

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:

Omar, LLC t/a
Castello Restaurant and Lounge
931 Hamilton Street, NW
Retailer A - ANC-4D
License No. ABRA-097302
Case #15-PRO-00047

(License Renewal)

June 1, 2015

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing
Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W.,
Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Ms. LaVerne
Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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

2 11:06 a.m.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties in
4 the matter of Castello Restaurant and Lounge,
5 please, come forward? This is Case No. 15-PRO-
6 00047, Omar, LLC t/a Castello Restaurant and
7 Lounge, 931 Hamilton Street, N.W., License No.
8 ABRA-097302. This is a Retailer Class A License
9 renewal.

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

12 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm
13 conducting the

14 MS. SKAM: Roll Call Hearing as the
15 Board's Agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code
16 1601.2.

17 Introductions beginning with Castello.

18 MR. HUNTER: Good morning, Ms.
19 Fletcher. Dee Hunter on behalf of the owners of
20 Omar, LLC.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr.
22 Hunter, okay, thank you. And so are you putting

1 your contact information?

2 MR. HUNTER: Correct.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

4 MR. HUNTER: Although it's on record
5 with the application.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

7 And present on behalf of the group of
8 individuals?

9 MR. MUSE: Yes, Lennie Muse and Mr.
10 David Sheon of ANC-4 representative.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: One second. Did you
12 say Lennie Muse?

13 MR. MUSE: Yes, Lennie Muse and we
14 would like to have Mr. David Sheon be our
15 representative for the group.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. So, Mr. Muse,
17 in the record your name is L-E-N-N-I-E M-U-S-E?

18 MR. MUSE: Right.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone
20 else from your group present?

21 MR. MUSE: Yes.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: If you could come to

1 the table, stand behind the microphone and just
2 state your name and spell it for the record?

3 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Robert Wright. R-O-
4 B-E-R-T W-R-I-G-H-T.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Wright.

6 MS. THOMPKINS: Barbara Thompkins, T-
7 H-O-M-P-K-I-N-S.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: One second. What's
9 your name again?

10 MS. THOMPKINS: Barbara.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: Barbara Thompkins?

12 MS. THOMPKINS: Yes.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

14 MS. WALLACE: Annie Wallace. A-N-N-I-
15 E W-A-L-L-A-C-E.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

17 MS. ABBOTT: Karen Abbott. K-A-R-E-N
18 A-B-B-O-T-T.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.
20 Abbott. Anyone else? And what's your name?

21 MR. SHEON: I'm David Sheon. I'm the
22 ANC Commissioner for 4D04, although I'm here as a

1 resident and asked to represent the group.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: And, Mr. Sheon, how
3 do you spell your last name?

4 MR. SHEON: S-H-E-O-N.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: And did you say you
6 are here as the representative?

7 MR. SHEON: I'm not. I mean, the ANC
8 has not voted on this issue.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: That's right.

10 MR. SHEON: So I'm a Single Member
11 District representative only and also a resident.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: You are not a
13 protestant?

14 MR. SHEON: I've been asked by the
15 protestants to represent them.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. That's the
17 only -- thank you. And so David Sheon is going
18 to be the representative on behalf of the group
19 of individuals.

20 MR. MUSE: Yes.

21 MR. SHEON: That's right.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. So, Mr.

1 Sheon, would you put your contact information on
2 that sheet?

3 MR. SHEON: Sure.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
5 Okay. So David Sheon is recognized as the
6 designated representative on behalf of the
7 individuals present. Standing is being granted
8 to the five individuals present. There are three
9 individuals not present and who did not designate
10 representatives, so standing cannot be granted to
11 those individuals, but you have enough
12 individuals present to be granted standing as a
13 group of five.

14 We need to set a date for a mediation,
15 a Status Hearing and a Protest Hearing. The date
16 for the Status Hearing is July 15 at 9:30 a.m.
17 July 15 at 9:30.

18 The date for the Protest Hearing is
19 September 16 at 4:30 p.m.

20 You will receive a notice of the dates
21 as well. You will receive the notices by email.

22 MR. SHEON: You said at 4:30 p.m.?

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, at 4:30 p.m.

2 We need to set a date for mediation.
3 The next available date for mediation is Tuesday,
4 June the 30th at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00.

5 MR. HUNTER: 11:00 is the first time
6 I'm available that day.

7 MS. WALLACE: Do we have to be here?
8 I have another court date on the 30th.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Well, only the
10 designated representative needs to be present,
11 but you can decide who is going to attend.

12 MR. SHEON: You all are welcome to
13 attend. Any of the protestants can attend that.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

15 MR. SHEON: Right? I mean, they are
16 allowed to?

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, yes.

18 MR. SHEON: That's my question, yes.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, yes, they are.
20 And so do we need to change the time so that Ms.
21 Wallace can attend?

22 MR. SHEON: Are the rest of you

1 available on that date, on the 30th at 11:00 a.m.,
2 I believe, June 30th?

3 MR. HUNTER: I might be.

4 MR. SHEON: Okay.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: That's going to work?

6 MR. SHEON: It's okay, yes.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

8 MR. SHEON: That's the date, Ms.

9 Fletcher?

10 AGENT FLETCHER: So Tuesday, June 30
11 at 11:00 is okay, Mr. Hunter?

12 MR. HUNTER: Yes. Ms. Fletcher, one
13 question.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

15 MR. HUNTER: On the initial call or
16 the initial calling of this matter, we call it as
17 Class A new issuance or this is a new license,
18 not a reissuance.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: This is a new
20 application. Did I say something else?

21 MR. HUNTER: I thought we said--

22 AGENT FLETCHER: I could have.

1 MR. HUNTER: Okay.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: I could have, because
3 it is a new application.

4 MR. HUNTER: I know everyone else was
5 Class A, right.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: That's right. If I
7 said license renewal, I made a mistake. This is
8 a new application.

9 MR. HUNTER: Right, right.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. So
11 mediation is set for Tuesday, June 30 at 11:00.

12 Questions? Okay. Well, thank you for
13 coming. The Roll Call Hearing is concluded.

14 MR. SHEON: All right. Thank you.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Hunter.

16 MR. HUNTER: Thank you.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: I haven't seen you in
18 a while. It is nice to see you. I thought that
19 was you back there. See you soon.

20 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing in
21 the above-entitled matter was concluded at 11:15
22 a.m.)

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