DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + ROLL CALL HEARING + + + + +

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

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:02 a.m.
3	AGENT FLETCHER: Will the parties in
4	the matter of Officina Café, please, come
5	forward? Parties in the matter of Officina Café?
6	This is Case No. 19-PRO-00011, 1615 L
7	Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-112472. This is a
8	Retailer Class CR new application.
9	The protest issues are adverse impact
10	on peace, order and quiet; residential parking
11	and vehicular and pedestrian safety.
12	My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting
13	the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's Agent.
14	Introductions beginning with the
15	applicant, please.
16	MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on
17	behalf of the applicant.
18	AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Yohannes, could
19	you spell your name for the record, please?
20	MS. YOHANNES: S-I-D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-N-
21	E-S.
22	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

And your name and spell it for the record, 1 2 please? Hi, I'm -- my name is 3 MR. ENGELMANN: Glenn Engelmann. I'm here on behalf of DCCA 4 5 actually. My name is spelled --AGENT FLETCHER: On behalf of Dupont 6 7 Circle Citizens Association? MR. ENGELMANN: Yes, Dupont Circle 8 9 Citizens. AGENT FLETCHER: And so if you could 10 have a chair on this side --11 12 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay. 13 AGENT FLETCHER: -- that would be 14 perfect. Thank you. Okay. And now if you could state your name and spell it for the record? 15 16 MR. ENGELMANN: Sure. My name is Glenn Engelmann. The spelling is G-L-E-N-N last 17 18 name is spelled E-N-G-E-L-M-A-N-N. 19 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. 20 Engelmann. And present on behalf of ANC-2B? 21 MR. DOWNS: Yes, good morning. My 22 name is Randy Downs, Commissioner for 2B05. R-A-

1	N-D-Y D-O-W-N-S.
2	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Downs.
3	And Laura Dunn?
4	MS. DUNN: Yes, Your Honor. And the
5	last name is D-U-N-N, if that's helpful. And on
6	behalf of several protestants from the
7	Presidential Cooperative.
8	AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Dunn, you
9	are representing the Group of 12 individuals?
10	MS. DUNN: Yes, and we have an
11	addition of the 13, the Capital Hilton, their
12	property their general manager on behalf of
13	the property owner of the Capital Hilton.
14	AGENT FLETCHER: Now, in the protest
15	that you filed for this case
16	MS. DUNN: There should be two, Your
17	Honor. There was an addenda on February the 22nd.
18	AGENT FLETCHER: Oh, Ms. Dunn, you can
19	just refer to me as Ms. Fletcher or LaVerne,
20	whichever you desire.
21	MS. DUNN: Ms. Fletcher, sorry.
22	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

1	MS. DUNN: Bad habits.
2	AGENT FLETCHER: So you have a copy of
3	the Protest Letter in this case in front of you?
4	MS. DUNN: Yes, in addition to the
5	addendum, so there is the Protest Letter that is
6	dated January 23rd and then there is an addendum
7	that was submitted February 22nd and I have both
8	copies. I also have an email submission showing
9	that the addendum was submitted February 22nd.
10	AGENT FLETCHER: You have the
11	addendum?
12	MS. DUNN: Yes.
13	AGENT FLETCHER: Let me see that for
14	a second. Okay. So the initial one did not
15	include the Capital Hilton, but the addendum
16	does, so apparently the addendum didn't make it
17	into the folder, but that's okay.
18	MS. DUNN: Okay.
19	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Ms.
20	Yohannes, did you receive a copy of the addendum
21	where the Capital Hilton is a protestant in this
22	matter as well?

1	MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I have.
2	AGENT FLETCHER: You have received it.
3	Okay. Thank you.
4	Okay, Ms. Dunn, I'll accept this as
5	having been submitted timely.
6	MS. DUNN: Okay. And if you also need
7	the email, so that she
8	AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.
9	MS. DUNN: has that as well.
10	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Thank you
11	very much.
12	Ms. Dunn, are there individuals
13	present with you today from the Group of 12?
14	MS. DUNN: Yes, and they are just
15	seated behind me. Would you like them to come
16	forward and
17	AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. If they could
18	stand right between you and Mr. Downs and just
19	state your name for the record and spell it right
20	into the microphone. Thank you.
21	MR. FASANO: Hi, Michael Fasano, F
22	like Frank A-S-A-N-O.
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1 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Fasano, you are 2 a designated representative for the Group as 3 well? 4 MR. FASANO: Yes, I am. 5 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. All right. 6 MR. FASANO: 7 MS. ROGERS: Good morning, the name is 8 Martha Rogers, M-A-R-T-H-A R-O-G-E-R-S. 9 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. MR. FOYNES: Good morning, Desmond 10 11 Foynes, F-O-Y-N-E-S. 12 AGENT FLETCHER: Your first name was 13 Desmond? 14 MR. FOYNES: D-E-S-M-O-N-D. 15 AGENT FLETCHER: M-O-N-D. Thank you. 16 MS. DUNN: He is also a designated 17 representative. 18 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Foynes is also a 19 designated representative. Thank you. Good 20 morning. 21 MS. LAWWILL: Hi, Kristina with a K 22 Lawwill, L-A-W-W-I-L-L.

1	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.
2	MR. LAWWILL: Larry Lawwill spelled
3	the same way as her's.
4	AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.
5	MR. FOYNES: And you are a designated
6	representative as well?
7	MR. LAWWILL: Yes.
8	AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Lawwill, you are
9	also a designated representative?
10	MR. LAWWILL: Yes, I am.
11	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Good
12	morning.
13	MR. LIVINGSTON: Gill Livingston, L-I-
14	V-I-N-G-S-T-O-N.
15	AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Livingston,
16	what's the first name?
17	MR. LIVINGSTON: Gill.
18	AGENT FLETCHER: G-I-L-L?
19	MR. LIVINGSTON: With two Ls, G-I-L-L.
20	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.
21	MS. ESCOBAR: Good morning.
22	AGENT FLETCHER: Good morning.

1	MS. ESCOBAR: Ana Escobar, A-N-A E-S-		
2	C-O-B-A-R.		
3	AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. What's the		
4	first name again?		
5	MS. ESCOBAR: Ana, A-N-A.		
6	AGENT FLETCHER: A-L-N-A and the last		
7	name is Escobar?		
8	MS. ESCOBAR: Correct.		
9	AGENT FLETCHER: E-S-C-O-B-A-R?		
10	MS. ESCOBAR: E-S-C-O-B-A-R, yes.		
11	AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.		
12	MS. ESCOBAR: Thank you.		
13	MR. KREWSON: Good morning, ma'am. My		
14	name is Charles Krewson and it's K-R-E-W-S-O-N.		
15	Good morning.		
16	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very much.		
17	Ms. Dunn, you are not a protestant, you are		
18	representing the group?		
19	MS. DUNN: Correct.		
20	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. There are		
21	eight members from the group of residents present		
22	and so the group of residents are granted		

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I know there is the 1 standing as protestants. 2 Capital Hilton as well, but this is just related to the group only, at this moment. So a Group of 3 4 12 is granted standing. 5 The Board only needs to see five people in order to grant standing to a full group 6 7 of residents. So to the Group of 12 standing is 8 granted. 9 Then we have the Capital Hilton. And my understanding, Your 10 MS. DUNN: 11 Honor, is they were joining, because they 12 submitted as an addendum, as if all pertain --13 AGENT FLETCHER: So that's what we are 14 going to clarify right now, because the way the Protest Letter is written, it is written as 15 16 though the Capital Hilton is a part of this Group 17 of 12. Is that the way you intended? 18 In the addendum, yes, Your MS. DUNN: 19 Honor. 20 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. And so you--21 MS. DUNN: Pardon me, Ms. Fletcher. AGENT FLETCHER: 22 That's okay. And so

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1 the protest was filed with -- actually making 2 Capital Hilton -- with Capital Hilton making it a Group of 13? 3 4 MS. DUNN: Yes. Because --5 AGENT FLETCHER: Your intention was not to file two separate protests, but one 6 7 protest with the Capital Hilton as a 8 protestant, --9 MS. DUNN: Yes. 10 AGENT FLETCHER: -- a part of the 11 group. 12 MS. DUNN: Yes. 13 AGENT FLETCHER: All right. So I have 14 a couple of questions for you about the Capital 15 Hilton. 16 The Capital Hilton, that's the hotel? 17 MS. DUNN: Yes. 18 AGENT FLETCHER: Is the Capital Hilton 19 an abutting property owner? Do their properties 20 abut, touch? 21 MS. DUNN: I do not believe so. Ι 22 think it was just joining on the common grounds

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1 of the peace, order quiet; the residential 2 parking; and vehicle and pedestrian safety. Hence the need for them to join the group. 3 4 AGENT FLETCHER: Do you know if the 5 Capital Hilton has a liquor license? Not off the top of my head, 6 MS. DUNN: 7 but I can find that information out. 8 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I believe they do. 9 MS. DUNN: Okay. 10 AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Yohannes, did you 11 have any questions or comments? 12 MS. YOHANNES: Yes. So is the 13 protestant here, just for the -- to be clear, is 14 the Capital Hilton here? 15 MS. DUNN: I'm sorry? 16 MS. YOHANNES: The Capital Hilton is Is that who --17 that the protestant? 18 MS. DUNN: Is joining --19 MS. YOHANNES: -- is protesting? 20 -- along with the group. MS. DUNN: 21 MS. YOHANNES: Yes. 22 MS. DUNN: Yes. The general manager

1	assigned on behalf of the property owner and the
2	general manager's name is Brian Kelleher.
3	AGENT FLETCHER: And, Ms. Dunn, you
4	are here on behalf of the Capital Hilton?
5	MS. DUNN: Yes.
6	MS. YOHANNES: So I'm going to request
7	that they be dismissed. As was just stated, they
8	are a business owner, not abutting. They have a
9	liquor license. And on that grounds, they cannot
10	just be protesting as a business owner.
11	AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. Any response
12	to that, Ms. Dunn?
13	MS. DUNN: Yes, they are not
14	protesting on behalf of being in business with
15	the liquor license. They are joining as part of
16	the property owners allowed in the Group of 5,
17	that's not just residential. It does allow
18	property owners and so in that capacity as has
19	been clearly stated by the signature of the
20	general manager, that is the capacity they have
21	protested in this matter.
22	AGENT FLETCHER: And so the Capital

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Hilton joins this group as a property owner? 1 2 MS. DUNN: Yes. Um-hum. 3 AGENT FLETCHER: 4 MS. YOHANNES: Has the property owner 5 signed? Yes, that is part of the 6 MS. DUNN: addendum. 7 8 MS. YOHANNES: Who is the property 9 owner? 10 MS. DUNN: Oh, I'm sorry. The general 11 manager has signed as an agent of the property 12 And again, his name is Brian Kelleher, Kowner. 13 E-L-L-E-H-E-R, so as an agent of the property 14 owner that has signed. 15 So here is what I'm AGENT FLETCHER: 16 going to do, Ms. Dunn and Ms. Yohannes. There is 17 some objection to the Capital Hilton being 18 granted standing. 19 What I'm going to do, I did have a 20 couple of questions along the line of those 21 raised by Ms. Yohannes. I'll just present those 22 to you.

1	Well, first of all, I'm going to grant
2	conditional standing to the Capital Hilton. I'm
3	not going to dismiss them. I'm just going to
4	grant them conditional standing, but I'll tell
5	you why. And what that means is that at the
6	upcoming Status Hearing, I'm going to give you a
7	date for that in a moment, the ABC Board, the
8	full-Board, I'm the Board's Agent, but on
9	Wednesdays, the full-Board is present.
10	So I'm going to raise a few questions
11	and have you present your responses to the Board
12	and let them make the final decision. So here is
13	the issue.
14	One is that the Capital Hilton is a
15	commercial establishment, so we know that. It is
16	commercial. They are they have a liquor
17	license as well. They are not residents. The
18	way the regulations are written, a property owner
19	would be an abutting property owner, so that
20	if you had said that the Capital Hilton was
21	actually an abutting property owner, that would
22	put them in the category to be granted standing,

but they are not abutting.

2	It's a commercial property. They have
3	a liquor license. They are not residential.
4	They are commercial. And so but rather than to
5	dismiss the protest today, I'm going to grant a
6	conditional standing to the Capital Hilton. When
7	you come for your Status Hearing, I would have
8	already informed the Board of what we are talking
9	about right now.
10	If you believe that the Board should
11	grant standing to the Capital Hilton, you will
12	get a chance to make your case for that.
13	But so can you state today just
14	briefly why you think they should be granted
15	standing, the Capital Hilton?
16	MS. DUNN: Yes. The definition of a
17	property owner does allow entities to, in fact,
18	own property. It's not just individual
19	residents.
20	AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum.
21	MS. DUNN: And so because they do have
22	the capacity to own property and therefore have

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1 standing as a part of the Group of 5, not just as 2 adjacent, which is a separate category --AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. 3 MS. DUNN: -- I believe that does 4 5 qualify them for joining --AGENT FLETCHER: So you believe they 6 7 qualify because they are --8 MS. DUNN: -- the Group of 5. -- property owners 9 AGENT FLETCHER: sharing common ground? 10 11 MS. DUNN: Yes. 12 AGENT FLETCHER: That's what your 13 Protest Letter says. 14 MS. DUNN: Yes. 15 So you believe that AGENT FLETCHER: 16 they should be granted standing for those 17 reasons? 18 MS. DUNN: Yes. 19 AGENT FLETCHER: So that's what you 20 will present to the ABC Board, I mean, at the 21 Status Hearing. 22 Thank you. MS. DUNN:

Ms. Yohannes, let me 1 AGENT FLETCHER: 2 ask you something. Granting conditional standing to the Capital Hilton means that if the mediation 3 is scheduled before the Status Hearing, that the 4 5 Capital Hilton would have the ability to participate in the mediation. 6 7 So my question for you, Ms. Yohannes, 8 would you prefer to wait until after the Board 9 makes a ruling on the standing of Capital Hilton before the mediation? 10 11 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I would prefer 12 that. 13 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. MS. YOHANNES: Yes. 14 I mean, I am assuming that the status is --15 16 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. 17 MS. YOHANNES: -- not too far away. 18 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. So the 19 mediation is normally scheduled before the Status 20 Hearing. The purpose of the Status Hearing is for 21 you to report to the Board the status of this In this case, because there is a 22 case.

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protestant granted conditional standing, 1 2 sometimes an applicant will want to wait to hear what the Board says first. 3 If the mediation comes before the 4 5 Status Hearing, which is actually going to be on April the 3rd, then the Capital Hilton would have 6 7 the ability to participate in mediation along 8 with the other protestants that have been granted 9 standing. 10 So what I'm going to do, I'm going 11 to --12 My apologies. MS. YOHANNES: Can I 13 follow-up before you --14 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. If the status is going 15 MS. YOHANNES: 16 to be April 3rd, I would prefer that we move 17 forward with the mediation before April 3rd and I would request that Capital Hilton just not 18 19 There are other members and counsel participate. 20 will be there, so I would prefer not to. 21 AGENT FLETCHER: Well, when you are granted conditional standing, you are able to 22

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participate in mediation. And so, Ms. Yohannes, 1 2 you do have the option though of waiting until after the Status Hearing. 3 Yeah, could we set the 4 MS. YOHANNES: 5 mediation date just beforehand and I will go back 6 and see if I want to follow-up and file a motion 7 and --8 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. 9 MS. YOHANNES: -- have the Board 10 possibly determine this before status. 11 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. So if that 12 happens, then that -- it happens and the Board will decide what it wants to do. 13 14 So what I'm going to do, I'm going to go ahead and leave the Status Hearing for the 15 16 date that it's set for. We will find a date for 17 mediation to occur prior to the Status Hearing 18 and we will just keep it moving, unless something 19 changes. MS. DUNN: 20 Okay. 21 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you. 22 AGENT FLETCHER: So we have, as

protestants: The Dupont Circle Citizens 1 2 Association, ANC-2B, for sure we have a Group of 12 individuals, the residents by having granted 3 4 standing. The Capital Hilton I'm going to set it 5 aside for the Board to decide if it can join this Group of 12 residents. So we will do it that 6 7 way. 8 I'm going to give you a date for the 9 Status Hearing and a Protest Hearing. And then we will go back and set the date for mediation. 10 11 The Status Hearing is set for April 12 the 3rd. It's set for April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. 13 The Protest Hearing is set for May 8th. 14 The Protest Hearing is set for May 8, 2019 at 1:30. And you are going to receive an email with 15 16 this -- of an official hearing notice with these 17 dates. 18 I'll give you the next available date 19 for mediation. The next available day for 20 mediation is Monday, March 18 at 1:00 in the 21 afternoon. 22 Ms. Dunn, I believe you are coming on

Monday for a couple of other cases. 1 2 MS. DUNN: Yes. If you wanted to have 3 AGENT FLETCHER: mediation while you are here, if Ms. Yohannes 4 5 would be a available in the afternoon, we could do it then, if you wanted to do it that day. 6 MS. DUNN: Yeah, I think that would 7 8 work. 9 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I'm available. 10 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that good? 11 MS. YOHANNES: Yes. 12 AGENT FLETCHER: So what about Monday 13 the 18th, would you prefer 1:00 or 2:00? 14 1:00 would be good. MS. DUNN: 15 1:00, Ms. Yohannes? AGENT FLETCHER: 16 MS. YOHANNES: That's fine. 17 AGENT FLETCHER: Mediation is set for 18 1:00 on March 18. 19 Ms. Dunn, there are four designated 20 representatives in this group. What we are going 21 to do, just so you know, we are going to refer to 22 you as the designated representative. If for

some reason you can't appear, then it can be Mr. 1 2 Fasano, Mr. Foynes or Mr. Lawwill. MS. DUNN: Yes. We will coordinate 3 4 amongst ourselves. 5 AGENT FLETCHER: Yeah. It's up to 6 you. 7 MS. DUNN: Okay. 8 We just have to have AGENT FLETCHER: 9 one point of contact and you signed the letter, so we will make it you if that's okay with you. 10 11 MS. DUNN: Yes, that's fine. 12 AGENT FLETCHER: We have the others on 13 the record. 14 MS. DUNN: Yes. 15 Thank you very AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. 16 much. Mr. Engelmann, did you put your contact 17 information on that sign-in sheet already? 18 MR. ENGELMANN: Yes. 19 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Okay. 20 Any questions at all? 21 Ms. Dunn, anybody? 22 MS. YOHANNES: No questions.

1MS. DUNN: No, thank you.2MS. YOHANNES: Thanks, Your Honor.3AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank4you for coming. I'll see you on the 18th.5MS. DUNN: Thank you.6AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. The Roll7Call Hearing is concluded.8(Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was9concluded at 10:23 a.m.)10111213141516
AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you for coming. I'll see you on the 18th. MS. DUNN: Thank you. AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. The Roll Call Hearing is concluded. (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was concluded at 10:23 a.m.)
 4 you for coming. I'll see you on the 18th. 5 MS. DUNN: Thank you. 6 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. The Roll 7 Call Hearing is concluded. 8 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was 9 concluded at 10:23 a.m.) 10 11 12 13 14 15
 MS. DUNN: Thank you. AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. The Roll Call Hearing is concluded. (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was concluded at 10:23 a.m.)
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