don't know where I was and if there was --

MR. UHAR: The other comments in the letter that your zoning attorney, Mr. Griffin,
swore out, is there any physical record or proof that $I$ ever went into your restaurant except that day, when $I$ was given the -- well, except that day, which followed with the police report? Is there any record that $I$ ever went in and talked to your employees and told them inside your building not to do certain things? Does Mr. Griffin have any evidence of that?

MR. FARRUGGIO: My manager report to me everything that's going on in the business, everything. I want to know everything that's going on, and he briefed me about it, pretty often at that time.

MR. UHAR: Did your manager tell you that the reason $I$ went in there was because the illegal umbrellas were back up?

MR. FARRUGGIO: We did not receive any summons to remove the umbrella. I didn't know that they were illegal. When $I$ put it up because it was sunny and I want to make my customer more comfortable, and I put the umbrella up. I saw them all over, and I'm, like, wow, let's get some umbrella. They look nice, they make Georgetown pretty, and so the customer can eat in the sun. That was my intention to put the umbrella in
there. It was not to do something illegal, the way you state it.

MR. UHAR: Did you have heaters as well as the umbrellas?

MR. FARRUGGIO: That was for the same convenience, for my customers.

MR. UHAR: Did you know that DDoT requires you to get an endorsement for an umbrella?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No, if I would, I would do something about it.

MR. UHAR: Did you know that the D.C. Fire Department requires you to get approval for heaters under the umbrellas?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No, I didn't know, really, because I see them all over. I still them, you know, across the street. The restaurant across the street still has the heater. I see them all over and I thought it was normal. I lived in Virginia at that time. I moved to D.C. about three years ago. I didn't know.

MR. UHAR: Do you know if D.C. ABRA requires you to get approval to have umbrellas in your sidewalk café?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I don't know.
MR. UHAR: Have I spoken to you since the cease and desist letter?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I couldn't talk to you anymore since then, Johnny. You've been really, really, really out of control. You know, we have to, you know, calm you down when we're at the neighborhood meeting and we agreed that you was going to make peace and you wasn't going to do anything, let me work. And I cleaned the place up the way everybody, all the other neighbors, they were happy. You're the only one left that you're not happy, because for some reason you still have a resentment about my manager maybe treat you like the way you deserve to be treated. MR. UHAR: So it's your contention that Ms. Sagalyn is your friend now? MR. FARRUGGIO: I don't have any problem with her.

MR. UHAR: Well, she's been denied witness, but anyway. Do you still have the vacuum cleaner that you said you were going to remove?

MR. FARRUGGIO: It's been removed.
It's been removed.

MR. UHAR: If we were to go there today, it would be removed?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes, sir.
MR. UHAR: Can I take a picture later today and send to the --

MS. HIRAO: Objection. What does the vacuum have to do with this line of questioning, especially before the board that has to do with the alcohol license?

MR. UHAR: No, this is --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The question was asked and answered, and you missed that chance. The second question was --

MR. FARRUGGIO: I answered the question. I said no.

MR. UHAR: So it's your contention you have no vacuum --

MR. FARRUGGIO: I don't like, John.
MR. UHAR: No Zenex vacuum cleaner up there now?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No, I don't lie. When I say I'll do something, I do it. That's all I've got is my word.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there a question?

MR. UHAR: I'm thinking. Did Il Canale get its liquor license directly from Alamo Grill of Georgetown, as you attest?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MR. UHAR: There was no liquor license first granted to Fratelli la Bufala?

MS. HIRAO: What's the relevance to this line of questioning? Objection.

MR. UHAR: 25-301.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Which is what, sir? What's the relevance?

MR. UHAR: It's illegal to make a false statement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the false statement? I don't know.

MR. UHAR: He had a liquor license at Fratelli la Bufala.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I don't know that, so I'm going to sustain the objection. So let's move on.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Excuse me, I did not have a liquor license.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, there's no question on the table. Let's move on.

MR. UHAR: Do you know if ABRA has a
copy of your original lease agreement between yourself as 31st Restaurant and Alamo, Hossein Korshidi?

MS. HIRAO: Objection, relevance. What is this doing --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sustained, move on.

MR. UHAR: I think I'm done.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions by the board members? Yes, Mr. Short.

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Farruggio, good afternoon.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Good afternoon.
MEMBER SHORT: At this present time, what is your relationship with the ANC of your community?

MR. FARRUGGIO: I think it's good. We signed an agreement and we don't have no, that I know, any issues.

MEMBER SHORT: Okay, that's good. Do you have any outstanding violations? Any city code violations at this time?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No.
MEMBER SHORT: Is your Certificate of Occupancy up to date?

MR. FARRUGGIO: Yes.
MEMBER SHORT: How many Certificates of Occupancy do you have for that business?

MR. FARRUGGIO: We have two. We have one for each building, and also we have the third one upstairs. We have all the license upstairs, minor whatever else is required from District of Columbia.

MEMBER SHORT: And currently, are there any umbrellas or heaters?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No, no. Currently?
MEMBER SHORT: Currently, yes.
MR. FARRUGGIO: No.
MEMBER SHORT: And the testimony you gave about the construction on the canal, I might be aging myself right now, but 70 years ago there was a rat problem in Georgetown --

MR. FARRUGGIO: Still is.
MEMBER SHORT: -- when my dad used to work at a place called Foodmont on M Street. But I'll just say this, I bought my first car on 31st and $M$ Street. There used to be a car dealership, I think it's a theater now. But anyway, I'm very familiar with the community and --

MR. FARRUGGIO: What year was that? I
don't know.
MEMBER SHORT: I bought that car in 1965. Dodge 2500.

MS. HIRAO: Sharp-looking.
MEMBER SHORT: But at any rate, let's move on. But anyway, yeah, Georgetown has gone through a great transformation, and meanwhile I was trying to say what I know about the neighborhood, and I'm glad to see it the way it is now. I'm glad to see the work finally being done on the canal. I was a fireman for 33 years in this city, so I used to work at Engine 5 off of Dent Place, back off the Boulevard, 29 Engine and Engine 1 on M Street. So I'm very familiar with Georgetown, and I'm just glad to see that we have --

MR. FARRUGGIO: I love Georgetown. I live there. I do business there. I'm in love. MEMBER SHORT: Well, you testified -Where do you currently reside?

MR. FARRUGGIO: At Prospect Street and 36th.

MEMBER SHORT: Can I ask you what caused you to move back from Virginia to Prospect Street?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No, no, she didn't request. I'm on my second marriage, and my wife, she's from Italy. In Virginia, you need transportation, cars, you know. So I bought a house in Georgetown so she could be more free to move around in the city.

MEMBER SHORT: And lastly, this is the last question, because this board has seen recently a lot of folks who have problems with D.C. taxes. Do you have any problems with D.C. taxes or with the Office of Tax and Revenue?

MR. FARRUGGIO: No.
MEMBER SHORT: Thank you very much for your testimony. That's all I have, Mr. Chair. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Short. Any other questions by any of the board members? Do you have any follow-up questions to him based on the questions Mr. Short asked? Based on the questions Mr. Short asked.

MR. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any follow-up questions to him based on the questions that were asked by Mr. Short?

MS. HIRAO: I do not.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very
much for your testimony, sir. You can step down. Do you have another witness?

MS. HIRAO: Yes, Italo Rodriguez, please.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Rodriguez. Raise your right hand, please. Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I do.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Have a seat, and make sure you pull the microphone to you, sir.

MS. HIRAO: Please state your full name for the record and spell your name. MR. RODRIGUEZ: Dagoperto Italo Rodriguez.

MS. HIRAO: Go ahead.
MR. UHAR: Over there, yeah, talk to them.

MS. HIRAO: Talk to them.
MR. RODRIGUEZ: D-A-G-0-P-E-R-T-0, second name is Italo I-T-A-L-0, last name Rodriguez R-0-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. MS. HIRAO: And where do you currently reside?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: 3212 P Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.

MS. HIRAO: How long have you resided at this location?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Fifteen years.
MS. HIRAO: What's your current occupation?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm a general contractor, real estate developer in Washington, D.C., and also I own a boutique hotel next to Il Canale.

MS. HIRAO: How long have you been a general contractor and real estate developer?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: General contractor, I've been 35 years plus, and developer 15 years.

MS. HIRAO: Are you the owner of Georgetown House, located at 1061 31st Street NW?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I am.
MS. HIRAO: Do you own other hotels?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: No.
MS. HIRAO: How long have you owned this hotel?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I would say two years plus.

Georgetown House?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: It's a 10-rooms hotel, I would say boutique, small.

MS. HIRAO: What type of guests stay at your hotel?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Family, tourists, basically that, a lot of Europeans.

MS. HIRAO: How often do you visit your hotel?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Every day. I go every day to check around the surrounding, talk to the managers, and check, you know, also and talk to the people that clean the hotel, the rooms.

MS. HIRAO: How do your guests arrive at your hotel?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mostly by taxi, Uber, walking, buses.

MS. HIRAO: Is parking an issue for your guests in 31st Street area?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Not at all.
MS. HIRAO: Please describe the neighborhood where your hotel is located.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: It's on 31st Street. I would say it's a high-end street with a lot of foot traffic.

MS. HIRAO: SO definitely not a blighted neighborhood?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, not at all.
MS. HIRAO: Is 31st Street NW a safe street?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: It is.
MS. HIRAO: And is your hotel located next to a restaurant named Il Canale?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: It is.
MS. HIRAO: Are you an abutting property owner to Il Canale?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Are you familiar with Il
Canale as a restaurant?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: I am.
MS. HIRAO: Describe the restaurant for me based on your experiences.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Well, it's a familyowned Italian restaurant. I know the owner. When I first came to 31st Street, I had the pleasure to meet him. At first $I$ was a customer, and then we became very close friends. I refer all my customers to Il Canale. I love their managers, I love the environment of Il Canale. I'm very proud to be on 31st Street.

MS. HIRAO: How often do you go to Il Canale?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Every day. Every day in the morning, $I$ stop by there and have my first cappuccino, every morning.

MS. HIRAO: Do you have any complaints the way Il Canale operates its business?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Not at all.
MS. HIRAO: Is it clean?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: Very clean.
MS. HIRAO: Do you have any complaints from your guests on how Il Canale manages its trash.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: They love it.
MS. HIRAO: Do you know where Il Canale keeps its trash containers?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, in the back, yes.
MS. HIRAO: Do other restaurants keep their trash behind, in the same area?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, there are a lot of other restaurants that keep trash in the back.

MEMBER SHORT: Can't hear you. Speak into the microphone.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry. Yeah, there is a lot of other restaurants that keep the trash
in the back.
MS. HIRAO: Do you have complaints about the noise generated by Il Canale by your guests or yourself?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: No.
MS. HIRAO: Do you find that Il Canale causes parking problems in the neighborhood?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: No.
MS. HIRAO: What impact do you think Il Canale has on the rat problem in Georgetown?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Zero.
MS. HIRAO: Do you find that you can walk in front of Il Canale without obstruction? You get your morning cappuccino every morning.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Of course, no obstruction.

MS. HIRAO: Does Il Canale have a negative impact on the environment of your neighborhood?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: No. Is a question?
MS. HIRAO: Yeah.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I thought the answer was no. Is there another question?

MS. HIRAO: So does Il Canale have a bad impact on your neighborhood?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, contrary, you know. It has a good impact, bring people again, you know, to 31st Street. It has a beautiful environment. The 31st Street is one of the most visit street in the area, in Georgetown.

MS. HIRAO: Would you consider it a destination location for tourists?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Of course.
MS. HIRAO: And locals?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: Of course.
MS. HIRAO: Are you aware that Il Canale has filed a renewal application for its alcohol license?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: In your opinion, is Giuseppe Farruggio fit to hold an alcohol license for Il Canale?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Of course.
MS. HIRAO: What is your opinion about his character?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Humble person, honest, love what he does. He treats people in the restaurant, his employee very well. A good friend and a better neighbor.

MS. HIRAO: Do you support Il Canale to
renew its license?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: Of course.
MS. HIRAO: Do you know the Uhar brothers, John and Roger?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: How do you know both of them?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I met them through a mutual friend when I -- I mean, she introduced me to them to buy the hotel that I own today.

MS. HIRAO: So they were your broker to sell --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can we -MS. HIRAO: Yes?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We only need to be talking about John.

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Was John Uhar your real estate broker --

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: -- in the purchase of Georgetown House?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: How did he assist you in the purchase of the property?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Well, you know, as any
real estate, they make the arrangement to get you in the property. He showed me the interior of the property. He showed me the surrounding. He is an experienced real estate agent, and being on the canal, you know, he said it's a great asset. I like him originally, you know, as a broker, and that's the reason why I used him.

MS. HIRAO: So did he tell you about the value of the neighborhood? Did he make any representation about the value of the neighborhood?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Of course, of course. I mean, you know, being on the canal and, I guess, you know, I don't know how many years he lives on the canal, but he explained to me that the property had a great value. And also being an historical property, it add more value to it.

MS. HIRAO: Did the Uhars walk you around the neighborhood while you were considering purchasing the Georgetown House?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Well, not only one time, several times, because, you know, I was there trying to figure out, you know, if it was a good fit for me.

MS. HIRAO: And during the time when
you were considering purchasing the Georgetown House, was Il Canale in operation?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Il Canale was in operation, yes.

MS. HIRAO: And was the existence of Il Canale, did it deter you from purchasing the property or the other way around?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Detour me? Explain that again, please?

MS. HIRAO: Did the presence of Il Canale make you hesitant about buying Georgetown House?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, it was the other way around.

MS. HIRAO: Other way around how?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: I mean, you know, a restaurant that brings people and keeps life to the street, you know, you can't go wrong. I mean, in any real estate the first thing they show you, in any real estate, they say, you know, you have great restaurant, great, you know, retail store and, you know, you can't go wrong. You cannot go wrong.

MS. HIRAO: Did John Uhar make any comments that Il Canale was a problem?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: No.
MS. HIRAO: Did you have a dispute with John with respect to the property you purchased?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Unfortunately, yes.
MS. HIRAO: What was the nature of the dispute?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: One day another, you know, we were friends. And one day another, he became my enemy.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to object to that. That's not relevant, so let's move on.

MR. UHAR: Thank you.
MS. HIRAO: I'm showing the relevance.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's up to you, too.

MR. UHAR: I object.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There -- I can understand if there are issues between the owner of Il Canale and Mr. Uhar for him to protest, but I don't know who this witness is, and I don't see his relationship --

MS. HIRAO: The purpose of showing this is to show habit of his bullying tactics to his neighbors, to people who are not friends with
him.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's not
relevant. Let's not go there. I'm not going to allow that, so let's move on. I don't want to know that. You're doing what you accused the witness of doing. I do not want to have a personal dispute. One of the reasons why I've always, and I'm going to say this now. It might be appropriate, but I'm saying it anyway. One of the reasons why I've always said to folks is I like folks to settle matters, because this is your neighbor.

At the end of the day, you two are going to be neighbors, irrespective of what decision that we make here today, you two still are going to be neighbors, and so I've always said to folks. But I'm not going to allow that, so let's move on, okay?

MS. HIRAO: Okay. Then I have no more questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You know, probably enough for another hearing. Do you have any questions?

MR. UHAR: No questions.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.

Any questions by any board members?
MEMBER SHORT: Just one.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.
MEMBER SHORT: Thank you for your compelling testimony. The question I would have is how many years totally have you been in Georgetown?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Fifteen years.
MEMBER SHORT: That's all I have, Mr. Chair, thank you. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very much for your testimony, sir. You can step down.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay, thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have another witness?

MS. HIRAO: Yes, last one.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is the witness?

MS. HIRAO: William Verno.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where's Mr. Verno? Can you raise your right hand, sir? Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth, but nothing but the truth?

MR. VERNO: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I
was told that your 90 minutes have expired. However, because our other hearing was canceled, so I'll give you some leeway. But basically you're out of time.

MS. HIRAO: I'm out of time?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's what I was told, that you have utilized your 90 minutes.

MS. HIRAO: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you can ask your question -- it's your witness, go ahead.

MS. HIRAO: Sure. State your full name and spell it for the record.

MR. VERNO: William Verno, W-I-L-L-I-AM.

MS. HIRAO: What is your occupation?
MR. VERNO: I'm a commercial property manager for RB Properties.

MS. HIRAO: What are your responsibilities as a commercial property manager?

MR. VERNO: I am oversight to everything concerning my seven-building portfolio, oversight of staff, tenants, construction and operations.

MS. HIRAO: How long have you worked at

RB Properties?
MR. VERNO: Going on 12 years.
MS. HIRAO: And where is your office?
MR. VERNO: Directly across the street from Il Canale.

MS. HIRAO: Do you hold other positions in addition to your commercial property management role at RB Properties?

MR. VERNO: I have a real estate license in Virginia, and I'm also on the board of the Georgetown BID of Directors. I'm on the Board of Directors for Georgetown BID.

MS. HIRAO: Are you testifying in your personal capacity?

MR. VERNO: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: Do you have any restaurant bars in the properties you manage?

MR. VERNO: Yes.
MS. HIRAO: What are the names of those restaurants?

MR. VERNO: Just recently until it just recently closed was Dyllan's Raw Bar and Grill in the building where we're at on 31st Street. Before that, it was the Sea Catch Restaurant that was there for 30 years. And we also have a
restaurant in our building on 2000 P Street, Pesce French restaurant, and also Dupont Pizza. MS. HIRAO: Have you become familiar with restaurant operations based on your property management experience?

MR. VERNO: Yes, very much so.
MS. HIRAO: How would you describe the 31st Street Georgetown neighborhood?

MR. VERNO: Excellent. We call it Little Italy in the end that we're at because we have three Italian restaurants at that end, plus another fast casual kabob restaurant. So it's a very pleasant place to be.

MS. HIRAO: Is it a blighted neighborhood?

MR. VERNO: Absolutely not.
MS. HIRAO: And how are you familiar with Il Canale?

MR. VERNO: I've seen it ever since I've been there for entire 11 years I've been there. I've seen it grow. I've seen it when it first started out to what it is now.

MS. HIRAO: And how do you know the owner, Joe Farruggio?

MR. VERNO: I introduced myself to Joe
when he had the first building, and we've become friends since. I've watched him turn into a staple in Georgetown.

MS. HIRAO: How often do you visit Il Canale?

MR. VERNO: I pretty much, I'm there saying hello to the staff outside and going to the establishment at least three to four times a week.

MS. HIRAO: And what is your opinion of the operations of the restaurant? Is it clean?

MR. VERNO: It's exemplary. It's an example of how to own and run a restaurant.

MS. HIRAO: Do you have any complaints about noise, parking?

MR. VERNO: Not at all.
MS. HIRAO: And are there rodent problems in Georgetown?

MR. VERNO: Yes.
MEMBER SHORT: What was the question?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there rodent problems?

MS. HIRAO: Let me --
MR. VERNO: In Georgetown? In all of D.C.

MS. HIRAO: Would you consider Il Canale the source of all rodent problems in Georgetown, especially in the 31st Street area?

MR. VERNO: No, in that context, no, absolutely not.

MS. HIRAO: Are you familiar where Il Canale keeps its trash bins?

MR. VERNO: Yes, I am.
MS. HIRAO: Where does he keep his trash bins?

MR. VERNO: In the rear.
MS. HIRAO: Do other restaurants store their trash bins near Il Canale?

MR. VERNO: Yes, there are several.
MS. HIRAO: By comparing Joe's Il Canale trash bins with others, what's your opinion about how Il Canale keeps its trash bins and cleanliness?

MR. VERNO: Very orderly, very clean, very tightly managed.

MS. HIRAO: Have you received complaints from your tenants about Il Canale?

MR. VERNO: Not at all. Actually, it's just the opposite.

MS. HIRAO: Does Il Canale's presence
deter the prospective tenants from coming to your office building?

MR. VERNO: No.
MS. HIRAO: Or setting up shop at your office building?

MR. VERNO: No, again, just the opposite.

MS. HIRAO: And how has the neighborhood changed since Il Canale has opened?

MR. VERNO: The neighborhood has evolved, and Il Canale has been a big part of its evolution into being a very established and a very well-liked neighborhood with quality restaurants to patronize and to spend an evening of dining and then shopping.

MS. HIRAO: And what is your opinion of Joe's character? Is he fit to hold a license?

MR. VERNO: Absolutely.
MS. HIRAO: No more questions.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any questions for him, sir?

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, sir.
MR. UHAR: I'm sorry, I forgot your name.

MR. VERNO: Bill Verno.
MR. UHAR: Bill. You've been in Georgetown for 12 years?

MR. VERNO: Twelve years.
MR. UHAR: Bill, you remember the Alamo Grill of Georgetown?

MR. VERNO: Just barely when I got here. I think it was open maybe six months before $I$ just got here. If I remember correctly, I just barely remember it.

MR. UHAR: Do you remember Fratelli La Bufala?

MR. VERNO: Yes.
MR. UHAR: Do you remember seeing Joe in front of Fratelli La Bufala?

MR. VERNO: I never knew he was associated with that, no.

MR. UHAR: You say you've been in the alley, but did you ever walk further back where the shed was?

MR. VERNO: I've never seen the shed that's being referred to.

MR. UHAR: Do you remember when Cannon Seafood was there?

MR. VERNO: Yes.

MR. UHAR: Do you remember that Cannon Seafood had a freezer in the back?

MR. VERNO: I was never in the back of that building when it was Cannon Seafood. The first time I was introduced to the rear of that building is when it was Il Canale.

MR. UHAR: But you don't remember a shed?

MR. VERNO: No, I don't.
MR. UHAR: Hm. Do you remember a structure above the alley?

MR. VERNO: I'm sorry?
MR. UHAR: You don't remember a shed, so I'm going to assume that you don't remember --

MS. HIRAO: Objection.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, the question, $I$ mean, what's the nature of the objection? What's the nature of the objection?

MS. HIRAO: We were talking about trash, but now -- I never asked Bill Verno about the shed, so this is going outside the scope of my direct.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to sustain the objection. Move on, sir. I don't know why the shed is relevant. There is no
testimony from this witness about a shed, and he said he doesn't know --

MR. UHAR: Well, he said that he had been in the rear of Il Canale, and I asked if he had seen the shed.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And he said he doesn't know, so let's move on.

MR. UHAR: I'm all done.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are all done?

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I wasn't trying to --

MR. UHAR: No, I am done.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
MR. UHAR: Thank you. It's been a long day.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions by the board members. All right, Mr. Verno, thank you very much for your testimony, sir. You can step down. Do you rest?

MS. HIRAO: Oh, he is going to go --
MR. FARRUGGIO: Bathroom?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can we move on? Does he need to be here or can we move on?

MS. HIRAO: We can move on.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, fine. Go ahead, sir. All right, so you're your only witness, is that correct, sir?

MR. UHAR: Yes, but since the time is up, I think I might take 90 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Huh?
MR. UHAR: It might take 90 minutes to read through what $I$ have.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you have time. I said her time was up. You don't necessarily have 90 minutes, because you'll spend some time in cross-examining, so I'm not sure how much time you have. But I'll give you some reasonable time, but that doesn't mean -- You definitely don't have 90 minutes.

MR. UHAR: Can I go to the restroom then? I thought we would take my testimony on a different day.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, uh-huh, it's a one-day shot. Wait a minute. We have been here since 9:00 this morning. You just got here.

MR. UHAR: Yes, but I'm not an attorney.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, except for
myself and Ms. Wahabzadah, we're the only two attorneys --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We've been here since 9:00 this morning, so we still are brighteyed and bushy-tailed. We can take a 10-minute break.

MR. UHAR: Five minutes is fine.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so you can take a break. We're off the record, all right.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 5:09 p.m. and resumed at 5:24 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we're back on the record. So we are going to present your case next. So basically you have no witnesses to call. You're the only witness. Tell me how you're going to present your case, sir.

MR. UHAR: That was going to be my first question. I have the PIF. I had asked ABRA for help in terms of numbering pages and things, and I was also told by ABRA that I could submit evidence here today if it was relevant.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the evidence you're submitting, those are documents in your PIF, is that correct?

MR. UHAR: Yeah, they're in the PIF, and then what I'd like to give first, this is a blow-up of Exhibit 2 because you can't see it. Can I give it to the --

MS. HIRAO: I'd like to object to that. If you can't see it, then why introduce it?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, that's not what he said. If you listened to what he said, this is a blow-up of Exhibit 2 because you can't see it. So he is giving us a more clear version of Exhibit 2. Is that correct, sir?

MR. UHAR: That's correct. But I also, because I was under the impression that I could submit relevant testimony as exhibits, I also included the other pages. As Ms. Hirao knows, I thought I would get the courtesy of an extension, but $I$ didn't.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MR. UHAR: This is one exhibit.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that Exhibit
2?
MR. UHAR: It's Exhibit 2, Page 5.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that document is in your PIF? Can you show it to Ms. Hirao?

MR. UHAR: Yeah.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, show her the blow-up that you want to exhibit.

MR. UHAR: I might as well --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you have to show it to her first before -- is that Exhibit 2?

MR. UHAR: Is that Exhibit 2?
MS. HIRAO: I'm going to object to it because the one that's in this exhibit here, $I$ can hardly read it, but this one's quite legible.

MR. UHAR: Did you read what I wrote down below? I tried to get the synopsis.

MS. HIRAO: This is your handwriting.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, hold on, hold on. All right. This is what I was told. What I was told, this is a blow-up of Exhibit 2 because you can hardly read it. So let me look at what Exhibit 2 is, hold on. No, that's not clear, sir. What's Exhibit 2?

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 2, Page 5.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, what is it?

MR. UHAR: It's the DDoT rental permit for the outdoor sidewalk café. I did this more in a narrative. I was a history major, and I did ask for guidance from ABRA, as the record will show.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to find Exhibit 2 first. So you're John, Exhibit 1 --

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 2, Page 5.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Exhibit 2. So Exhibit 2 is entitled Illegal Outdoor Sidewalk Café activities.

MR. UHAR: And it's Page 5 of that. DDoT rental permits dated 9/22/15, new application.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, in your original exhibit, what does the exhibit look like, because I can't locate it? Is that -- What is Exhibit 2?

MR. UHAR: My Exhibit 2 right here.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it? What does it look like so $I$ can find and compare it.

MR. UHAR: It starts with the $C$ of 0. I did these as a narrative.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so. MR. UHAR: And I have to apologize. I did ask for guidance.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I know. So it starts with C, hold on.

MEMBER SHORT: The $C$ of 0 , that's the start of Exhibit 2, right?

MR. UHAR: I sent them all as PDF, so if someone has a computer, they can see it all as a PDF.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm fine with that, sir. I just want to make sure what I'm looking at in case I'm having some --

MEMBER SHORT: I'm still trying to figure this out. That's the $C$ of 0 . Excuse me, can you hold it up again?

MR. UHAR: Yeah.
MEMBER SHORT: Just hold it up right where you are, just right where you are.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I see the $C$ of 0.

MR. UHAR: It's the DDOT rental permit. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, sir, all right. So Exhibit 2, is the first page of Exhibit 2 the C of 0 ?

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And --
MR. UHAR: Again, $I$ did it as a narrative.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So it's a rental permit and the top of it says TOPS DDOT Permit Review System. Is that it?

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And on it you have 9/22/14, 9/22/14, 1/21/2005, is that handwritten?

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what is your objection to him giving us --

MS. HIRAO: It's illegible. And he's bringing --

MR. UHAR: Well, this is legible.
MS. HIRAO: -- something blown-up that's maybe slightly more legible, but you can read it, so I'm objecting to that, and also relevance. How am I supposed to have notice of an exhibit where $I$ can't read it, and yet he brings something in that you can actually read.

MR. UHAR: I was told that I could bring in exhibits and present relevant exhibits
at the hearing today, and $I$ believe it's relevant under Section 25-301.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There are two different things, sir. They are different things. I mean, the bottom line is that he submitted an exhibit that has very fine print, and today out of the courtesy of the parties, he has blown up the same exhibit that he submitted. Now $I$ don't have a problem if it's the same document, so if it's the same document, $I$ will allow the larger version of the document to be submitted because it's the same document.

MS. HIRAO: I disagree, Chairman, because it's blown up. We weren't provided with the enlarged version. And also, the electronic copy, how can we tell? I have a printed version of the one that was transmitted to me. I can't read it.

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: You can't determine that this one and that one --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, that's what I'm saying. You didn't raise an objection. You did not raise an objection prior to --

MS. HIRAO: I raised an objection that they're different.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He is providing us with a legible -- Okay. If the objection was I'm objecting to the exhibit because $I$ can't read it, $I$ don't know what it stands for because $I$ can't read it, it's illegible. But as a courtesy to us, he has brought in the same document that's legible.

MS. HIRAO: How can you say it's the same document, though? Here it's illegible, but here with enhancements --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can read this document.

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: I can read this document.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The printout of the document, $I$ can read it.

MS. HIRAO: May I show you what my staff printed out to me, which is also on highquality color printer? I cannot read it.

MR. UHAR: I was told I could submit exhibits here today by D.C. ABRA legal staff if they were pertinent.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're saying two different --

MR. UHAR: Well, $I$ mean, so I mean, if
this is pertinent, it doesn't matter if the other one is illegible and this one is legible. I don't understand. I've got blow-ups of plans.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, my position, sir --

MR. UHAR: Yes, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a legible copy of the document to provide to counsel?

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Give her a copy. Then give the board a copy. I don't have a problem with it, so therefore --

MR. UHAR: You all can read.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Give a copy of the document to the board. I don't have a problem with it. I appreciate the fact that we're given a more legible copy of the same document, and so I don't have a problem with it. I would have a problem admitting the document if we could not read it and if there was no legible copy available, but this is the same document. I can read it, so if someone can give me a copy that's blown up, then I will look -- Hold on.

The only thing I don't see on the
document, and so Mr. Uhar, this is my --
MR. UHAR: You'll see at the top, I say plus the balance of the permit.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir. Hold on, sir. All right. You did something that I have a problem with. This is not the same document that you disclosed.

MR. UHAR: I was told -- this is the first pages.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, listen, sir. Look at the document that you disclosed. Look at Exhibit 2.

MR. UHAR: Mm-hmm.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And look at the document that you're now giving me. What's the difference between them?

MR. UHAR: I told you I put it in a --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm asking a question, sir. This document --

MR. UHAR: That has three more pages. I can get rid of those three pages.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Listen to me, sir. I'm saying something different. Okay, this document, right, sir?

MR. UHAR: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is this
document, right?
MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But they're not the same.

MR. UHAR: Why aren't they the same?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why are they not the same?

MR. UHAR: Because I put three more pages in --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. Look at the document that you have -- Look at the short document you have in your hand, sir. And look at the document you're giving me. Why is the document different?

MR. UHAR: Oh, because I took out the stuff that $I$ had.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why?
MR. UHAR: I don't know.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can't take stuff out. You can't give me -- This is what you're doing, okay? And I'm going to allow the document in, but if you're blowing the document up, sir, it should be the same exact document. You can't take stuff off. All right, fine. It
appears that the only thing that's different with the exhibit is that there's a handwriting that 9/22/14, 9/22/14, 1/21/2005. But it's the same document with the bottom removed. You can't remove stuff, sir.

MR. UHAR: I'm sorry. I had asked for guidance.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the question?

MEMBER SHORT: 2014, 2015, and currently everything is --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I don't know what the date is, so I'll find out what the relevancy -- I mean, right now we can -- I'm going to accept the blow-up of the document because this is a switch. We can have arguments on the relevancy of the document, but this is a blow-up of Exhibit 2, which I appreciate the fact that we have gotten a document that is legible.

If you had made an objection to the exhibit because it's not legible, and if there was not a more legible copy available, I would not have admitted it because I would say it's not legible. You can't --

MS. HIRAO: If I can clarify, Chairman,
because it's not legible the version that I have, how am I supposed to verify that this blown-up copy is the same?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I am looking at the document and it's the same document with the exception of the handwritten --

MS. HIRAO: You must have a very clear --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm taking my glasses off to look at it, and so -- I haven't gotten to the second page. I am only on the first page. So I don't know, but let me address it from this. Why is this document relevant? What is this document and why is it relevant?

MR. UHAR: Because Haight v. ABC Board --

MEMBER SHORT: You've got paper over the microphone.

MR. UHAR: Oh, I'm sorry.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But this is from what? What is this from, sir?

MR. UHAR: This was a Freedom of Information Act of 8/1/2019.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I'm saying, this document is from when?

MR. UHAR: This was when Mr. Farruggio received his first sidewalk café.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And when was that?

MR. UHAR: That was 9/22/2014.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But this is 2019, why is it relevant?

MR. UHAR: Because Mr. Farruggio claims he has an outdoor sidewalk café going back to 2009 as seen in the ABRA records.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, but I'm just saying why is this document relevant today at our hearing?

MR. UHAR: Because we are dealing with, as Haight v. ABC Board says, that illegal activities constitute the bad faith that precludes him from getting his license.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But what's the illegal activity?

MR. UHAR: The illegal activity, if I could run through this, $I$ could tell you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, we have an objection, so you need to tell me why this is relevant. Why is this document relevant?

MR. UHAR: Okay, because --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're in 2019. MR. UHAR: But it's been fraud that's perpetrated over the years that allows him -CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is the fraud?

MR. UHAR: His claim to have a valid outdoor sidewalk café. This is pertinent to that. Can I go over Exhibit 2 first?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, the question is --

MR. UHAR: I'll tell you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- I'm asking you is what is Exhibit 2? What's the document we're looking at?

MR. UHAR: This is the D TOPS rental permit.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, from 2014.

MR. UHAR: But that is what is on the record. It's my understanding that ABRA won't look at anything other than what ABRA has, but my problem is I've been operating under a burdensome cease and desist letter, which $I$ believe has been circulated to other folks so they think I'm a nut. I'm not a nut. I'm a history major, and I
had to pull all the information from DCRA, D TOPS, the CFA and the ANC.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's CFA?
MR. UHAR: The US Commission of Fine Arts.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is what I'm asking, sir. I have a document here from 2014.

MR. UHAR: That is false. This is a false submission on the behalf of Mr. Farruggio in order to secure a permit for 1063, but not 1065.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. I don't understand. What is false about it?

MR. UHAR: Can I go over what's false?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's an objection that's raised, okay? So I'm trying to figure out whether or not I'm going to allow this document in. I mean, I'll allow the document if it's part of your disclosure because it's a blowup of the document that we can't see. Now the objection is that this is not relevant. You have not explained to me why a document from 2014 is relevant to the hearing that we're having today in 2019 to renew their license.

MR. UHAR: Because as you'll remember
in Mr. Farruggio's testimony --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
MR. UHAR: -- he said that he had permits for everything, and that was bona fide proof that he had an actual permit. My contention is he got his permits through fraud, deceit and misrepresentation.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I don't know that and I'm not sure you can -- This is ABRA's position, okay? If an agency issues a permit, in order for us to give you a license, we need you to get certain documents from other agencies. As long as he has provided the appropriate document to us, we don't go beyond the document. We don't go to DCRA. We don't go to any other agency to say why did you give this person the permit, because they have the expertise.

So if you're saying that him getting the appropriate permit from DCRA or whatever other agency and that it was a fraud, you need to go back to that agency and tell him that. I can't go into that.

MR. UHAR: But I'm burdened by Mr. Griffin's letter.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is Mr.

Griffin?
MR. UHAR: He's the one that wrote the cease and desist. The reason I requested him here is $I$ believe that he not only sent it to me, I believe a Freedom of Information Act will reveal that he sent it to other agencies.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But even if he did, I can't address that issue here.

MR. UHAR: Correct me if I'm wrong, or ask your counsel, but it's my understanding that if evidence comes up that to a reasonable person would show that the evidence previously submitted is false, then it's incumbent upon D.C. ABRA to consider that evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is permit for what? A sidewalk café? Huh?

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, but he has provided this agency with the permit to say that he has a sidewalk café. This is basically --

MR. UHAR: True, but the reason I have this is to explain why he doesn't have what he fraudulently claims, and thus, I am offered relief by you to consider the evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but I can't

MR. UHAR: You have to.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, no, because he has given us a permit to say that DCRA --

MR. UHAR: Fraudulently obtained.
MS. HIRAO: I object to the term also used fraudulently.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not there, so you don't need to object, because I'm not buying that it's fraudulently -- This is where I am.

MR. UHAR: Can I just go over this?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, you can't go over it, sir. Before you can even go it, I need to make a ruling on whether or not it's relevant. He has provided -- This board doesn't have the expertise to make a ruling that the information that he provided to DDOT was fraudulent. I can't make that --

MR. UHAR: But I'm operating under the burden of a cease and desist letter that is much like a -- have you ever heard of the term SLAPP? It's a lawsuit intended to prevent people like me from coming and making an argument. I think it's
right here. It's connected.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but you see, all right, you could argue today to me that he doesn't have a permit from DDOT for his -- You can say, if the argument was that I have contacted DDOT and he doesn't have a permit from DDOT to operate the sidewalk café, you can --

MR. UHAR: This is evidence of an illegal activity which has to be admitted under Haight v. ABC Board.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Listen, sir. Listen, listen. Listen to me, please. If you came to me today and say he does not have a permit from DDOT to operate the sidewalk café, because you have gone over to DDOT and there's no permit, so therefore he's --

MR. UHAR: It's a false permit.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir. That's
not -- He has provided us with a document from DDOT to state that he has a permit to operate the sidewalk café. Our analysis ends right there. He has given us a permit, and all that we do, you have a permit from DDOT to operate the sidewalk café. This agency cannot legally investigate how he attained this permit. We cannot do that.

MR. UHAR: Even when the protestant is burdened by a cease and desist letter?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Unfortunately, sir, that's not within our -- I cannot, as I said before, if you present today to me that he doesn't have a permit from DDOT, then you can say there's no permit from DDOT -- If you present to us today to say he's operating the summer garden and --

MR. UHAR: Sidewalk café.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, that he's operating a sidewalk café and he doesn't have a permit to operate the sidewalk café, then this agency can issue a cease and desist order to say to him, cease and desist. You need to go to DDOT and get a permit. You cannot use this, you need to go to DDOT and get a permit to operate your sidewalk café. Once you have gotten that permit from DDOT to operate your sidewalk café, then we'll add that to your license.

You, however, cannot come to us to say to us that, oh, by the way, although he has a permit from DDOT to operate his sidewalk café, he illegally obtained it. I can't make that decision.

MR. UHAR: The record will show that I forwarded copies of all this way in advance to John Suero and your investigators to check out. Now if they can't check out on behalf of the citizens and everything falls upon -- You have me under the Napoleonic Code that I'm guilty until proven innocent.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir.
MR. UHAR: And the point of fact is, I've been burdened by a man who builds over my house and I get no relief from anybody. I've told this to Ms. Jenkins and others. If I have to go to a more favorable group, such as the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, maybe we just end this here.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, that's up to you, sir. I can't tell you to end this here. If you want to end it here --

MR. UHAR: This is a learning experience, because I came here before and he gave false testimony and that's in Exhibit 10. I'm here to learn each time, and if $I$ have to -ABRA has no records of a 2013 or 2016 renewal. If you go on D.C. ABRA website to look for certain documents relative to Mr. Farruggio's
operation, you will not find them.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, as I said, sir, I can't tell you to end your protest here today.

MR. UHAR: I'm not going to end it.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, that's what I'm saying. But I said I can't tell you, but --

MR. UHAR: What does Haight v. D.C. ABC Board --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, that's before me and so, you have been throwing that out and I have not asked the general counsel to give me a copy of it, so I don't --

MR. UHAR: Could we get that?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But sir, that's not relevant for us to rule. Well, this just says, this is from 2009. I mean, I'm trying not to entertain things from -- All right, that's too old for us.

MR. UHAR: I think --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is where I am, sir, all right? This agency cannot investigate how and why any establishment receives a permit from another agency. All that
we ask the applicant to do is to provide us a permit from the requisite agency to say that they can operate, and in this particular case from DDOT to say he can operate the sidewalk café. Once he provides us the permit from DDOT to say that he can operate the sidewalk café, this agency will grant him a permit. It's the same way a Certificate of Occupancy and a licensee provides us a Certificate of Occupancy from DCRA, and DCRA can say that you can have 10 people in your establishment, we can't say we don't agree and we're going to give you 11. We can say we'll give nine because of testimony, but we cannot go into why that DCRA or any other agency issues a permit.

So therefore, if you have evidence that this permit was illegally obtained, this agency is not the appropriate agency to address that.

MR. UHAR: IN light of not having read Haight v. the ABC Board, you're telling me that I cannot submit evidence that came to light subsequent to when he received his permit that shows that his permit was not received legally? Is that equitable?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Not to us. He gave us a permit. He gave us a permit, sir. MR. UHAR: It's a fraudulent permit. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But he gave us a permit, sir. For example, sir, no one in this agency has the expertise to determine what is necessary to get a sidewalk café permit from DDOT, what is it that DDOT requires, what information you need to provide to get a sidewalk café. This agency doesn't have that expertise, sir. The only expertise this agency has is that we require that if you have a sidewalk café, you need to get a permit from DDOT.

Once you have given us the permit from DDOT, our inquiry ends there. We cannot go behind DDOT to say what information did he provide to DDOT, and was this fraudulent information provided to DDOT? That's not up to us. You have to go back to DDOT to tell DDOT that they should not have issued a permit because the information was fraudulent. Once you go back to DDOT, once DDOT determines that the permit was issued fraudulently, DDOT would snatch the permit.
us an inquiry to say he does not have a permit from DDOT to operate the sidewalk café. We then would say since you don't have a permit to operate your sidewalk café, then you need to shut down your sidewalk café until such time as you have a permit from DDOT.

MR. UHAR: So it's ABRA's contention that they have no police power, no oversight, no protection of the consumer under Haight vs. ABC Board?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: ABRA doesn't have any police power to investigate why another agency provide an applicant a permit.

MR. UHAR: Why does ABRA have investigators?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: To see whether or not you are complying with our law, or if you're out of compliance with other D.C. laws or regulations that impact the operation of your business in the sense that if D.C. law requires that you need a Certificate of Occupancy to operate, and if ABRA finds out that you do not have a valid Certificate of Occupancy because when you look at your Certificate of Occupancy and if we see that you do not have a Certificate
of Occupancy, we will charge you with a violation.

However, all that we can say to you is that you need to go back to that other agency and get a Certificate of Occupancy. You won't have your liquor license, because in order to have a liquor license you need to have a valid Certificate of Occupancy. But all we can say, you need to go get it. We can't go -- We don't care how you get it. It's the same thing in order to renew your license, you need a Clean Hands Certificate. And so we, and I'll give you a perfect example, sir.

I've been having a whole lot of hearings with establishments who are trying to renew their license because they cannot get a Clean Hands Certificate from the city. All I've said to these establishments, that's not my problem. All I can say to you, in order for us to renew the license, you need to give us a Clean Hands. Now whatever issue you have with the CFO's office, I mean, whether or not the CFO can count the money correctly, whatever dispute you have with them, that's not our issue.

The only thing I can say to you is
that you need a Clean Hands Certificate. Until you provide us with a Clean Hands Certificate, we cannot give you a license. That's our policy. We do not get involved with why that you can't get it. That's not our issue. And this is the same analysis here, sir. You're saying to me that he has a permit from DDOT and it was illegally obtained. I don't know that. It doesn't matter what evidence you put on today, I can't make that decision because he has given it to us.

You would have to go back to DDOT to say, DDOT, you should not give it to him. Once DDOT pulls it, we are aware and we will tell him he cannot operate.

MR. UHAR: Well, that's what happened to his illegal summer garden and illegal construction in the back, but here's the problem. I have the burden --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But listen, sir. You're saying to me that's what happened with all these other illegal things that he did.

MR. UHAR: Mm-hmm.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who took care of it, sir? What agency told him that he
can't do this? What agency told him?
MR. UHAR: It took a lot of time.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But what agency told him, sir?

MR. UHAR: DDOT and DCRA.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But we were never involved with that, so we can't --

MR. UHAR: But if you read DCMR regulations, you have an obligation to consider evidence of illegal activities no matter when they occur, whether they -- and if you don't think that's correct --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir. You're asking me to make a decision on alleged illegal activity in getting a permit.

MR. UHAR: Things are easy enough to prove. Can I go through this real quick?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir, you can't, because this is the wrong agency. I cannot make a decision of whether or not whatever he did in getting this permit is illegal or not. I can't do that. You need to go back to DDOT.

MR. UHAR: But I'm burdened by a letter from Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, but, but --

MR. UHAR: Okay, we'll --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is not something $I$ can -- So I'm not going to -- It's not relevant.

MR. UHAR: Okay, let's, yeah, it --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This document is not relevant.

MR. UHAR: You tell me what you need.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, this document is not relevant, so $I$ can't utilize this document. Anyway, the question $I$ was asking you, how are you going to present your case?

MR. UHAR: As discussed, I'm sure I'm going to get a lot of protests from Ms. Hirao. I would like to read it as a narrative.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, this is what $I$ want you to do. Raise your right hand, please. Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?

MR. UHAR: I do.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Fine, go ahead, sir.

MR. UHAR: In Exhibit 1 --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit

MR. UHAR: I did it all as one big piece, if it please the board.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit 1? So you need to identify that.

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 1 is illegal summer garden construction and subsequent D.C. ordered demolition file in rear of 1065 31st and remaining outstanding OGB and CFA violations. So Exhibit 1, here. The first page is an email from Single Member District GEO2 ANC Commissioner Joe Gibbons to US CFA Specialist Jessica Stevenson outlying proper procedures for the summer garden in the rear of 1065 31st Street.

So I'd like to read it to you. This was issued May 2, 2018. Good morning, Jessica. I am providing you and the OGB with additional information that will affect the applicant. The D.C. Agency ABRA will have jurisdiction over the issuance of a license to operate the summer garden. OGB refers to it as a rooftop garden. The proposed summer garden will be subject to protest by the neighborhood, the Citizens Association of Georgetown, and ANC 2B.

I have included the standards or guidelines that the ABRA Board will be judging
the summer garden application. The applicant will eventually enter into a settlement agreement with the protest groups, and among other issues, will govern the use and interior design, amount and placement of seating, and the placement of the bar and eating areas of the summer garden, so this may impact the concept design review.

I know that OGB CFA is a federal agency and has to fulfill its mission of historic preservation of Georgetown.

MS. HIRAO: Objection. How is this relevant?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me get there. Go ahead.

MR. UHAR: I just wanted to ensure that you and the OGB had complete information on this submission. I appreciate your efforts and time dedicated to Georgetown.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does he have a summer garden?

MR. UHAR: Page 2.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does he have a summer garden?

MR. UHAR: Not anymore.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So why --

MR. UHAR: No, he was building one, okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, but he doesn't' have one.

MR. UHAR: He was attempting.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But he doesn't have one. He doesn't have a summer garden. He's not operated a summer garden, is that correct? Is he operating a summer garden currently?

MR. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, so let's move on. He doesn't have a summer garden. He's not -- All right. One can get a summer garden, then you go get the proper permit. If you told me that he built a summer garden and he's operating a summer garden and he doesn't have the proper permit to operate a summer garden, then this board will tell him he cannot operate a summer garden. He doesn't' have a summer garden. He's not operating a summer garden.

MR. UHAR: It's only because of others' enforcement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, so because --

MR. UHAR: Again, I'm relying on Haight
v. the ABC Board, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But sir, he was trying to operate a summer garden. The appropriate agency that was supposed to approve the summer garden -- And sir, hold on, sir, this is how it operates. This is how it works. He opened up a summer garden, okay. He has his building, he adds a summer garden to his building. In order for him to serve or sell alcohol, then he has to come to us to get approval.

MR. UHAR: That's right, and he didn't.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, he doesn't have it. He's not utilizing it, so there's no issue.

MR. UHAR: This sounds like Mr. Trump and the quid pro quo.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But he doesn't

MR. UHAR: Can I just read Page 2?
MEMBER WAHABZADAH: I am offended by that, sir.

MR. FARRUGGIO: Me, too.
MEMBER WAHABZADAH: It is irrelevant, it's inflammatory, and it's disrespectful to this
board.
MR. UHAR: I'm sorry, I'm not an attorney.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But sir, and if you were an attorney I would have shut you down a long time ago. Because you're not an attorney, I'm giving you some leeway. However, he's not operating a summer garden. He doesn't have a license, no, sir. He doesn't have a license to operate a summer garden. That's not relevant. I don't want to hear any evidence on Exhibit 1.

MEMBER SHORT: That's not a alley. MR. UHAR: Exhibit 2.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What other documents do you have, sir? I'm sorry.

MR. UHAR: I'm going to leave 2 out because you don't want to accept that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
MR. UHAR: Pages 3 and 7 are --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Of Exhibit 1?
MR. UHAR: Of Exhibit 1, are photos of the summer garden under construction.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's not relevant, sir, because all right, he's not operating a summer garden.

MR. UHAR: He tried to.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can try a whole of -- Sir, all right, all right. This is how ABRA gets involved. He can add a summer garden to his property. He cannot operate a summer garden until he has a Certificate of Occupancy that lists the summer garden on his property. So therefore, he would come to us once he has a Certificate of Occupancy that says he has a summer garden so he can do whatever he wants to do.

And if never sold alcohol, sir, he could build a sidewalk café, he could have a summer garden and there's really nothing that ABRA could do about it because he doesn't serve alcohol. If he didn't sell alcohol, if Il Canale decide tomorrow that they're not going to sell alcohol anymore, whatever he does over there, there is nothing that this board can do because why? He doesn't sell alcohol. So he can have 100 "illegal summer gardens." He could have 100 "illegal sidewalk café." If he doesn't sell or serve alcohol, ABRA does not have any jurisdiction over him if he doesn't.

If tomorrow he decides that I will no
longer sell alcohol, if he turns his alcohol license into ABRA tomorrow, then ABRA no longer has jurisdiction over anything that he does in that restaurant. So yes, he tried to build a summer garden, but he's not operating a summer garden, so it's not relevant that he tried to do it. It wouldn't make sense for him to come to ABRA first for a summer garden endorsement if he hasn't been approved by either DCRA or the Georgetown, whatever agency, to have a summer garden or a sidewalk café. You come to us last because we're not going to issue a license until we have the license in hand.

So that's not relevant, so what other issue do you want to raise?

MR. UHAR: Well, I thought that the permits that were issued -- So I guess it's your contention that all of Exhibit 1 is irrelevant? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. MR. UHAR: Okay. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Exhibit 2. What other exhibit do you have? MR. UHAR: Now we move to Exhibit 2. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I've thrown out Exhibit 2.

MR. UHAR: Why?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We had 20 minutes of conversation on Exhibit 2. Exhibit 2 was regarding the blow-up.

MR. UHAR: No, no, Exhibit 2 was the C of 0 . Can $I$ address the $C$ of 0 ?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I thought Exhibit 2 was --

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 2 is --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was the document that --

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Exhibit 2 has, like, 20 pages.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was the blow-up document?

MR. UHAR: That was Page 5.
MEMBER WAHABZADAH: It was page something.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what's Exhibit 2?

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 2 is 20 pages. It's a narrative of what $I$ consider illegal outdoor summer café activities. Page 1 is a DCRA C of 0 permit for Fratelli La Bufala. Okay?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And when was
this? All right, but is this his current Certificate of Occupancy?

MR. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So if this is not his Certificate of Occupancy, why are we talking about this?

MR. UHAR: Because I --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does he have a current Certificate of Occupancy, sir?

MR. UHAR: I contend no. The reason I contend no is look at Page 2. Page 2 is note is made that a sidewalk café with tables, chairs and umbrellas was installed on public space without review or permit.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
MR. UHAR: Okay?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But is he operating a sidewalk café? MR. UHAR: Yes, he is. Let's continue, Page 3.

MS. HIRAO: Objection to both.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: To both what?
MS. HIRAO: Fratelli La Bufala has nothing to do with the current licenses. And the second letter has nothing, it's a 2009 letter,
not relevant to the issues before this board.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I agree with that. So where else are we? $I$ don't know what Fratelli La Bufala is, so therefore this is --

MR. UHAR: That was his predecessor company.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I thought I heard --

MR. UHAR: The settlement agreement states that he originally received his permit directly from the Alamo Grill of Georgetown to Il Canale, but he didn't mention that as a minority partner --

MS. HIRAO: Objection, the settlement agreement stands for itself. You don't need to tell us that in respect to what it says.

MR. UHAR: We will get to the settlement agreement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I don't -- This is not relevant, sir. I'm not going to accept.

MR. UHAR: Okay, so I guess Page 4, the US CFA letter that says that --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Not relevant, that's from 2009. That's not relevant.

MR. UHAR: Returned without action? Well, he's claiming he had a permit, okay. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What else? Where are we?

MR. UHAR: Now we're on the old Page 5 that you can't read.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was it?
MR. UHAR: That was the rental permit.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The who?
MR. UHAR: The rental permit that only shows the permit was only issued for 1063 and not 1065. The next page --

MS. HIRAO: Is he admitting it or --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.
MS. HIRAO: No, okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead. Where are we?

MR. UHAR: Pages 6 to 8.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's Page 6 to 8, because they're not numbered so.

MR. UHAR: I know.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is the page?

MR. UHAR: It's DDOT file showing Boeckl and Associates adding 1065 31st Street to

1063 31st Street to increase the already illegal sidewalk outdoor café.

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Is it a drawing?
MR. UHAR: Yes, it's the drawing. So the first one, he's claiming that 1063 and 1065 are the same. The next page is from DDOT files, and that shows --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me ask this. All right, does Il Canale have -- Il Canale presented our agency with a current Certificate of Occupancy?

MS. HIRAO: Yes.
MR. UHAR: No, you didn't. You held that back. That was one of the last exhibits. I believe it's Exhibit 50, if my mind serves me well.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit 50?

MR. UHAR: And she withheld the evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that in the record?

MS. HIRAO: It should be in the ABC file.
just asking --
MS. HIRAO: It's not entered as --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- was it in one
of the documents that you disclosed?
MS. HIRAO: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibit is that? I know you didn't, but what exhibit is that?

MS. HIRAO: Hold on. I need help.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is it Exhibit 50, Certificate of Occupancy issued 10/20/2014?

MS. HIRAO: There are two Certificates of Occupancy for 1063 and 1065, and hold on. There should be one more for 1065 that was recently approved, I think a week ago.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MS. HIRAO: If you can allow me, I will get my --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm going to put in Exhibit 50 and 51 in the record. I'm moving Exhibit 50 and 51 in the record to establish that this agency, that the restaurant has provided the ABC Board with a valid Certificate of Occupancy for 1065 31st Street NW.

MR. UHAR: Can I --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The subject -and 1063, and Exhibit 52. There's a valid Certificate of Occupancy issued in 2009 for 1063 31st Street NW.

MS. HIRAO: For clarification, which exhibit is the board moving --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm moving Exhibits 50, 51 and 52.

MR. UHAR: Can I comment on those exhibits?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I'm not quite sure what comments you're going to provide to us. As I stated before, this agency cannot go beyond the document. We have a valid Certificate of Occupancy that's issued -- Sir, sir?

MR. UHAR: Not subject to Haight v. ABC Board.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, sir, sir. Let me give you a perfect example, sir, all right? If I asked you for a copy of your driver's license, okay, and you provide it to me, okay, sir? And your driver's license was issued to me by DCRA, I'm sorry, who, by DMV, okay? And it has your picture, it has the correct date. That's all $I$ can do, sir. I cannot come to say,
well, you know, I don't believe that this is a valid driver's license because the information you provide to DMV to get this driver's license was not appropriate.

All I can say, I ask you for your driver's license, you provide me a driver's license that looks like you, it appears to be -when we look through our book, it is not a fake driver's license. It is a valid driver's license, sir. I cannot go beyond that to say that DMV should not issue this driver's license because the person provided incorrect information to DMV. I cannot do that.

And so that's the same analysis, sir.
They have provided us a Certificate of Occupancy. I cannot --

MR. UHAR: Can I comment on 53? On Exhibit 53 that was entered into evidence --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibit is that?

MEMBER SHORT: It was right behind 50.
MR. UHAR: I'd like to comment on Exhibit 53.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is that, sir?

MR. UHAR: Okay, if you look, it says up top 1063 31st Street, which is Square 1198 and Lot 0064. That's an unenclosed sidewalk café for Il Canale.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
MR. UHAR: Which is only issued to Ben Enmel. The owner of 1065 31st Street is owned by Robert L. Moore.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir?
MR. UHAR: What has been done is they have merged the two owners saying it's only one person. It says here it's G F Il Canale rather than it's Ben Enmel and Robert L. Moore.

MS. HIRAO: Objection. This Certificate of Use has been issued, and for this board to look behind whether if it's valid or not, I mean, this is not an issue before the board.

## CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: My position is

 that we have been issued a Certificate of Occupancy from DCRA. This board does not have any jurisdiction to pierce the issuance of this document. All that we can do is they provided us a Certificate of Occupancy and we are relying that DCRA has done the proper investigation inissuing the Certificate of Occupancy, sir. So that's where we are.

MR. UHAR: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anything else, sir?

MR. UHAR: So you're denying the admission of Exhibit 2 in toto?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
MR. UHAR: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What other exhibits do you have?

MR. UHAR: I have Exhibit 3.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit $3 ?$

MR. UHAR: I thought it was a failure to obtain approval to obtain occupancy or use of interior space in violation of DCMR --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on a minute. Let me find -- What's Exhibit $\mathbf{3 ?}$

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 3 starts out with the C of 0 .

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What $C$ of 0 ?
MR. UHAR: It is 10/20/2014.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on.
MEMBER SHORT: There's one for '19.

I've got one for '19.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where is that? After the Traveler's?

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, so this is the Certificate of Occupancy that was issued 10/20/2014 for 1065 31st Street NW. What's the problem with this document, sir?

MR. UHAR: You don't see an endorsement for an outdoor sidewalk café.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so what?
MR. UHAR: It's supposed to be on there. This is a different lot and square. This is Lot 0819 and Square 1198.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But this is from five years ago.

MR. UHAR: Again, I've been selling industrial properties for 33 years and I know it takes a long time, but the records are that he has in 2014, he had no outdoor sidewalk café for Mr. Moore's property, Robert L. Moore.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, all right, so he didn't have that, but the Certificate of Occupancy that he has now provided to us to renew his license, it says --

MR. UHAR: Does not include Mr. Moore's lot and square.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know who Mr. Moore is. All I have --

MR. UHAR: He's the owner of Lot --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't care who is the owner of the lot, sir. What I have in front of me, I have a Certificate of Occupancy that says that it covers 1063 and 1065 31st Street NW. Yes, I have that information in the record. Thank you, Ms. Crockett. So whatever he had in 2014, if he had it in 2014, but to renew his license he has provided us an updated Certificate of Occupancy that covers the lot, then I don't care what happened in 2014.

I mean, I don't know if there's a protest. Whenever he renewed his license, that was the time, at the last renewal. This is 2018, so that was an issue that could have been brought in 2015 renewal. But he's now renewed his license in 2018, he's provided us an updated Certificate of Occupancy that says he can operate within the two space. So this is not relevant.

MR. UHAR: No, sir, that's not correct.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He has provided
us with an updated Certificate of Occupancy for 1063 to 1065 31st Street NW.

MR. UHAR: That's what it says on the address. Look at the lot and square. It has to include 0819 and 0064.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, as I said before --

MR. UHAR: Under Haight v. ABC Board, you have to admit this.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, sir, all right. I have a Certificate of Occupancy dated April 9, 2019, address of sidewalk café, 1063 to 1065 31st Street NW, use public space as an unenclosed sidewalk café for Il Canale.

MR. UHAR: And what lots and squares do they say?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I don't see no lots -- either I can't read. It says Square 1198, Lot 0064.

MR. UHAR: It should have two lots and squares. Can I submit to the record this is the DCRA sidewalk café thing?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But sir, you need to go talk to DCRA about that.

MR. UHAR: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The ABC Board, all I can - -

MR. UHAR: I understand, I understand. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The ABC Board doesn't have the expertise to say that --

MR. UHAR: I understand.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He gives us a Certificate of Occupancy for the space that he utilizes and it ends there.

MR. UHAR: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So Exhibit 3 is out. What other exhibits do you have, sir?

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 4.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit 4?

MR. UHAR: This was when Mr. Farruggio was trying to get his outdoor sidewalk café. The second page shows that his attorney claims that they had a rear yard of 15 feet 5.5 inches, and the record shows in Section 2 that the surveyor plat is only 15 feet, if you look at the back, there's no 15.5 foot setback. But I understand that's not acceptable.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that's not relevant for the ABC Board, so Exhibit 4 is out.

MS. HIRAO: Chairman, just to clarify, Exhibit 3 is out and Exhibit 4 is out?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 1, 2, 3, 4 is out. What's the next exhibit?

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 5.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit $5 ?$

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 5 is the cease and desist letter that they refer to, where Mr. Griffin writes and demands a cease and desist.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where is -- Oh, I'm sorry, I'm looking at Exhibit 6. Hold on, sorry. Okay, what about this letter, a cease and desist?

MR. UHAR: This was entered into as an exhibit by the applicant, and not coincidentally I sort of thought something was up, so I entered it, as well, and this is my Exhibit 5.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's already in

MR. UHAR: But I have an explanation.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's already -what are you adding? Exhibit 5 is already in evidence. What are you adding to Exhibit 5?

MR. UHAR: Well, I have Exhibit 5, I
have Page 3 is the selfie after Matteo called in a false police report saying I'm drunk when I complain of the illegal umbrellas, which you can see in the background.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, sir, this is 6/9/18.

MR. UHAR: Well, he talks about how we were never able to talk again because I got ballistic, and all $I$ asked him to do was to take down his illegal umbrellas, which also had illegal heaters.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But all right, sir.

MEMBER SHORT: They're down.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The document I'm looking at, it's a picture of, $I$ don't know who it is.

MR. UHAR: That's me. Remember, he talked about submitting a police report because I had gotten belligerent, and all I had asked was he take down his umbrellas again.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, but --
MEMBER SHORT: They're down.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But this is a -Sir - -

MEMBER SHORT: They're down.
MS. CROCKETT: Mr. Chair, may I
interject briefly?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Ms. Crockett.

MS. CROCKETT: Sir, oh boy, where exactly do you live in relation to this property?

MR. UHAR: Right next door.
MS. CROCKETT: And in relation to the hotel?

MR. UHAR: We sold the -- The hotel's here, we're here, the rear of the alley and all the other stuff is right behind us. My brother, Roger, has been living there.

MS. CROCKETT: So your front door and the front of their restaurant are parallel?

MR. UHAR: Our back doors connect. Roger has been living there for a long time.

MS. CROCKETT: Your back doors connect?
MR. UHAR: Mm-hmm.
MS. CROCKETT: So his sidewalk café is not near the front of your property at all?

MR. UHAR: No.
MS. CROCKETT: His umbrellas in said sidewalk café are not blocking your sunlight?

MEMBER SHORT: There are no umbrellas.
MR. UHAR: They're not there no more. They were taken down.

MS. CROCKETT: But they weren't obstructing the sun from shining in your windows?

MR. UHAR: That's beside the point.
I'm an industrial broker and I believe in permits, and I believe everyone should tell the truth. And that's -- I've just tried to chronicle evidence, not, and also --

MS. CROCKETT: Why are we here today, honestly? I've been sitting here for five hours now, and I really would like to know, sir, why are we here today? What is the underlying issue?

MR. UHAR: Okay.
MS. CROCKETT: What is the real issue here?

MR. UHAR: Can we read the demand to cease and desist?

MS. CROCKETT: I've read the cease and desist letter, and the only thing that they seem to be asking you to do is to please stop coming into their establishment --

MR. UHAR: Not a problem.
MS. CROCKETT: -- and communicating
with their staff and --
MR. UHAR: Not a problem.
MS. CROCKETT: -- and their guests.
MR. UHAR: Yes. But it also states you may --

MS. CROCKETT: That doesn't seem to be an undue burden.

MR. UHAR: You may no longer enter the restaurant or come upon the public space leased by the restaurant, and I'm contending they don't have a valid lease for the sidewalk café that $I$ am forbidden to walk across.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You need to go to court.

MS. CROCKETT: So we're here today because you're not allowed to enter their sidewalk café?

MR. UHAR: No, I'm here to uphold the importance of everyone getting permits and following procedures. That's why I'm here.

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair, can I chime in, please?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.
MEMBER SHORT: Sir, $I$ think you need to either go to court or one of those agencies. As
our Chair told you, he tells everybody who comes in like you, they have a valid Certificate of Occupancy for both 1063 and 1065. We can only go by that valid document from DCRA, so we can't hold his license up. The only thing could happen is you go to court or you go to DCRA and they get back to us or they take back the $C$ of 0 , then we'll have some jurisdiction.

Right now, you're coming to an agency here for us to do someone else's job. We can only do our job. We're standing in our lane. They have a valid C of 0, and I really think you're trying to convince us to do something that's illegal for us to do. You need to go to court and get a court order or a judgement, something like that. Then we probably can do something. So Mr. Chair, that's all I have. Thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

MR. UHAR: This has burdened me. So I guess --

MS. CROCKETT: The cease and desist is burdensome to you?

MR. UHAR: No, I'm saying that this exhibit -- burdening is a legal term when someone

MS. CROCKETT: But you're not a lawyer.
MR. UHAR: I don't have to be a lawyer.
MS. CROCKETT: Exactly.
MR. UHAR: But the principle remains the same in that this letter, and this is the reason I subpoenaed Mr. Griffin, because I believe this letter -- For example, when I talked to D.C. ABRA, Ms. Fashbaugh, I'm the feisty one. All I want is people to follow the law. Now I understand that you haven't read Haight v. the ABC Board and you're not going to rule on it today. So I'm prepared to keep moving on.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
MR. UHAR: Okay?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So I don't believe that Exhibit 5 is in the record already. I don't know. You're trying to add additional documents to Exhibit 5.

MR. UHAR: Yes. They were saying that I became crazy, and I'm saying that they were getting cover for their fire department violation, for their Department of Health violation and that's it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I will admit Exhibit 5 that was admitted as part of the
previous case. I'm sorry, the portion of Exhibit 5 that was admitted in the applicant's case is in the record already. I'm not going to admit the rest of it. Now we're at Exhibit 6.

MR. UHAR: Yeah.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's Exhibit $6 ?$

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 6 is a letter from Pascal and Weiss, November 25, 2013, claiming that there was an existing sidewalk café where my Exhibit 2, Page 5, shows that the first exhibit was granted in 10/15/2014. So Mr. Pascal was not correct, and I believe this does fall under the purview of the D.C. ABRA.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is a letter from Mr. Pascal to the ABC Board asking us to do something.

MR. UHAR: Mm-hmm.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not quite sure -- This is November 25, 2013.

MR. UHAR: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Since this is a letter to the ABC Board, it's a part of our record and I'll admit it, at least the first page, for whatever the document says that it is.

So that's admitted. What's the second document, the second page?

MR. UHAR: The second page is a letter from the US Commission of Fine Arts, 18 September 2009, that says about the restaurant awnings, signs for Il Canale sidewalk café, existing permit revised design. The recommendation returned without action, permit application for awnings, sign and sidewalk café for Il Canale was withdrawn at the written request of the applicant.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine, so I'll admit that for whatever it's worth. What's the next document?

MS. HIRAO: I'm sorry, I could not hear. Admitted or --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: For whatever it's worth, yes.

MS. HIRAO: I'll sustain my objection. This has nothing to do with --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's the document from the US Commission of Fine Arts. I'll admit it for whatever it's worth.

MR. UHAR: And then the third page --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The third page,
this was supposed to be part of --
MR. UHAR: Yes, and that shows --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The third page was a part of Exhibit 2, which I've already excluded.

MR. UHAR: But, but sir, under Haight v. ABC --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I've already excluded this document, sir. I've already excluded this document as part of Exhibit 2.

MR. UHAR: Moving on.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's move on to Exhibit 7.

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 7. This is Mr. Harrington's unenclosed sidewalk café permit that's in the D.C. Alcoholic Regulation Bureau, issued 1/28/15. It's for Lot 0064 and Square 1198, and you'll see that 1 outlined in yellow, a sidewalk café at 1063 31st Street, said unenclosed sidewalk café area will be 9 feet in length and 71 feet in width, for a total of 639 square feet.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Wait a minute. Are we reading the same -- What are we reading, sir?

MR. UHAR: This is D.C. ABRA.
MEMBER SHORT: Same thing.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, but I don't know --

MR. UHAR: It's down low. It's in the small print.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, but this is a letter issued in 2015 giving them authority to have the public --

MR. UHAR: A public sidewalk café that 9 feet in length and 71 feet in width.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
MR. UHAR: Then the second page is the same diagram of Lot 0064 that shows the width of the sidewalk café is only 28.5 feet, so it's not 71 feet as was presented to D.C. ABRA.

MS. HIRAO: I don't know how this is relevant, so I'm objecting to this exhibit. We've already submitted necessary permits in order for ABRA to issue an endorsement for a sidewalk café for 1065 and 1063. This should not be part of it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The only reason I'm going to admit this is because $I$ assume this was provided to the agency at an earlier point.

My assumption is that since this is an application for a sidewalk --

MS. HIRAO: Oh, I'm sorry, I see it.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's for a sidewalk café permit.

MS. HIRAO: I just focused on the inspection and enforcement, my apologies.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, so I'm going to admit number 7.

MS. HIRAO: I withdraw my objection.
MR. UHAR: So Number 7.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's a part of the record.

MS. HIRAO: Okay.
MR. UHAR: So Number 7 says that Lot 0064 in Square 1198 is 71 feet wide, and the second page shows that Lot 0064 in Square 1198 is 28.58 feet wide, not 71 feet.

MS. HIRAO: Are we on Exhibit 7 or $6 ?$
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're on Exhibit 7, and it says 18 tables and 36 chairs and zero umbrellas.

MR. UHAR: Yeah, it's 71 feet in width, and the lot is only 28 feet long.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, but
this a letter issued by the District Department of Transportation, so --

MR. UHAR: No, no, this is an ABRA.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir.
MR. UHAR: This is in your files.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, this is a letter, Exhibit 7 that you provided to me is a document issued by DDOT. So I can't --

MS. CROCKETT: It is stamped received by us.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, but it's a document --

MR. UHAR: I got it from you in my --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, but it's a document issued by DDOT, so therefore --

MEMBER SHORT: Public space.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: In order for him to have a sidewalk café, he needed to provide us with this permit from DDOT. He provided us the permit from DDOT. That's why it's in our records, because it's a permit from DDOT. We do not go beyond -- All we do is we said if you want to use the sidewalk café you need to get a public space permit from DDOT. He provided it to us and we have no further analysis.

MR. UHAR: SO there's no comment on a 71-foot wide --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, we don't --
MR. UHAR: -- sidewalk café on a 28.5-
foot lot?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir.
MR. UHAR: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think the only thing that's relevant to us is that he needs to have 18 tables and 36 chairs and zero umbrella. That's the only part of it that would be relevant to us.

MEMBER SHORT: That's the only enforcement we would have.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Eighteen tables, 36 chairs and zero umbrellas, so therefore, if we went there and there were more than 18 tables, more than 36 chairs and umbrellas, we could tell him that he couldn't have an umbrella on it because that was not a part of his permit.

MR. UHAR: Which he didn't -- it's been evidence that he had illegal umbrellas.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, sir, then if he had an illegal umbrella there then, you should have contacted ABRA and told ABRA --

MR. UHAR: I have.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- and then we would have sent enforcement and then we would have given a violation if we went there and saw an umbrella. If you called our agency to say he has an illegal umbrella and by the time we go there, if he removed it, then there's no umbrella. So Exhibit 7 is a part of the record. It's my understanding that those are the extent because the other documents were untimely filed? MEMBER SHORT: Correct.

MR. UHAR: No, I was under the impression that they would be considered and I would petition the Court to --

MEMBER SHORT: Chair says no. MR. UHAR: -- to listen to Exhibit 10. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When did you file Exhibit 1 through 10? When did you file this document?

MR. UHAR: This was an ABRA thing that I filed in the last one. I forget when it was. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. You filed this on the 18th. What did you submit which was untimely? So what did you submit on the 18th?

MR. UHAR: Exhibit 10, which was from the last time we were here.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's that?
MR. UHAR: It's the minutes of the ABRA Board.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's a part of our record, so you don't have to submit that.

MR. UHAR: I'd like to read what Mr. Farruggio said.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is that, sir?

MR. UHAR: Mr. Farruggio in 2016 says but Mr. Uhar and Mr. Uhar assume that I'm applying my license now for the whole building, and my license right now is for the bottom floor and 1063, and 1065 bottom floor, and you know, we're dragging this thing. I think it's we're wasting time, and this refers to the illegal summer garden café of which there was a picture that your investigator took showing a terrace, and was since torn down.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And it's my understanding that DCRA issued a stop work order, and that was issued and the appropriate agency took enforcement against it, which was DCRA, not

ABRA. Where else are we, sir?
MR. UHAR: We're done.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there anything else you need to say?

MR. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any questions of him, ma'am?

MS. HIRAO: I do not.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I know that no one from $A B C$ Board has any questions to ask, so thank you, sir. I am taking the prerogative as the Chair of the Board that no questions will be asked.

MEMBER SHORT: You read our minds well, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're ready for closing. Do you want a break to do closing?

MS. HIRAO: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It is 6:43. How much time do you need to do closing?

MS. HIRAO: How much time I need --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How much time you need for break?

MS. HIRAO: Five minutes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Five minutes?

All right. This is what $I$ need from both sides. You tell me --

MEMBER SHORT: Make it 10. I've got to go, too.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ten minutes, we'll take a 10-minute break. SO what I need each side to do when you close is tell me what it is that was shown today and what it is that you want the board to do. So we are off the record for 10 minutes.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 6:42 p.m. and resumed at 7:04 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on the record. You need your clients?

MS. HIRAO: They're right there. I see them, if they want to come back.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so we have closing, so the applicant will have a closing statement the protestant will have a closing statement, and each side is limited to five minutes. Five minutes closing, each side is limited to. A closing statement is basically you're wrapping your case up telling what the evidence shows and what it is that you're asking
the board to do. So the applicant --
MS. HIRAO: Mine will be very short.
Based on the evidence presented, Il Canale has met its burden to show that its establishment meets the appropriateness standards and that Il Canale is fit to hold a license. The investigators report showed that it has met this burden. With respect to noise, no problems. With respect to litter, no problems. With respect to peace, order and quiet, no problems.

You have also heard from the witnesses, Joe Farruggio and Abdul, who have testified regarding the day-to-day operations and how they have managed the restaurant. You have heard from them that trash is effectively being handled. Rodent problems are addressed. You have also heard that Il Canale is now a destination location for 31st Street, welcomed by neighbors and visitors.

Finally, you've heard from neighbors, Italo Rodriguez and William Verno, who have attested to Mr. Farruggio's character and Il Canale's fitness to hold a license and have seen Il Canale as a benefit to the neighborhood. Based on the evidence that is relevant to the
sales and service of alcohol to consumers, Il Canale's current operations do not have a prospective or current negative impact on the neighborhood.

Based on the foregoing, we
respectfully request for this board to grant Il Canale's application to renew its license. Thank you very much for your time and patience.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you. Yes, sir.

MR. UHAR: I'd like to thank the board for hearing my case, even if the evidence that I thought would persuade a reasonable person under Haight v. the ABC Board was not admitted. All I can say is it's been another learning experience. I do think that D.C. ABRA needs to get a little more consumer-friendly and extend a little more help to those of us that are burdened by an owner who writes a cease and desist letter. That's all I can say. I want to thank you for your time. It's been a long day, and whatever you decide is okay for me.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I want to say -I'm sorry.

MR. UHAR: For now. I reserve the
right to change my mind. Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: In all seriousness, I want to thank both parties for their presentation today. One of the things I've always told parties before my final closing is that at the end of the day, whatever decision that ABRA makes today, you're going to be neighbors. So I've always pushed to have settlement agreements, because when you have settlement agreements that both sides -- it's a give and take, but at the end of the day, people will shake hands and leave happy.

As I said, this hearing was started at 1:30. It's now 7:10, but I think it's important that if you really believe that you have a hearing that we will listen to both sides. But I don't necessarily like doing the hearings, because whatever decision we make today, one side is going to be happy, the other side might be upset or vice-versa. I don't know, and so that's why I always push parties to say you're going to be neighbors and I hope that you can work it out. At the end of the day, whatever decision we make, you're still going to be neighbors.

But I want to thank both sides for
their presentation today, and it shows that on both sides, if you didn't care about your neighborhood, you wouldn't be here today. It shows that we might have disagreement but we both care about how is it that we believe that what's in the best interests of where we both live. So I want to thank you for that.

The parties have an opportunity to do proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law or you can waive your right and the board can make a decision. What that says is that you'll wait to listen to the transcript, you'll say this is what the evidence show, and this is what the board should rule. That's not an opportunity for you to make arguments that was not made today.

I mean, most people in a protest hearing, they'll waive their right.

MS. HIRAO: The appellant waives their right.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you, sir? Do you want to waive it?

MR. UHAR: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what will occur is that you should get the transcript -let me find it, hold on. You want to do a
proposed findings. So what I've stated before, I remember one of the things that you have always stated is that you're not a lawyer. So I guess you're going to be a lawyer when you write this, right? Because this is asking for you to write a legal document.

MR. UHAR: You're talking about findings of fact and show cause?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Proposed findings of fact and conclusion of law.

MR. UHAR: Finding of fact, show cause and conclusion of law, I'm sorry?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Findings of fact and conclusion of law. So what this means --

MR. UHAR: What about the show cause?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's no show cause. What the next step is that you're going to ask to request a transcript. You're going to read the transcript and you're going to say this is what the facts that were presented at this hearing shows, and this is what the law says based on the facts that was presented here today.

You cannot bring in information from outside to say this is what should have -- You're basically basing it on what was presented today.

MR. UHAR: And I can't -- those documents that I submitted, I can't bring up again?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.
MR. UHAR: Okay, thank you.
MS. HIRAO: When will the transcript be available?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, I believe in about 30 days. I'm sorry, about three weeks you should get the transcript. In about three weeks you should get the transcript, and the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, they're due to the board 30 days after receipt of the transcript. So all right --

MS. HIRAO: For my client, I'm sorry, Chairman. Can you explain for Mr. Farruggio the findings of fact and conclusions of law? He was asking, but I wanted the benefit of him to hear it from you while we're here before you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, basically because the protestant -- This is something that's available to both sides in the sense that you have the opportunity for you to get the transcript, for you to read the transcript and for you to say this is what we proved at the
hearing. And based on the law, this is what the findings should be based on the facts that was presented. So it's more so, it's unfortunately more work for your lawyer. That's what it is. Yes, sir?

MR. UHAR: If I want after reviewing the transcript, can I engage an attorney to write my --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can do whatever you want to do to --

MR. UHAR: That's, yeah.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can have an attorney review the transcript and provide an answer.

MR. UHAR: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I'm just saying that is your right. The other side doesn't have to do it. They don't have to file one if they don't believe that it's necessary, because I said before, you cannot bring in any -If it was not presented today, it cannot be entered. So it's basically a review of the transcript, and this is what the facts are from the transcript.

Based on the facts that was presented,
these are the legal conclusions that the board should make based on those findings.

MEMBER SHORT: He raised his hand up again.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
MR. UHAR: No, no, I was just wondering if somebody could cite the DCMR code, but I'll check.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: DCMR code what?
MR. UHAR: For the findings of fact and the conclusion of law, but I'll check that on my own. I have time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can go on our -- I'm not sure if you'll be able to find examples of what that is, or you could basically go read one of our decisions and it tells you what the facts are factually, and based on the facts, what conclusions are drawn from the facts that was presented today.

MR. UHAR: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So hold on one minute, please, before everyone runs away. As Chairperson of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, and in accordance with D.C Official Code Section 2574B 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 19-PRO-00033, Il Canale, pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2574B4 of the Open Meetings Act, and deliberating upon Case No. 19-PRO-00033, Il Canale, for the reasons cited in D.C. Official Code Section 2574B-13 of the Open Meetings Act. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call vote on the motion before us now that it has been seconded. Ms. Wahabzadah?

MS. WAHABZADAH: I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?
MR. SHORT: I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
MS. CROCKETT: I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I agree. As it appears that the motion has passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will recess these proceedings to hold a closed meeting in the ABC Board conference room pursuant to Section 2574B of the Open Meetings Act. Thank
you. All right, so we are adjourned.
MR. UHAR: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just let me close our record.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 7:16 p.m.)

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