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In the Matter of: Abal, LLC t/a CherCher Ethiopian Restaurant 11-19-2012

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Abal, LLC :
t/a CherCher Ethiopian Restaurant :
and Mart :
1334 9th Street NW :
Retailer CR : Roll Call
License No. 090311 : Hearing
Case No. 12-PRO-00080 :
New Application :
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November 19, 2012

The Alcohol Beverage Control

Board met in the Alcohol Beverage Control Hearing room,
Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Washington
D.C.,

PRESENT

LaVerne Fletcher, presiding.

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3	<p>1 MS. FLETCHER: And would you spell that for 2 the court reporter, please? 3 MR. ABEBE: A-L-E-M-A-Y-E-H-U. Last name A- 4 B-E-B-E. 5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much. And how 6 do you pronounce the last name? 7 MR. ABEBE: Abebe. 8 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Abebe, would you please 9 fill out that contact sheet on the -- 10 MR. ABEBE: I did. 11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very much. 12 And for the protestant? 13 MS. AMORUSO: My name is Cristina Amoruso. 14 Last name spelled A-M-O-R-U-S-O. I reside at 908 O 15 Street, NW and I'm here to represent The Group of Five 16 who is protesting. 17 MS. FLETCHER: And Ms. Amoruso, would you 18 please spell your first name for the court reporter? 19 MS. AMORUSO: Sure. C-R-I-S-T-I-N-A. 20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much. And your 21 name? 22 MR. RAYMOND: My name -- excuse me. My name</p>	5	<p>1 MS. AMORUSO: Yes. 2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, then that's 3 perfect. If you could just line up behind Ms. Amoruso 4 and read your name into the record and spell it for the 5 court reporter. Oh, there's the microphone right in 6 the middle there. 7 MR. RAYMOND: Over here? 8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Um hmm. 9 MR. RAYMOND: My name is Orestes Del 10 Castillo. It is spelled O-R-E-S-T-E-S, space D-E-L, 11 space, C-A-S-T-I-L-L-O. 12 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Castillo. And 13 you designate Ms. Amoruso to represent you? 14 MR. RAYMOND: Yes, I do designate her. 15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very much. 16 MR. RAYMOND: You're welcome. 17 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning. 18 MR. SALTER: Hi. I'm sorry. David Salter, 19 S-A-L-T-E-R. 20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Salter. Is 21 there anyone else present from the group today? 22 MR. RAYMOND: From the neighbors or the --</p>

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1 MS. FLETCHER: From the neighbors group, 2 yeah. From your group, Ms. Amoruso? Are both -- 3 MS. AMORUSO: No, I don't -- I believe not. 4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, that's fine. So there 5 are three of you present today. That means that at the 6 upcoming status hearing at least two more from your 7 group will need to appear in order to maintain 8 standing. Today conditional standing is going to be 9 granted to your group. By the point of the status 10 hearing the board needs to have seen at least five 11 people, so there are three present today, at the 12 upcoming status hearing two more need to appear who are 13 not present today. 14 MR. RAYMOND: Ms. Fletcher, this might be 15 mooted, but we actually have a -- arrived at a 16 voluntary agreement that the three parties you see here 17 will be signing. 18 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, well then, yes, Mr. 19 Raymond. Thank you. That changes everything. 20 MR. RAYMOND: Okay. 21 MS. AMORUSO: Sorry, I didn't know when I 22 should --	1 give it to me. I have your email addresses, I will 2 scan a copy to you and give the original to the ABC 3 Board for review. 4 MR. RAYMOND: Great. 5 MS. FLETCHER: But just for the record, the 6 Group of Eight that you represent does have conditional 7 standing today. If there is going to be a status 8 hearing, for some reason, then those two additional 9 people would need to show up. And ANC 2F also has 10 standing as a protestant. Again, this is just for the 11 record. 12 MR. RAYMOND: So, at this point you don't 13 need to schedule the status hearing -- 14 MS. FLETCHER: No. 15 MR. RAYMOND: -- we'll just wait. 16 MS. FLETCHER: Not at all. 17 MR. RAYMOND: Okay. 18 MS. FLETCHER: I don't need to schedule 19 mediation, a status hearing or a protest hearing. I'm 20 just going to make a note that you submitted that 21 today. 22 MR. RAYMOND: Should I --
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1 MS. FLETCHER: That's fine. 2 MR. RAYMOND: Yeah. Didn't want to 3 interrupt. 4 MS. FLETCHER: No problem. Thank you. And 5 so I won't schedule a status hearing, I won't schedule 6 a protest hearing. I will accept your signed voluntary 7 agreement and submit that to the ABC Board for review. 8 MR. RAYMOND: Okay. 9 MS. FLETCHER: So, I won't schedule any 10 future proceedings. 11 MR. RAYMOND: Are you able to provide us with 12 the executed copy or should I -- 13 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. 14 MR. RAYMOND: -- take this and scan it? 15 MS. FLETCHER: What you can do, today, Mr. 16 Raymond, I won't be able to -- I could get copies to 17 you, but it would have to be after roll call. 18 MR. RAYMOND: That's fine. 19 MS. FLETCHER: But otherwise, I will scan it 20 to you. 21 MR. RAYMOND: That's fine. 22 MS. FLETCHER: So, if you all sign it and	1 MS. FLETCHER: Voluntary agreement today for 2 board review and that'll be that. 3 MR. RAYMOND: Okay. 4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very much. 5 And I'll scan this to you. 6 MS. AMORUSO: Thank you very much. 7 MS. FLETCHER: If I recall correctly, Ms. 8 Amoruso, I have your email address -- do I have your 9 email address already? 10 MS. AMORUSO: Yes, ma'am, you do. 11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. 12 MS. AMORUSO: And it's also here. 13 MS. FLETCHER: Perfect. I'll scan a copy of 14 this to you today. 15 MS. AMORUSO: Thank you. 16 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you. 17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. The roll call here is 18 concluded. Thank you. 19 (The hearing concluded at 10:07 a.m.) 20 21 22

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