

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-00155 :

AED, LLC t/a Rustik Tavern :

84 T Street NW :

License #ABRA-086517 :

Retailer CT :

License Renewal :

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December 2, 2013

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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th

Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Ms. La Verne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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10:32 a.m.

AGENT FLETCHER: I'm calling to call a case, one case out of order.

Would the parties in the matter of Rustik Tavern come forward? Are the parties present in the matter of Rustik Tavern? You can come forward.

Okay, and present on behalf of the Applicant?

MR. PASHAJ: Representing Rustik Tavern, last name Pashaj, P-A-S-H-A-J.

AGENT FLETCHER: P-A-S?

MR. PASHAJ: H-A-J.

AGENT FLETCHER: What's the first name?

MR. PASHAJ: Diton, D-I-T-O-N.

AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, and Mr. Pashaj?

MR. PASHAJ: Pashaj.

AGENT FLETCHER: Pashaj, could you please sign in on the contact sheet for me,

1 please, and present on behalf of the
2 Protestant?

3 MS. RIZZO: Victoria Rizzo, R-I-Z-
4 Z-O.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, Ms. Rizzo,
6 you're claiming to be an abutting property
7 owner?

8 MS. RIZZO: Yes, ma'am.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: And you mentioned
10 in your protest letter that you live in a
11 condo directly above the establishment. Does
12 that mean that you share a common wall?
13 You're immediately above?

14 MS. RIZZO: Yes, immediately above
15 him.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.
17 Then you are an abutting property owner, by
18 our definition.

19 So, you are granted standing as an
20 abutting property owner, and we need to set a
21 date for a mediation, a status and a protest
22 hearing.

1 I'm going to read the case into
2 the record first, and then I'll give you some
3 dates.

4 This is Case No. 13-PRO-00155,
5 AED, LLC trading as Rustik Tavern, 84 T
6 Street, Northwest, License No. ABRA-086517.
7 This is a Retailer CT License Renewal.

8 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm
9 conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the
10 Board's Agent, pursuant to D.C. Official Code
11 1601.2.

12 The status hearing in this matter
13 is set for January 29, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
14 That's the date of the status hearing.

15 MR. PASHAJ: What time again?

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Nine-thirty.

17 MR. PASHAJ: Nine-thirty?

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

19 MR. PASHAJ: The 29th?

20 AGENT FLETCHER: On January 29th,
21 and the date for the protest hearing is April
22 2nd, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

1 We need to set a date for
2 mediation. I'll give you the next available
3 dates. Thursday, January 2nd is available if
4 that's good for anyone. Should I keep moving?

5 MR. PASHAJ: I won't be available
6 on the 2nd.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, what about
8 Tuesday, January 14th? Does that work for
9 you, Ms. Rizzo?

10 MS. RIZZO: Yes.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: Nine? Ten?
12 Eleven or one? What is convenient for you,
13 Ms. Rizzo?

14 MS. RIZZO: Can we do 9:00 a.m.?

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, we can do
16 9:00 a.m. So, mediation is set for 9:00 a.m.
17 on January 14th. Any questions at all?

18 My card is on the table if you
19 have questions later. Just give me a call.

20 MS. RIZZO: I do have a question.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

22 MS. RIZZO: What happens in

1 mediation?

2 AGENT FLETCHER: In mediation, the
3 parties attempt to resolve the protest issues.
4 That's basically what happens.

5 It's informal. It's an
6 opportunity to sit down and discuss what the
7 protest issues are and to resolve them, to
8 your mutual satisfaction, if possible.

9 MS. RIZZO: Is there a third-party
10 there too?

11 AGENT FLETCHER: I am the Board's
12 mediator.

13 MS. RIZZO: Okay.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: It will be the
15 three of us. The objective is to try and
16 resolve the matter in some way, if you can.

17 If you can't, you will admit your
18 requirement to appear.

19 MS. RIZZO: Thank you.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: So, we just talk
21 about the issues and try to work them out in
22 some way.

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MS. RIZZO: Okay, thank you.

AGENT FLETCHER: You're welcome.

(Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing
was concluded at 10:36 a.m.)

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