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In the Matter of: 1409 Betyrusion Taye, Inc. t/a Lalibela Ethiopian 08-20-2012

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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1409 Betyrusion Taye, Inc. :
t/a Lalibela Ethiopian :
Restaurant :
1409 14th Street, NW :
Retailer CR : Roll Call
License No. ABRA-089806 : Hearing
Case No. 12-PRO-00070 :
New Application :
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August 20, 2012

The Alcoholic Beverage Control

The Board's Agent met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

PRESENT

LAVERNE FLETCHER, Board's Agent

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

2 10:10 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would parties in the matter of
4 Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant please come forward?

5 This is Case No. 12-PRO-00070, 1409 Betyrusion Taye,
6 trading as Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant, 1409 14th
7 Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-089806, Retail CR, a new
8 application. The protest issues are adverse impact on
9 peace, order and quiet, and real property values.

10 My name is LaVerne Fletcher and I'll be
11 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's Agent
12 pursuant to DC Official Code 1601.2.

13 Introductions beginning with the applicant?

14 MR. KLINE: Good morning. Andrew Kline on
15 behalf of the applicant. Last name's spelled K-L-I-N-
16 E.

17 MR. WOGEDERES: My name is Taye Wogederes.
18 I'm spelling Taye T-A-Y-E.

19 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry, what's the first
20 name again?

21 MR. WOGEDERES: The first name is T-A-Y-E,
22 Taye, last name W-O-G-E-D-E-R-E-S.

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1 MS. FLETCHER: W-O --

2 MR. WOGEDERES: -- G-E-D-E-R-E-S.

3 MS. FLETCHER: W-O-G-E-D-E-R --

4 MR. WOGEDERES: E-S.

5 MS. FLETCHER: -- E-S. Thank you.

6 MR. WOGEDERES: Uh-huh.

7 MR. SPEICHER: And I'm Jeffrey Speicher and

8 I'm president of the Rockingham Condominium

9 Association. And I'm here representing myself and four

10 other owners in the condominium. We are a property

11 that abuts the rear of the host location of Lalibela.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Specker [sic], did you
13 pronounce --

14 MR. SPEICHER: Speicher. "S," in --

15 MS. FLETCHER: Well, could you spell that for --

16 MR. SPEICHER: S -- yes, "S," as in, "Sam,"
17 "P," as in, "Peter, E-I-C-H-E-R.

18 MS. FLETCHER: And Jeffrey?

19 MR. SPEICHER: Jeffrey. Uh-huh.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell that, please?

21 MR. SPEICHER: J-E-F-F-R-E-Y.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much. And

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1 you're representing four other individuals. Now, let
2 me ask you something about the issue of whether or not
3 the properties abut. Do you actually abut or are you
4 in close proximity? Abutting means sharing a common
5 wall. Do you --

6 MR. SPEICHER: Uh-huh. Yes.

7 MS. FLETCHER: -- abut? And you share a
8 common wall?

9 MR. SPEICHER: Uh-huh.

10 MS. FLETCHER: I just wanted to clear that.

11 MR. SPEICHER: A common -- a common fence
12 actually.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, then you're not
14 going to be considered abutting property on this but
15 you will be considered protestants.

16 MR. SPEICHER: Oh, okay.

17 MS. FLETCHER: For us, abutting means that
18 you share a common wall.

19 MR. SPEICHER: Within the same --

20 MS. FLETCHER: Exactly. But it is fine that
21 you --

22 MR. SPEICHER: Okay.

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1 MS. FLETCHER: -- are in close proximity.
2 And there are five of you. Do you by chance have a
3 letter with you today designating you as the
4 representative of - - representative of the other four?

5 MR. SPEICHER: Yes, I do.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr. Kline, there's
7 a copy here for you too.

8 MR. KLINE: Okay.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Let's see. Actually there --
10 I'll get a copy for you. I have letters of designation
11 from the four other protestants. I have a letter of
12 designation from Rachelle Schofield and I'll provide
13 the court reporter with the spelling of these names
14 after the roll calling hearing. I have a letter of
15 designation from Rachelle Schofield, Leif Redmond, Luke
16 Hall-Johnson [sic] --

17 MR. SPEICHER: Jordan.

18 MS. FLETCHER: -- Jordan and Timothy Hillard.
19 And Mr. Speicher, just so that you know, the -- it was
20 okay that those other four individuals not appear for
21 the roll call hearing today. But at the status
22 hearing, each of them will need to appear so that at

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1 the point of the status hearing the Board will have
2 seen all five. So the others will need to appear for
3 the status hearing. I'll give you the date for that in
4 a moment.

5 So for the purpose of roll call, you're being
6 -- actually being granted conditional standing today.
7 If the other four appear at the status hearing, then
8 the Board will grant standing but the standing is
9 conditional to that.

10 Is there a pending voluntary agreement in
11 this case?

12 MR. KLINE: I think we're hopefully six or
13 seven minutes away from executing it.

14 MS. FLETCHER: So then --

15 MR. SPEICHER: If -- yeah, I hope so. I hope
16 so. I have one here with all the signatures on it.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Well, then I will go ahead and
18 just set the dates because --

19 MR. KLINE: Yeah.

20 MS. FLETCHER: -- we're at roll call. And
21 then if we don't need them, then we don't.

22 MR. KLINE: I think -- I think it'll -- it is

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1 only the fact of it being August and vacation time that
2 this wasn't resolved before meeting here with this
3 client.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, then I'll give
5 you these dates and then we'll cancel them once you
6 submit a voluntary agreement. So

7 MR. SPEICHER: Okay.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Because there's going to be a
9 status hearing. There is a status hearing set for
10 September the 19th at 9:30 -- September 19 at 9:30 for
11 the status and for the protest hearing, November the
12 7th at 1:30 p.m. And we'll need to set a date for the
13 mediation also. I'll give you the next date available.
14 The next date available is this coming Friday.

15 If that's too soon, we can move it to
16 September, where the next available date is September
17 the 6th, which is on a Thursday. Would that work,
18 September the 6th?

19 MR. KLINE: Yeah, I think that works.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Speicher, does September
21 6th work for you as well?

22 MR. SPEICHER: Yes, yes. Uh-huh.

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1 MS. FLETCHER: And that would be at 9:00,
2 10:00, 11:00 or 1:00.

3 MR. SPEICHER: 9:00?

4 MS. FLETCHER: Would 9:00 work for you?

5 MR. KLINE: Yeah, that's fine.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Does that work? Okay. Then
7 mediation is set for Thursday, September 6th at 9:00.
8 And if the matter is resolved, then we'll cancel the
9 mediation. And then if the Board approves the
10 voluntary agreement, the status hearing and the protest
11 hearing will be cancelled as well. Mr. Speicher, did
12 you put your contact information on that sheet, the
13 daytime number and email address?

14 MR. SPEICHER: On which sheet of paper?

15 MS. FLETCHER: There's a sign-in sheet --

16 MR. SPEICHER: Oh --

17 MS. FLETCHER: -- right there.

18 MR. SPEICHER: -- okay.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Any questions at all?

20 Anything, Mr. Speicher?

21 MR. SPEICHER: Unh-unh.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Any questions? Okay. Thank

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1 you. Then the roll call hearing is concluded.

2 MR. KLINE: Thank you.

3 (WHEREUPON, at 10:19 a.m., the hearing was
4 concluded.)

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