



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman
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March 25, 2015

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

Re: International Food House Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 24, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, **did not pass** the following resolution with a vote of (14)In Favor, (10)Opposed, (4)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a Renewal of an On-Premises Liquor License to International Food House Inc., dba as International Food House, located at 217 Dyckman Street at the corner of Broadway & Dyckman Street.

Whereas, International Food House Inc., doing business as International Food House, located at 217 Dyckman Street at the corner of Broadway & Dyckman Street (also known as 4762A-4762B Broadway), has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for the renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on March 11, 2015 to hear comments from the community and the precinct, was informed that the owner had made alterations to this business and increased seating capacity at the bar without applying for an alteration application; and

Whereas, neighborhood residents also informed the Committee that patrons from this establishment, which operates on a 24-hour basis (with alcohol served from noon to 4 AM) continue to make excessive noise, which can be heard across the street, after leaving the premises very late at night; and

Whereas, this issue was brought to the Licensing Committee's attention in 2013, at which time the Board voted against renewal of this license; and

Whereas, at the owners' 2013 appearance before the Committee, they agreed to conduct sound tests to address the noise complaints, but never did so;

Whereas, the 34th Precinct has requested a meeting with the owners to review the security plan and to mitigate noise concerns; and

Whereas, the owner has agreed in writing to meet with the 34th Precinct; to file an alteration application with the SLA for approval of the modifications made to the bar, and to provide the Board with proof of this filing by Friday, March 20, 2015; to meet with NYC Councilmember Rodriguez, per the Councilman's request; to have a licensed sound engineer verify that a sound limiter is installed, connected to all sound equipment and in good working order, and to

provide proof of the same to the Board by March 20; and to post a bilingual good neighbor sign on all (3) entrances to the business;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Did Not Pass** a resolution to the New York State Liquor Authority recommending Renewal of On-Premises Liquor License for the International Food House, Inc.

Sincerely,


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
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Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member
Hon. Jeanique Greene, Commissioner, SLA
Hon. Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA