

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Case #13-PRO-00003 :

Faces Lounge, LLC :

t/a Faces Lounge :

1414B 14th Street, N.W. :

License #ABRA-090739 :

Retailer Class CT :

New Application :

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, 4th Floor,

Washington, D.C. 20009, Ms. La Verne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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

10:03 a.m.

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3 AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties
4 in the matter of Faces Lounge please come
5 forward? You can have a chair. Excuse me one
6 second. Would the parties in the matter of
7 Faces Lounge please come forward.

8 This is Case Number 13-PRO-00003,
9 Faces Lounge, LLC trading as Faces Lounge,
10 1414B 14th Street, N.W., License Number ABRA-
11 090739. This is a Retailer CT new
12 application.

13 The protest issues are adverse
14 impact on peace, order and quiet and real
15 property values.

16 Is there anyone present on behalf
17 of ANC 2F?

18 Introductions beginning with the
19 Applicant please.

20 MR. MERESIE: Yes, my name is
21 Meresie.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Can you say that

1 a little bit louder please?

2 MR. MERESIE: First name is Yemane
3 Y-E-M-A-N-E and my last name is Meresie M-E-R-
4 E-S-I-E.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: How do you
6 pronounce the last name?

7 MR. MERESIE: Meresie.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Meresie, I
9 have from you a letter from the Applicant
10 designating you as her representative because
11 she's out of the country right now.

12 MR. MERESIE: That's true.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: And the name of
14 the Applicant is?

15 MR. MERESIE: Letai.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: And I'll spell
17 that. It's L-E-T-A-I Letai and the middle
18 name is?

19 MR. MERESIE: Ogbe.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Which is spelled
21 O-G-B-E and the last name is Meresie?

22 MR. MERESIE: And the last name is

1 Meresie.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: And the last name
3 is spelled M-E-R-E-S-I-E. She has given you
4 a letter designating you as her
5 representative.

6 MR. MERESIE: Yes, ma'am.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

8 Mr. Meresie, have you or your wife
9 had any contact with the ANC?

10 MR. MERESIE: No, the meeting is
11 for February 6 which is Wednesday.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: And which meeting
13 is that?

14 MR. MERESIE: February 6.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: And which meeting
16 is for February --

17 MR. MERESIE: The -- the ANC. So,
18 I expect her to meet them on that day and some
19 of them also. Let me to -- to be there.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. For the
21 purpose of the Roll Call Hearing, ANC 2F is
22 dismissed as a protestant because no one has

1 appeared on behalf of ANC 2F. So, for the
2 purpose of this proceeding, ANC 2F is not
3 granted standing as a protestant.

4 You all can go ahead and meet on
5 February 6 and if the ANC wants to seek
6 reinstatement of its protest, they'll have an
7 opportunity to do that.

8 But, for the purpose Roll Call
9 today, ANC 2F is not granted standing as a
10 protestant because no one has appeared on
11 their behalf.

12 And, Mr. Meresie, did you fill in
13 that sheet?

14 MR. MERESIE: No. This one?

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, thank you.

16 Now, do you or your wife have an email
17 address?

18 MR. MERESIE: Yes.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

20 MR. MERESIE: Is that it?

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, you can just
22 leave that right there and one other thing,

1 Mr. Meresie, just for your wife's
2 information --

3 MR. MERESIE: Sure.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: The ANC is going
5 to receive an order dismissing their protest
6 and your wife will be informed of that.

7 MR. MERESIE: Sure.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: And if the ANC
9 seeks reinstatement of the protest, your wife
10 will have an opportunity to oppose the
11 reinstatement of the protest as well.

12 MR. MERESIE: Sure.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

14 MR. MERESIE: Okay.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Any questions?

16 MR. MERESIE: Yes, at any rate, I
17 will meet them anyhow. Thursday, I will go
18 out there and talk to them all.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. And if you
20 all are able to resolve the matter in some
21 way, the ANC has the option to redraw its
22 protest.

1 MR. MERESIE: Yes, we don't -- we
2 don't have any problem. I think -- I think
3 for the formality they protested it. So, I
4 can come and talk to them.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

6 MR. MERESIE: Very good.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Well,
8 thank you very much.

9 MR. MERESIE: Have a good day.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Thanks for
11 coming.

12 The Roll Call Hearing concluded.

13 (Whereupon, at 10:09 a.m., the
14 hearing was adjourned.)

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