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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
Silkari East, Inc., t/a Kouzina:  
Authentic Greek Restaurant :  
3234 Prospect Street NW : Case #15-PRO-00103  
License #99818 : Protest Hearing  
Retailer CR : (Status)  
ANC 2E :  
Application for a new License:

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Wednesday, December 9,  
2015

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

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CHAIRPERSON:

DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

BOARD MEMBERS:

NICK ALBERTI

JAMES SHORT

RUTHANNE MILLER

MIKE SILVERSTEIN

ALSO PRESENT:

KAREN CRUSE, ESQ.,

On behalf of the Citizens Association of  
Georgetown and ANC 2E

ELISA CHETRIT, OWNER

On behalf of the Licensee

1 [9:44 a.m.]

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

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The next case on our  
4 schedule is Case No. 15-PRO-00103, Kouzina  
5 Authentic Greek Restaurant; License No. 99818.

6 Will the parties approach, please.

7 MS. CHETRIT: Good morning.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Can you -- you  
9 represent --

10 MS. CHETRIT: Yes. I will say and spell  
11 my name.

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes. Say and spell  
13 your name, please.

14 MS. CHETRIT: I just -- Elisa, E-l-i-s-a.  
15 Last name, Chetrit, C-h-e-t-r-i-t. And I'm the  
16 representative for Silkari East, for Kouzina.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: What do you mean  
18 that you're the representative? Tell me a little  
19 bit more.

20 MS. CHETRIT: I'm the owner.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry. You are?

22 MS. CHETRIT: I'm the representative for

1 Kouzina.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Do you have  
3 something that's stating that you are authorized  
4 to represent --?

5 MS. CHETRIT: Absolutely.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. That's fine.  
7 Now I don't see the --

8 [Speaking off mic.]

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Is there anyone here  
10 from ANC 2E? Let me see. To be fair to the  
11 parties, let me pass over this case since I don't  
12 see any -- there is no representative at the  
13 moment for the ANC --

14 MS. CHETRIT: We just received the --  
15 well, it was just mailed yesterday by the -- or  
16 the day before -- by the protesters. What's  
17 today? Wednesday?

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yeah.

19 MS. CHETRIT: So Monday. So my  
20 understanding that today was just a -- we've  
21 agreed to everything. Mediation has already been  
22 done and whatnot. So I'm not sure. But ANC

1 probably won't have received it by now.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry.

3 MS. CHETRIT: I understood Ms. Karen Cruse  
4 would be here today.

5 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: That's one of the  
6 reasons why I said that I'll -- let me just pass  
7 over this case and I'll call it back --

8 MS. CHETRIT: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- so I'll give her  
10 about maybe 10 minutes.

11 MS. CHETRIT: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And so I'll recall  
13 your case.

14 MS. CHETRIT: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Okay. So  
16 I'll recall your case.

17 MS. CHETRIT: I hear you. I'm packing.

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

19 MS. CHETRIT: Okay.

20 [Whereupon, at 9:47 a.m., the above-  
21 entitled matter was concluded.]

22 [Whereupon, at 10:07, the above-entitled

1 matter reconvened.]

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. I'd like  
3 to recall Case No. 15-PRO-00103, Kouzina  
4 Authentic Greek Restaurant.

5 Will the parties approach. Can you  
6 please identify yourself, sign in on the sign-in  
7 sheet in front of you, and also, please spell  
8 your name for the record, please.

9 MS. CHETRIT: Do you want me to do that  
10 again?

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, please.

12 MS. CHETRIT: Elisa, E-l-i-s-a. Chetrit,  
13 C-h-e-t-r-i-t.

14 MS. CRUSE: Karen Cruse on behalf of the  
15 Citizens Association of Georgetown and ANC 2E.  
16 And I apologize for missing this. I've been to  
17 so many hearings, mediations, and roll calls. I  
18 thought this was at 10:00. And the bus also ran  
19 into an accident. So I really apologize to the  
20 Board and to you.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you for your  
22 statements. I appreciate them. And that's one

1 of the reasons why I decided to move along and to  
2 call you back. And I was aware that you were  
3 here earlier, but since Mr. Rivero was here I  
4 didn't want to have him leave and come back. So  
5 thank you for your time.

6 Are there any preliminary matters in this  
7 case?

8 MS. CRUSE: If I may, we have met for  
9 mediation having one of the most-simple  
10 mediations in history. And we have a voluntary  
11 settlement agreement in place. The problem is  
12 the ANC doesn't meet until the first week in  
13 January, so they can't sign off on it.

14 But the citizens association is ready to  
15 go. I believe the applicant's ready to go and  
16 the ANC. As soon as they can, we'll be able to  
17 submit it to you. So we are in agreement, I  
18 believe, on the settlement agreement.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well, I'm glad to  
20 hear that. The case is scheduled for a hearing  
21 on January 20, 2016, at 4:30. And good luck with  
22 your settlement agreement. Oh, I'm sorry. The

1 hearing is scheduled for January 20th. When is  
2 your ANC meeting?

3 MS. CRUSE: I believe it's the first week  
4 in January.

5 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So it would not be --

6 MS. CRUSE: It will definitely be before  
7 the 20th, so I doubt seriously we're going to be  
8 back here before you.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. All right.  
10 Well, thank you. And good luck. And, when I say  
11 I hope not to see you in January, you know what I  
12 mean by that, okay?

13 MS. CRUSE: I know. [Laughs.]

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. All right.  
15 Thank you very much.

16 MS. CRUSE: Thank you so much. I  
17 apologize again.

18 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I appreciate it.  
20 Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

21 [Whereupon, at 10:09 a.m., the  
22 above-entitled matter concluded.]