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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-00159 :

Caf, Dallul t/a Rendezvous

Lounge :

2226 18th Street NW :

License #ABRA-014272 :

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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10:40 a.m.

AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, would the parties in the matter of Rendezvous Lounge please come forward?

MR. SLAUGHTER: Good morning.

AGENT FLETCHER: Good morning. If you could watch the paper on your microphone.

MR. SLAUGHTER: Sorry.

AGENT FLETCHER: No problem.

MR. SLAUGHTER: I apologize.

AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. This is Case No. 13-PRO-00159, Caf, Dallul trading as Rendezvous Lounge, 2226 18th Street, Northwest, License No. ABRA-014272. This is a Retailer CT License Renewal.

The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order and quiet, residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety and over-concentration.

My name is LaVerne Fletcher and I'm conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the

1 Board's Agent, pursuant to D.C. Official Code
2 1601.2.

3 Introductions, beginning with the
4 Applicant, please.

5 MR. SLAUGHTER: Good morning, Ms.
6 Fletcher. My name is Kenneth S. Slaughter, S-
7 L-A-U-G-H-T-E-R. I'm appearing on behalf of
8 the owner of Rendezvous Caf, Dallul, trading
9 as Rendezvous Lounge.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: And Mr.
11 Slaughter, are you going to be representing --

12 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: -- the Applicant
14 throughout the process?

15 MR. SLAUGHTER: I always have.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that -- could
17 you please -- well, I did get an email from
18 you this morning through --

19 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: -- indicating
21 that you're the attorney representing --

22 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: -- the
2 establishment.

3 MR. SLAUGHTER: Need to turn in
4 another form for you?

5 AGENT FLETCHER: I'll check. For
6 now, we're good with that.

7 There is an entry of appearance
8 and you have notified us by -- in writing --

9 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes, ma'am.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: -- by email?

11 MR. SLAUGHTER: Thank you very
12 much.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: That may be
14 sufficient. Thank you very much.

15 Present on behalf of the Kalorama
16 Citizens Association?

17 MR. JAMES: Good morning. Denis
18 James, President representing KCA.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. James, would
20 you spell Kalorama?

21 MR. JAMES: Sorry, K-A-L-O-R-A-M-
22 A.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

2 That's the Kalorama Citizens Association.

3 Mr. James, was the Applicant given
4 seven days notice of the meeting that you held
5 regarding the application?

6 MR. JAMES: Yes, she was. I
7 emailed you that information perhaps --

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. It
9 didn't make it to the file. You normally do.
10 I just wanted to double-check.

11 MR. JAMES: Right, I emailed it
12 this morning. Sorry, I didn't get to you.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, and
14 I'll get it and place it in the file, when I
15 get back to my desk.

16 Present on behalf of ANC 1C?

17 MR. HART: Brian Hart for ANC
18 1C01, H-A-R-T.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
20 Hart. Is that B-R-I-A-N?

21 MR. HART: Yes.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very

1 much, and from the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood
2 Association?

3 MS. AUBRUN: Good morning. My
4 name is Benedicte Aubrun, B-E-N-E-D-I-C-T-E,
5 and last name is A-U-B-R-U-N, from Reed-Cooke
6 Neighborhood Association.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, and I
8 saw in the file, Ms. Aubrun, that you did give
9 the Applicant seven day notice of the meeting
10 that you held regarding the application.

11 MS. AUBRUN: Right.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Reed-Cooke is
13 spelled R-E-E-D C-O-O-K-E. That's the Reed-
14 Cooke Neighborhood Association.

15 We need to set a date for a status
16 protest hearing and mediation.

17 The status hearing in this matter
18 is set for January 29th at 9:30 a.m. The
19 protest hearing is set for April 2nd, April 2nd
20 at 1:30 p.m.

21 The next available date for
22 mediation is January 2nd. Is that too early

1 in the year for anyone?

2 MR. SLAUGHTER: That might create
3 a problem for my schedule.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: No problem. I'm
5 going to move right along.

6 The next date available is
7 Tuesday, January 21st. I can -- if you -- if
8 it will be helpful, I can try to squeeze
9 something in earlier. Would you like for me
10 to try to do that, to squeeze something in
11 before the 21st?

12 Okay, let me see what I can do.

13 MR. SLAUGHTER: This is for
14 mediation, Ms. Fletcher?

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

16 MR. SLAUGHTER: Okay, thank you
17 very much.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. Okay, what
19 about --

20 MR. JAMES: I wonder if the -- if
21 we file a joint continuance for the status,
22 that would give us more time to mediate.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Actually, I'm
2 going to be able to fit something in, Mr.
3 James. I'll let you know what it is in just
4 a minute.

5 We can do Tuesday, January 7th at
6 1:00 p.m.

7 MR. SLAUGHTER: Seventh?

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. SLAUGHTER: My only problem is
10 I have a fact finding for that same client,
11 the next day, as I understand.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, then how
13 about --

14 MR. JAMES: I believe that fact
15 finding is this Wednesday, unless it's been
16 moved.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: I'm not aware of
18 the fact finding.

19 MR. SLAUGHTER: It's going to be
20 moved at my request.

21 (OTR comments)

22 AGENT FLETCHER: That, yes, the

1 issue related to the fact finding was included
2 in an email response to you from Martha
3 Jenkins. Is that the one you're referring to,
4 Mr. Slaughter?

5 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, so, that
7 fact finding hearing is being --

8 MR. SLAUGHTER: Because I was just
9 called back into this matter. I asked for a
10 continuance, and I hope it will be granted.

11 MR. JAMES: Well, we would like to
12 mediate after the fact finding.

13 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes, that's fine
14 with me.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Well, let me see
16 if I can -- do you know what -- when that is
17 going to be yet?

18 MR. SLAUGHTER: Fact finding is on
19 the 8th, I think at ten.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: It is going to be
21 on the 8th?

22 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes, ma'am, I

1 think.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, then what
3 about Monday, January 13th at one?

4 MR. SLAUGHTER: At what time?

5 AGENT FLETCHER: At one.

6 MR. SLAUGHTER: Yes, ma'am, that
7 works.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that good for
9 everyone? One o'clock on the 13th.

10 So, mediation is set for Monday,
11 January 13th at one o'clock.

12 Any questions at all?

13 MR. SLAUGHTER: That's it.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

15 MR. JAMES: Thank you.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Roll Call Hearing
17 is concluded.

18 MR. SLAUGHTER: Thank you very
19 much.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing
22 was concluded at 10:50 a.m.)

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