



## Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Feb. 24, 2015

Hon. Dennis Rosen  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: ICARO Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **does not grant** an On-Premises Liquor License to ICARO Corp. located at 400 West 202<sup>nd</sup> Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues.

**Whereas**, ICARO Corp., located at 400 West 202<sup>nd</sup> Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for an On-Premises Liquor License; and

**Whereas**, the applicant outlined a proposal to operate a new business that will include indoor seating, rooftop seating and a sidewalk café, with a proposed total capacity of 540 patrons, until 4am every night of the week; and

**Whereas**, the Licensing Committee, having met on February 11, 2015 to hear comments from the community and the precinct, heard concerns from representatives of the 33rd and 34th Precincts regarding the saturation of establishments in this area with On-Premises Liquor licenses open until 4am, and were advised that the operation of this establishment until 4am will place additional strain on existing limited police resources; and

**Whereas**, the Licensing Committee recommended that the hours of operation be reduced, preferably until 2am instead of the requested 4am closing time, in consideration of the NYPD's objection to the proposed hours, but the applicant declined to revise them; and

**Whereas**, the applicant explained to the Committee that she intends to apply to the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs for a sidewalk café and a cabaret license, which can be reasonably expected to compound the issues underscored by the local Precincts; and

**Whereas**, although in May of 2014, the Board evaluated and approved an application for this establishment, which was never submitted to the SLA, as the 34th Precinct has noted, the area surrounding this location has rapidly become a nightlife hotspot, given the presence of four large-scale venues and the occurrence of numerous assaults resulting from disputes between patrons of these establishments; and

**Whereas**, as was explained to the applicant, negative votes that arise from the worsening of quality-of-life concerns over time are not to be interpreted as denial of any rights to later applicants that were previously granted to any other applicants;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Objects** to the State Liquor Authority granting this license.

Sincerely,

  
for George Fernandez, Jr.  
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator  
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator

Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
Hon. Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member  
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member  
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member  
Hon. Jeanique Greene, Commissioner, SLA  
Hon. Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA