

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Eleana, LLC :
t/a Secret Lounge :
1928 9th Street NW :
License #ABRA-107123 :
Retailer Class CT :
Case #18-PRO-00015 :
 :
(Substantial Change - :
Entertainment Endorsement :
to Include Live :
Entertainment With Dancing: :
and Cover Charge) :

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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

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

2 10:05 a.m.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Would the
4 parties in the matter of Secret Lounge, please,
5 come forward? The parties in the matter of
6 Secret Lounge.

7 This is Case No. 18-PRO-00015, Eleana,
8 LLC, 1928 9th Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-
9 107123. This is a Retailer Class CT substantial
10 change, entertainment endorsement to include live
11 entertainment and dancing and cover charge.

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

15 Introductions beginning with the
16 applicant, please.

17 MS. YOHANNES: Good morning. Sidon
18 Yohannes on behalf of the applicant.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Yohannes, would
20 you spell your name for the record?

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

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And your
2 name, sir?

3 MR. DANEALE: Good morning, Dereje
4 Daneale on behalf of --

5 AGENT FLETCHER: I'm sorry? Could you
6 say that one more time and spell it?

7 MR. DANEALE: D-E-R-E-J-E last name is
8 Daneale, D-A-N-E-A-L-E.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: D-E-N-E? The last
10 name is D-E-N-E?

11 MR. DANEALE: D-A-N-E-A-L-E.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And
13 present on behalf of ANC-1B?

14 MR. JOHNSON: I am Jerry Johnson. I
15 am Commissioner for Single Member District 1B02.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Johnson, how do
17 you spell your first name?

18 MR. JOHNSON: My full name is Jerrold,
19 J-E-R-R-O-L-D.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Johnson,
21 do you know the protest issues for this protest?
22 We have the Protest Letter, but it doesn't state

1 on what basis the ANC filed the protest.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Peace, order and quiet,
3 ma'am.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: Peace, order and
5 quiet? Thank you.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Um-hum.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. And I would
8 like to note for the record, Mr. Johnson, and
9 just so that you know as well, the correspondence
10 that we are mailing to the ANC is being returned.
11 And I'm going to, for the record, just state the
12 address that we are using.

13 We are mailing correspondence to a
14 James A. Turner, Commissioner, ANC-1B, 2000 14th
15 Street, N.W., Suite 100B, Washington, D.C. 20009.
16 And so when we send correspondence to that
17 address it is being returned. Just so you know.

18 But that's the correct address?

19 MR. JOHNSON: That's an office here in
20 this building, obviously.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

22 MR. JOHNSON: And I will consult with

1 Commissioner Norman who is also here.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

3 MR. JOHNSON: And we can forward that
4 information to Chair Turner.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
6 much.

7 The ANC-1B has standing as a
8 protestant.

9 We need to set a date for mediation,
10 a Status Hearing and a Protest Hearing. The date
11 for the Status Hearing is May 16 at 9:30 a.m.

12 The Protest Hearing is scheduled for
13 June 13 at 1:30.

14 I'll give you the next available date
15 for mediation, that is Tuesday, April 24 at 9:00,
16 10:00 or 11:00. Tuesday, April 24?

17 MS. YOHANNES: That works for the
18 applicant.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

20 MR. JOHNSON: That does not work for
21 me. I'll have to push this into May.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: All right. I'll give

1 you the first available date in May. The first
2 available date in May is Tuesday, May 8 at 9:00,
3 10:00, 11:00 or 11:30.

4 MS. YOHANNES: That works for the
5 applicant.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Let's do 9:00.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: 9:00?

8 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, please.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Mediation is
10 set for Tuesday, May 8 at 9:00.

11 Okay. Any questions at all?

12 MS. YOHANNES: No questions.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

14 MR. JOHNSON: None from us either.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

16 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

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

19 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was
20 concluded at 10:11 a.m.)

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