

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
 3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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 5 IN THE MATTER OF: :
 6 Omar, LLC t/a, Castello :
 7 Restaurant and Lounge, :
 8 931 Hamilton Street, NW, : Case #15-PRO-00101
 9 License #ABRA-100259 : Roll Call Hearings
 10 Retailer Class CT :
 11 New Application, :
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13 Monday, November 9, 2015

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 15 Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
 16 came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
 17 Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
 18 N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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1 PRESENT:

2 LAVERNE FLETCHER, Presiding

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4 On Behalf of the Applicant

5 OUAFAE HARRAG

6 DEE HUNTER

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8 On Behalf of the Protestants

9 DAVID SHEON, ANC 4D

10 ANNIE WALLACE

11 KAREN ABBOTT

12 LENNIE MUSE

13 LEON T. SIMMS, II

14 RASHAWN WILLIAMS

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

2 [Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
3 commenced at 10:40 am.]

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5 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in the
6 matter of Castello Restaurant and Lounge please
7 come forward. This is case number 15-PRO-00101,
8 Omar, LLC trading as Castello Restaurant and
9 Lounge, 931 Hamilton Street, Northwest, license
10 number ABRA-100259. This is a Retailer Class CTU
11 application. The protest issues are adverse
12 impact on peace order and quiet.

13 My name is Laverne Fletcher. I am
14 conducting the roll call hearing as the board's
15 agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code 1601.2.

16 Introductions beginning with the
17 applicant please.

18 MR. HUNTER: Omar, LLC. Dee Hunter, as
19 well as -- tell them your name.

20 MS. HARRAG: Ouafae Harrag, the owner of
21 the restaurant.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Hunter, would you

1 spell you name for the record please?

2 MR. HUNTER: D-E-E, H-U-N-T-E-R.

3 MS. FLETCHER: And, ma'am, could you do
4 the same?

5 MS. HARRAG: O-U-A-F --

6 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry --

7 MS. HARRAG: O-U-A-F --

8 MS. FLETCHER: A-F, like Frank?

9 MS. HARRAG: Uh huh.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Uh huh.

11 MS. HARRAG: A-E

12 MS. FLETCHER: Uh huh

13 MS. HARRAG: H. That is the last name.

14 H-A-R-R-A-G, as in George.

15 MS. FLETCHER: H-A-R-R --

16 MS. HARRAG: G, like in George.

17 MS. FLETCHER: H-A-R-R -

18 MS. HARRAG: G.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, G.

20 MS. HARRAG: Yeah.

21 MS. FLETCHER: H-A-R-R-G?

22 MS. HARRAG: Yes.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, and that's the first
2 name?

3 MR. HUNTER: Harrag is the last name.

4 MS. HARRAG: Harrag, the last name. The
5 first name is Ouafae.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Let me just make
7 sure I got the spelling.

8 The first name is O-U-A-F-A-E-H.

9 MS. HARRAG: No, A-E.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Oh. No H at the end.

11 MS. HARRAG: No.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Now I have O-U-A-F-A-E.

13 MS. HARRAG: Right.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very much.

15 MS. HARRAG: Thank you.

16 MS. FLETCHER: And present on behalf of
17 ANC 4D?

18 MR. SHEON: David Sheon.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Sheon, would you spell
20 your name for the record, please?

21 MR. SHEON: D-A-V-I-D, S-H-E-O-N.

22 MS. FLETCHER: And there is a group of

1 23, but I need everyone to come up to the table
2 with Mr. Sheon, because you're still going to
3 have to state your name on the record, and spell
4 it for the record.

5 MR. SHEON: Do you want it written out as
6 well, on this form?

7 MS. FLETCHER: On -- no, just you as the
8 designated representative on the form is good,
9 Mr. Sheon.

10 And you can just speak right into the
11 microphone. Just state your name and spell it
12 for the record.

13 MS. WALLACE: My name is Annie Wallace.
14 A-N-N-I-E, W-A-L-L-A-C-E.

15 MS. ABBOTT: Karen Abbott. K-A-R-E-N, A-
16 B-B-O-T-T.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

18 MR. MUSE: Lennie Muse. L-E-N-N-I-E, M-
19 U-S-E.

20 MR. SIMMS: Leon T. Simms, II. L-E-O-N,
21 T, S-I-M-S.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay

1 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Rashawn
2 Williams. R-A-S-H-A-W-N.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Did you say, S, like Sam?

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

5 MS. FLETCHER: R-A-S-H --

6 MR. WILLIAMS: A-W-N.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Uh huh.

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Williams. W-I-L-L-I-A-M-
9 S.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

11 MR. WILLIAMS: You're Welcome.

12 MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Sheon -- Oh, you
13 can have a seat now. Thank you very much.

14 And Mr. Sheon, you are also a part of the
15 group of 23?

16 MR. SHEON: I am.

17 MS. FLETCHER: ANC 4D has standing as a
18 protestant as well as the group of 23.

19 Mr. Sheon, because at least five members
20 of the group of 23 is present, the group is
21 granted full standing, and you are the designated
22 representative on behalf of the group.

1 MR. SHEON: Correct. Thank you.

2 MS. FLETCHER: So the entire group is
3 granted standing, that's the group of 23.

4 We need to set a date for mediation
5 status and protest hearing. I'll give you the
6 date for the status hearing first.

7 The status hearing is set for December
8 the 9th at 9:30 am.

9 Mr. Hunter, did you put your contact
10 information on that sheet already?

11 MR. HUNTER: Yes, and we have been
12 receiving the regular communication --

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

14 MR. HUNTER: In the matter. Clearly all
15 the emails are correct, ma'am.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

17 MR. HUNTER: Yeah, and Imani has all the
18 information.

19 MS. FLETCHER: The date of the protest
20 hearing is January 6th. January 6th, 2016, at
21 4:30 pm.

22 We need to set a date for mediation to

1 occur prior to December 9th. I'll give you the
2 next date that's available for mediation.

3 The next date available is Monday,
4 November 16th at 11:30 in the morning.

5 Is that good for you Mr. Hunter?

6 MR. HUNTER: Alright, Monday, November
7 16th, 11:30 -

8 MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Sheon is checking
9 his calendar. If that doesn't work -

10 MR. HUNTER: We could do it later if --

11 MR. SHEON: You're saying Monday,
12 November 16th?

13 I see November 16th as -

14 Oh, somehow my year got switched and
15 that's why it was not right.

16 MR. HUNTER: If necessary, we can do it
17 later in the day on Monday.

18 MS. FLETCHER: We could do it as late as
19 1 pm.

20 MR. HUNTER: Actually, that would be
21 better.

22 MR. SHEON: I have a conflict at three,

1 but otherwise I'm open all day, and I'm happy to
2 look at other days as well. I don't know how,
3 you know, typically.

4 MR. HUNTER: Let's go 12.

5 MS. FLETCHER: We can do 12.

6 MR. SHEON: Is that okay?

7 MR. HUNTER: That's fine.

8 MS. FLETCHER: 12 o'clock on Monday,
9 November 16th?

10 MR. HUNTER: Yup. November 16th, Monday.

11 MR. SHEON: That's for the mediation?

12 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

13 So, mediation is set for Monday, November
14 16 at 12 o'clock noon.

15 Any questions?

16 MR. SHEON: I do have a question.

17 I've been confused, I just want to make
18 sure I understand.

19 At these various hearings - can you help
20 me -- help explain to me what's acceptable for
21 participants of the group of 23 to attend and
22 participate in, and what's not acceptable?

1 MS. FLETCHER: What's acceptable, Mr.
2 Sheon, is that you attend. If you're
3 representing the group of 23, you can be present
4 for mediation or the status hearing on behalf of
5 the entire group. No one else from the group
6 need appear for mediation or the status hearing.

7 MR. SHEON: No one need appear, but may
8 they?

9 MS. FLETCHER: Anybody, yeah, anybody
10 from the group can be present. It's a public
11 hearing, so you can just come because you're --
12 because you can, particularly because you're
13 protestants, so, anybody can come from the group.

14 MR. SHEON: To the mediation as
15 well.

16 MS. FLETCHER: To the mediation as well.

17 MR. SHEON: Thank you.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Only the designated
19 representative is required, but not the entire
20 group.

21 MR. SHEON: Understood. And I --

22 MS. FLETCHER: That's up to you.

1 MR. SHEON: I will make very clear that
2 there is no chance that all 23 will be coming to
3 the mediation, or anything like that, it would be
4 one or two representatives.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Let's just say that were
6 to happen, what I would do is have most people
7 sit in the back where you are right now, because
8 23 at the table would be --

9 MR. SHEON: Yeah, at most it would be one
10 or two that would represent the --

11 MS. FLETCHER: That would be fine.

12 And then -- so, for the mediation, you,
13 Mr. Sheon, on behalf of the group, or you and
14 anyone else who chooses to come with you for the
15 mediation, and the same thing for the status
16 hearing, it's just that the group of 23 has
17 already met its requirement to be granted
18 standing and need not appear for the mediation.

19 MR. SHEON: Understood, thank you.

20 MR. HUNTER: Thank you.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, the roll call
22 hearing is concluded.

1 MR. SHEON: Thanks.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, and thanks for
3 waiting.

4 [Whereupon, the above-entitled matter concluded
5 at 10:49 am.]

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