

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:                   :  
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ROMYO, LLC                         :  
t/a Ambassador Restaurant:  
1907 9th Street NW            : Roll Call  
Retailer CR            ANC1B        : Hearing  
License No. ABRA-090422       :  
Case #19-PRO-00026            :

Monday  
May 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, Board Agent LaVerne Fletcher presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, Board Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

ROMESEGHED KIDANE, APPLICANT

ORLANDO TOPPIN, AMBASSADOR RESTAURANT

DANIEL ORLASKEY, ANC1B

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

2 (10:08 a.m.)

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in  
4 the matter of Ambassador Restaurant please come  
5 forward? This is the case of Ambassador  
6 Restaurant, R-O-M-Y-O, LLC.

7 MR. TOPPIN: Good morning. Good  
8 morning.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning. 1907 9th  
10 Street, NW, license number ABRA-090422. This is  
11 a retailer class CR license renewal. The --  
12 excuse me, the protest issues are adverse impact  
13 on peace, order and quiet, residential parking  
14 needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

15 My name is La Verne Fletcher,  
16 conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's  
17 agent. Introductions beginning with the  
18 Applicant, please -- yes.

19 MR. KIDANE: Romeseghed Kidane.

20 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry. Can you say  
21 that one more time and just spell it for the  
22 record?

1 MR. KIDANE: Okay. R-O-M-E-S-E --

2 MS. FLETCHER: R-O?

3 MR. KIDANE: R-O.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

5 MR. KIDANE: M-E.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

7 MR. KIDANE: S-E.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. KIDANE: G-H-E-D. Last name --

10 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

11 MR. KIDANE: -- is Kidane.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

13 MR. KIDANE: K-I-D-A-N-E.

14 MS. FLETCHER: K-I-D-A-N?

15 MR. KIDANE: D-A-N-E.

16 MR. TOPPIN: N-E.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. An E on the end?

18 MR. KIDANE: Yes.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And  
20 your name, sir?

21 MR. TOPPIN: And my name is Orlando

22 Toppin. I'm from the liaison for the Ambassador

1 Restaurant.

2 MS. FLETCHER: And if you could spell  
3 that for the record, please?

4 MR. TOPPIN: Orlando, just like the  
5 city, O-R-L-A-N-D-O.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Yesh.

7 MR. TOPPIN: Toppin, T-O-P-P-I-N.

8 MS. FLETCHER: T-O-P-P-I-N. Mr.  
9 Toppin, let me ask you, in terms of contact for  
10 the Ambassador, who's going to be the contact  
11 person?

12 MR. TOPPIN: You can use Romeseghed  
13 Kidane for the contact person.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

15 MR. TOPPIN: And then he'll forward  
16 any correspondence to me.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So you've just  
18 put your contact information on this sheet?

19 MR. TOPPIN: Yes. Yes, I did.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very  
21 much. And present on behalf of ANC1B?

22 MR. ORLASKEY: Dan Orlaskey, ANC1B-02

1 Commissioner.

2 MS. FLETCHER: And can you spell your  
3 name for the record, please?

4 MR. ORLASKEY: O-R-L-A-S-K-E-Y.

5 MS. FLETCHER: C-O-R -- I'm sorry. O-  
6 R?

7 MR. ORLASKEY: L-A-S.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. ORLASKEY: K-E-Y.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. And what's the  
11 first name?

12 MR. ORLASKEY: Daniel. D-A-N-I-E-L

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

14 ANCLB has standing as a protester. We need to  
15 set a date for a status, protest hearing and a  
16 mediation.

17 I'll give you the date for the status  
18 and the protest hearing first. The date for the  
19 status hearing is June 26th at 9:30 a.m. That's  
20 June 26th at 9:30 a.m. for the status hearing.

21 The protest hearing is set for July  
22 31. July 31, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. for the protest

1 hearing. We need to set a date for mediation.  
2 I'll give you the next available day.

3 The next available day for mediation  
4 is June 5. That's on a Wednesday. June 5 at  
5 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 or 11:30.

6 MR. ORLASKEY: 9:00 works for me.

7 MR. TOPPIN: 9:00.

8 MS. FLETCHER: 9:00?

9 MR. TOPPIN: Okay. 9:00 works fine.

10 MS. FLETCHER: 9:00's good?

11 MR. TOPPIN: Yes. June 5th?

12 MS. FLETCHER: June 5th. Yes. Mr.  
13 Orlaskey, you put your contact information on  
14 that sheet already?

15 MR. ORLASKEY: Yes. I did.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Are there any questions  
17 at all?

18 MR. ORLASKEY: No. I just have a  
19 draft settlement agreement for you guys.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

21 MR. ORLASKEY: Okay.

22 MS. FLETCHER: So then, of course, if

1 that works out --

2 MR. ORLASKEY: Yes.

3 MS. FLETCHER: -- let us know and  
4 we'll cancel everything else --

5 MR. ORLASKEY: Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: -- all the upcoming  
7 proceedings.

8 MR. ORLASKEY: Okay.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Well, then, thank you  
10 very much for coming. Mr. Orlaskey, if you could  
11 stay there, you've got two more cases.

12 MR. ORLASKEY: Two more? All right.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

14 MR. ORLASKEY: Thought I had one more.

15 (Off microphone comments.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties --  
17 the Roll Call Hearing is concluded.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
19 went off the record at 10:08 a.m.)  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>a.m 2:2 5:19,20 7:19 above-entitled 7:18 <b>ABRA-090422</b> 1:7 2:10 adverse 2:12 agent 1:13,16 2:17 agreement 6:19 Alcoholic 1:2,11,12 Ambassador 1:6 1:21 2:4,5 3:22 4:10 <b>ANC1B</b> 1:7,22 4:21 5:14 <b>ANC1B-02</b> 4:22 Applicant 1:20 2:18 available 6:2,3</p>	<p><b>CR</b> 1:7 2:11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>D</b></p> <p><b>D-A-N-E</b> 3:15 <b>D-A-N-I-E-L</b> 5:12 <b>D.C</b> 1:13 Dan 4:22 Daniel 1:22 5:12 date 5:15,17,18 6:1 day 6:2,3 <b>DISTRICT</b> 1:1 draft 6:19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>J</b></p> <p>July 5:21,22 June 5:19,20 6:4,4 6:11,12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>K</b></p> <p><b>K-E-Y</b> 5:9 <b>K-I-D-A-N</b> 3:14 <b>K-I-D-A-N-E</b> 3:13 Kidane 1:20 2:19 2:19 3:1,3,5,7,9 3:11,11,13,15,18 4:13 know 7:3</p>	<p><b>Okay</b> 3:1,17,19 4:17,20 6:9,20,21 7:5,8 order 2:13 <b>Orlando</b> 1:21 3:21 4:4 <b>Orlaskey</b> 1:22 4:22 4:22 5:4,7,9,12 6:6,13,15,18,21 7:2,5,8,10,12,14</p>
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