

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:

Gebri, Inc.
t/a Cedar Hill Bar and Grill
2200 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Avenue, SE
License #ABRA-91887
Retailer Ct - Substantial
Change - Change of Hours of
Entertainment Endorsement)
Case #14-PRO-00023

April 7, 2014

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

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

10:15 a.m.

AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties in the matter of Cedar Hill Bar and Grill, please, come forward? The parties in the matter of Cedar Hill Bar and Grill?

Has anyone arrived yet from ANC-8A?

MR. SMITH: Yes, I have.

AGENT FLETCHER: If you are from ANC-8A, if you could switch to this side?

MR. SMITH: Well, I'm opposed to the letter. I'm for them.

AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. So you are not --

MR. SMITH: I'm on behalf -

AGENT FLETCHER: -- the protestant?

MR. SMITH: Huh?

AGENT FLETCHER: You are here in support of Cedar Hill Bar and Grill?

MR. SMITH: Yeah.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Then you
2 do stay on that side.

3 Is anyone here from ANC-8A,
4 Barbara Clark, the protestant? ANC-8A is the
5 only protestant in this matter. I received a
6 message that Barbara Clark -- Mr. Nelson?

7 I received a message that Barbara
8 Clark was running late. The time is 10:16.
9 I will let you decide if you are willing to
10 wait to give additional time to get here or
11 not. It's up to you at this stage.

12 MR. SMITH: No. We want to move
13 forward.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Then the
15 time is 10:17. There is no one present on
16 behalf of ANC-8A. The protest filed by ANC-8A
17 is dismissed. ANC-8A will receive an order
18 dismissing the protest and they will have an
19 opportunity to seek reinstatement of the
20 protest.

21 If the Board approves
22 reinstatement of her protest, then we will

1 contact you, but we will keep you abreast of
2 what goes on beyond this point.

3 MR. SMITH: Okay.

4 MR. TRIPODO: How long do you
5 think it's going to take?

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Well, the Board
7 meets on Wednesdays. The Board will be aware
8 on this coming Wednesday of the dismissal of
9 this protest. And most likely an order will
10 be issued on this coming Wednesday to dismiss
11 the protest. That's the way it normally
12 works.

13 MR. TRIPODO: Okay.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Once the order is
15 issued, you will get a copy, ANC-8A will get
16 a copy of the order dismissing the protest and
17 if they decide to seek reinstatement of the
18 protest, you will be made aware of that, too,
19 and you will have an opportunity to be opposed
20 to that, that's what happens beyond today.

21 MR. SMITH: You are aware, I'm an
22 ANC Commissioner, too, 8A04.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: You are here in
2 support of the --

3 MR. SMITH: Yes.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: -- application.

5 MR. SMITH: Yes.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: What I need is, I
7 need some contact information from somebody at
8 Cedar Hill Bar and Grill. Did you put it on
9 that sign-in sheet?

10 MR. SMITH: Oh, okay.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: The person that
12 you want us to contact, that will be the
13 person that receives the order and that will
14 be the person that we communicate with from
15 this point.

16 Oh, one thing I didn't get you to
17 do is to state your name and spell it for the
18 court reporter, please, everyone who is at the
19 table.

20 MR. SMITH: I'm Commissioner Moses
21 Smith, 8A04. M-O-S-E-S S-M-I-T-H.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Uh-huh, thank

1 you.

2 MR. GEBRE: I'm Melake Gebre from
3 Uniontown Bar and Grill.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: From where?

5 MR. GEBRE: Uniontown Bar and
6 Grill. Oh, Cedar Hill Bar and Grill.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Cedar Hill Bar
8 and Grill?

9 MR. GEBRE: Yes, it's the same
10 thing. We have two names. Cedar Hill and --

11 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

12 MR. GEBRE: -- Uniontown.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: This is about
14 Cedar Hill. So you --

15 MR. GEBRE: Yes, Cedar Hill.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
17 I just wanted to make sure. And what's your
18 name again, please?

19 MR. GEBRE: Melake Gebre. M-E-L-
20 A-K-E, that's first name.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

22 MR. GEBRE: Last name is Gebre, G,

1 like George, E-B, like boy, R-E.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very
3 much. And your name, sir?

4 MR. TRIPODO: My name is Gabriele,
5 G-A-B-R-I-E-L-E, and last name Tripodo, T-R-I-
6 P-O-D-O.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: I'm sorry, what's
8 the last name again?

9 MR. TRIPODO: Tripodo, T, as in
10 Thomas, R-I-P-O-D-O, as in Oscar, Tripodo.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: T-R-I-P-O-D?

12 MR. TRIPODO: O, O.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: O. Okay.

14 MR. TRIPODO: Cedar Hill. We have
15 two names, Cedar Hill and Uniontown Bar and
16 Grill.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Just for
18 the record, this is related to Cedar Hill Bar
19 and Grill.

20 MR. TRIPODO: Yes.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
22 And, Mr. Tripodo, are you the applicant?

1 MR. TRIPODO: We are the
2 applicant.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: You are the co-
4 applicants?

5 MR. TRIPODO: Yes.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. TRIPODO: Also, I'm the
8 investor.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
10 Okay. That's it. Applicant, if you have got
11 your daytime number and email address there,
12 that's all I need.

13 MR. TRIPODO: Okay. Thank you
14 very much.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
16 You can leave it right there. I'll get it.

17 MR. TRIPODO: Thank you very much.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very
19 much. The Roll Call hearing is concluded.

20 MR. TRIPODO: And, you know, we
21 have over 200-something just --

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Yeah.

1 MR. TRIPODO: -- statements.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: We don't use
3 those at the Roll Call Hearing, but if the
4 matter goes forward for a Protest Hearing,
5 then we will. If you want me to include that
6 in the file --

7 MR. TRIPODO: Oh, do you mean --

8 AGENT FLETCHER: -- today, I can
9 take that. Is that already in the file?

10 MR. TRIPODO: Yeah. Actually, I
11 have it here.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: If you want me to
13 take that and include it in the file today, I
14 can or you can submit it at another time.
15 However you wish to work it.

16 MR. TRIPODO: No, I'll give to
17 you.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Then I will take
19 it.

20 MR. TRIPODO: Thank you very much.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. I'll
22 stamp it and place it in the file. Okay. And

1 these are residents in support.

2 MR. TRIPODO: Yes.

3 MR. SMITH: Yes.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

5 Anything else?

6 MR. TRIPODO: We have another one.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

8 Is that it?

9 MR. TRIPODO: Yes, ma'am.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: The Roll Call

11 Hearing is concluded.

12 MR. TRIPODO: Thank you very much.

13 MR. SMITH: Thank you.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

15 MR. TRIPODO: Appreciate it. Have
16 a good day.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: You, too. Sign
18 your name.

19 MR. TRIPODO: Thank you very much.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: You're welcome.

21 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing
22 was concluded at 10:22 a.m.)

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