

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Family, LLC, t/a :
MK Lounge & Restaurant :
1930 9th Street, NW : Roll Call
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing
License No. ABRA-088787 :
Case #19-PRO-00115 :
:
(License Renewal) :

Monday
November 25, 2019

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

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

DEREGE ZEWDIE, Applicant
DAN ORLASKEY, ANC 1B
EVAN SCHLOM, Protestant

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

10:06 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in the matter of MK Lounge and Restaurant please come forward. The parties in the matter of MK Lounge and Restaurant. This is Case Number 19-PRO-00115. It's 1930 9th Street, Northwest, License Number ABRA-088787.

This is a Retailer Class CT license renewal. The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order and quiet, residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and real property values.

My name is Laverne Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's Agent. Introductions beginning with the Applicant, please. Would the Applicant please state - excuse me, sir, could you state your name and spell it for the record?

MR. ZEWDIE: My name is Zewdie, Derege, D-E-R-E-G-E, Z-E-W-D-I-E.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. What's the first name?

MR. ZEWDIE: Derege, D-E-R-E-G-E.

MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell a little

1 bit slower for us. Thank you.

2 MR. ZEWDIE: D-E-R-E-G-E.

3 MS. FLETCHER: And what's your last
4 name?

5 MR. ZEWDIE: Z-E-W-D-I-E.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And
7 person on behalf of ANC 1B.

8 MR. ORLASKEY: Dan Orlaskey for Sheriff
9 1B-02.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell your
11 name for the record, please?

12 MR. ORLASKEY: My first name or last
13 name?

14 MS. FLETCHER: Both.

15 MR. ORLASKEY: Daniel, D-A-N-I-E-L,
16 Orlaskey, O-R-L-A-S-K-E-Y.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Orlaskey.
18 And the abutting property owner, please.

19 MR. SCHLOM: Yes, good morning. My
20 name is Evan Schlom. First name is E-V-A-N, last
21 name is S-C-H-L-O-M, appearing on behalf of
22 myself as the abutting property owner.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you Mr. Schlom.
24 The - so the - I know that the properties do
25 abut. Let me ask you about unit number 302. Is

1 that abutting as well?

2 MR. SCHLOM: Yes, it is. I submitted
3 documentation (simultaneous speaking).

4 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, I just have to ask
5 you anyway just for the record.

6 MR. SCHLOM: Yes, it is.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. Does
8 the Applicant have any comment related to whether
9 or not the property of Mr. Schlom abuts the
10 establishment?

11 MR. ZEWDIE: Well, whatever I wrote on
12 the paperwork. We haven't done any construction
13 on the building. And as far as the parking, I
14 have no control over the parking space. And most
15 all of my employees take Uber, including myself,
16 even on weekends. I don't drive so I don't have
17 any issue with parking.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Mr.
19 Schlom, you're granted standing as an abutting
20 property owner, and ANC 1B is granted standing as
21 well. We need to set a date for a mediation, a
22 status hearing, and the protest hearing. I'll
23 give you the dates for the status and protest
24 hearing first. The status hearing is set for
25 January 29, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. The protest

1 hearing is set for February 26th at 1:30 p.m. You
2 just wrote your contact information on that
3 sheet?

4 MR. ZEWDIE: Yes, I did.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
6 much. I'm going to give you the next available
7 date for mediation. The next available date for
8 mediation is Thursday, December the 5th, Thursday,
9 December 5, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, pretty much any
10 time that day up until 2:00.

11 MR. SCHLOM: I'm not available that
12 day.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I'm going to keep
14 on moving. The next available day of Thursday,
15 December 12th. Is that good for MK Lounge,
16 Thursday, December 12th.

17 MR. ZEWDIE: That's fine.

18 MS. FLETCHER: You have a preference in
19 terms of time? It can be 9:00, 10:00, 10:30,
20 11:00, pretty much any time.

21 MR. ZEWDIE: Eleven o'clock is good for
22 me.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Is it good for you, Mr.
24 Orlaskey?

25 MR. ORLASKEY: I'd prefer earlier than

1 that, if 9:00 is doable. Nine a.m. Is that
2 good?

3 MR. ZEWDIE: I work in the evening, and

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5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. FLETCHER: What time?

7 MR. ZEWDIE: 10:00.

8 MS. FLETCHER: 10:00. Mediation is set
9 for Thursday, December 12th at 10:00. Any
10 questions at all? Any questions at all?

11 MR. ORLASKEY: No.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you
13 very much. See you then. The roll call hearing
14 is concluded. Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
16 went off the record at 10:11 a.m.)

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