

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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AMDE SOFENIAS :

t/a Queen Makeda :Roll Call

1917 9th Street, NW :Hearing

License #ABRA-060510 :

Retailer CR, License Renewal :

Case #13-PRO-00093 :

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AUGUST 5, 2013

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, 7th Floor, at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., La Verne Fletcher, Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT

LA VERNE FLETCHER, Chairperson

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10:01 a.m.

AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties in the matter of Queen Makeda -- off the record for one moment.

(Whereupon, off the record from 10:01 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.)

AGENT FLETCHER: Back on the record.

The parties of Queen Makeda. This is Case Number 13-PRO-00093. Amde Sofenias trading as Queen Makeda, 1917 9th Street, Northwest, License Number ABRA-060510. This is a Retailer CR License Renewal.

The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order and quiet.

My name is La Verne Fletcher and I'll be conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's Agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code 1601.2.

Introductions beginning with the Licensee, please.

1 MR. LeFANDE: Good morning,
2 Matthew LeFande, a member of the District of
3 Columbia Bar for and on behalf of Queen
4 Makeda. The owner of Sofenia is present with
5 me.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: And would you
7 stage your name one more time and spell it for
8 the Court Reporter, please?

9 MR. LeFANDE: Yes. Matthew, M-A-
10 T-T-H-E-W LeFande and it's L-e-F as in Frank,
11 A-N-D-E.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very
13 much.

14 And with you?

15 MR. LeFANDE: Present with me is
16 the owner of the establishment, Amde, A-M-D-E
17 Sofenia, which is S-O-F-E-N-I-A.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very
19 much.

20 And on behalf of ANC-1B.

21 MS. COOKSEY: Tara Cooksey, T-A-R-
22 A Cooksey, C-O-O-K-S-E-Y.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.
2 Cooksey.

3 MR. GUGGENMOS: And Jon Guggenmos,
4 G-U-G-G-E-N-M-O-S.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very
6 much.

7 ANC-1B does have standing as a
8 Protestant. We need to set a date for a
9 Mediation, a Status Hearing and a Protest
10 Hearing.

11 MR. LeFANDE: As a preliminary
12 matter, can I inquire as to --

13 AGENT FLETCHER: And who is
14 speaking?

15 MR. LeFANDE: Matthew LeFande on
16 behalf of --

17 AGENT FLETCHER: And who is
18 speaking, please, for the Court Reporter?
19 Your name, who is speaking?

20 MR. LeFANDE: I thought you just
21 said that.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Sorry.

1 MR. LefANDE: Matthew LeFande for
2 the --

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. LefANDE: -- Licensee.

5 We have no copy of any protest or
6 any notice thereof. Could we get a
7 representation from the ANC as to what service
8 or notice that they've made upon the Licensee?

9 AGENT FLETCHER: ABRA sent notice
10 of the Protest to Queen Makeda. ABRA is
11 responsible for providing you with a notice of
12 the hearing.

13 MR. LefANDE: We have a notice of
14 the hearing today, but we've receive no copy
15 of the protest.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: ABRA is
17 responsible for sending you a copy of the
18 protest as well. You should have received a
19 copy from us at the same time that you
20 received your scheduling notice. A copy of
21 the protest should have been attached to it.

22 MR. LefANDE: There was no copy of

1 the protest.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Then
3 someone from the office -- the person that
4 signed the letter was Tesha Anderson. T-E-S-
5 H-A Anderson, A-N-D-E-R-S-O-N. Ms. Anderson
6 signed the letter that you received regarding
7 the hearing. Did you receive a letter
8 regarding the hearing?

9 MR. LeFANDE: Yes, and we spoke at
10 the front desk and they inquired of Ms. Tesha
11 and she said she doesn't have a copy of the
12 protest.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: How did you know
14 to come today?

15 MR. LeFANDE: We received a copy
16 of the letter without the protest.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. She will
18 send you a copy of the protest letter filed by
19 ANC-1B.

20 MR. LeFANDE: Thank you.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: But I can tell
22 you it's a very short letter. I can read it

1 to you if you like just so that --

2 MR. LeFANDE: I have --

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

4 MR. LeFANDE: -- this. I don't
5 have the protest.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

7 MR. LeFANDE: Reading it into the
8 record doesn't do us much good.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Then did you say
10 you wanted me to read it? Okay. Thank you.

11 So, we'll need to set some dates
12 for Mediation, a Status Hearing and a Protest
13 Hearing. I'll give you the dates for the
14 Status and Protest Hearings first. The Status
15 Hearing is set for September 25, 2013, at 9:30
16 a.m. The Protest Hearing is set for November
17 the 13th. November 13, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

18 MR. LeFANDE: What was the time on
19 the Status?

20 AGENT FLETCHER: 9:30. And we'll
21 need to set a date for the Mediation to occur
22 prior to the September 25 Status Hearing.

1 I'll give you next dates that are available.
2 I'm checking to see if there's anything
3 available in August. August 15 is available
4 at 9:10. Okay. Should I move further along?

5 MR. LefANDE: Please do.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

7 Wednesday, August 21st is
8 available at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 or 1:00.

9 MR. LefANDE: That should be okay.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

11 MR. LefANDE: Make it 11:00.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that okay for
13 the ANC? The 21st at 11:00?

14 MS. COOKSEY: Yes.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that good?

16 MR. GUGGENMOS: Yes.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Mediation
18 is set for 11:00 on Wednesday, August 21st.

19 So, Ms. Cooksey and Mr. Guggenmos,
20 would you please write your contact
21 information?

22 MR. GUGGENMOS: Yes.

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AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

And, Mr. LeFande, is your contact information on that sign-in sheet as well?

MR. LeFANDE: Yes.

AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very much. And my card is there in case you need to contact me. I'm the Board's Mediator and so we'll meet for mediation August 21st at 11:00, most likely in this room, but you can just check in with the receptionist.

Okay. Any questions? See you then.

Thank you very much. The Roll Call Hearing is concluded.

(Whereupon, the above matter was concluded at 10:09 a.m.)

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