

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Askale Yaregal	
t/a Gedera Market	Show Cause
4600 14th Street, NW	Hearing
Retailer B - ANC-4C	(Status)
License No. 89069	
Case #13-CMP-00445	

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January 29, 2014

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 Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
NICK ALBERTI, Member
DONALD BROOKS, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member
JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

AMY SCHMIDT, OAG

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(10:37 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next Show Cause (Status) Hearing case is Case No. 13-CMP-00445, Gedera Market located at 4600 14th Street, N.W., License No. 89069, in ANC-4C.

MS. SCHMIDT: Good morning. Amy Schmidt, Assistant Attorney General on behalf of the District of Columbia.

MS. YAREGAL: Askale Yaregal on behalf of Gedera Market.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And?

MR. CHAKA: Assefa Chaka.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I'm sorry?

MR. CHAKA: Assefa Chaka, Gedera Market partner.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You are a partner?

MR. CHAKA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Could you both sign-in also, so we will get your correct spelling for the record? Okay.

1 I want to ask you if you got
2 notice of this hearing?

3 MR. CHAKA: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you read
5 it and understand it?

6 MR. CHAKA: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. That
8 notice will be part of the record, unless you
9 have any objections about it?

10 (Whereupon, the document was
11 marked as Exhibit 1 for
12 identification.)

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. It's
14 the notice, just that you got notice. Okay.

15 Are there any preliminary matters
16 in this case?

17 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes, yes, there is.
18 We have an offer in compromise which I would
19 like to present to the Board consisting of a
20 fine of \$1,150 to be paid within 45 days.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you
22 agreeable to that offer in compromise of

1 \$1,150 to be paid within 45 days?

2 MR. CHAKA: Yeah. We are just
3 asking --

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You can sit
5 down actually, because it picks up -- the mike
6 picks you up better down there.

7 MR. CHAKA: Oh, okay. We are
8 asking for a lesser amount because of our
9 financial difficulties, so we ask the Board if
10 they can just fine us the \$1,000 area?

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I'm
12 not sure that I caught everything that you
13 said. Did you?

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: He is asking us
15 to revert back to the \$1,000 fine.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Really?

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: In the citation.

18 MR. CHAKA: Okay. We will accept
19 this offer.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You what?

21 MR. CHAKA: We are accepting the
22 offer.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You are
2 accepting the offer?

3 MR. CHAKA: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And do
5 you understand that you waive your right to a
6 hearing if you accept the offer?

7 MR. CHAKA: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Any
9 questions by Board Members?

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: May I ask a
11 question?

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Sure.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Yaregal, is
14 that your name? Ms. Yaregal. I was just
15 wondering, has this situation been -- have you
16 fixed the situation?

17 MR. CHAKA: Yes.

18 MEMBER ALBERTI: Do you now have
19 all the necessary --

20 MS. YAREGAL: Yes, we do.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- signs and
22 lettering posted? Is that correct?

1 MR. CHAKA: Yes.

2 MS. YAREGAL: Yes.

3 MR. CHAKA: Yes, that's correct.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Thank you
5 very much for that.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Any
7 other questions? Okay. Then I move that we
8 accept this offer in compromise of \$1,150 to
9 be paid within 45 days.

10 Do I have a second?

11 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr.

13 Silverstein seconded the motion.

14 All those in favor say aye.

15 ALL: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those
17 opposed? All those abstaining? The motion
18 passes 6-0-0.

19 (Whereupon, the Show Cause
20 (Status) Hearing in the above-entitled matter
21 was concluded at 10:41 a.m.)

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