



## Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 29, 2015

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

**Re: L' Fonda Inc.**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 28, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (21)In Favor, (11)Opposed, (2)Abstain recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to L' Fonda Inc., located at 2023 Amsterdam Avenue (at the corner of West 160<sup>th</sup> Street).

**Whereas**, L' Fonda Inc., located at 2023 Amsterdam Avenue (at the corner of West 160<sup>th</sup> Street), has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for the renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

**Whereas**, the Licensing Committee, having met on April 8, 2015 to hear comments from the community and the precinct, was informed that the owners had never posted a sign asking its patrons to refrain from congregating in front of the premises, and to exit the same in an orderly fashion, despite having agreed to do so at the April 2013 Licensing Committee meeting; and

**Whereas**, the public expressed concern that this business is also operating on the second floor without the proper licensing from the SLA, but the applicant explained that the second floor has been in use at the location since the present owners opened in 2005, and also was used by the previous owners; and

**Whereas**, members of the community expressed concern that the premises have been altered since this license was last renewed without proper approval from the SLA; and

**Whereas**, the applicant has posted bilingual good neighbor signs and submitted photographic proof to the Board; and

**Whereas**, the applicant explained that no construction has been carried out, but that seats have been rearranged in such a way that the total seating capacity, which was presented to the Board as numbering 45 in 2013, seems to have been reduced by four seats, which the floor plan presented by the applicant appears to confirm; and

**Whereas**, the applicant has agreed to inquire into the licensing implications of the seating change and file an alteration application with the SLA by April 28, 2015 if required by the same; and

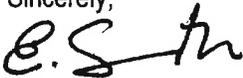
**Whereas**, as evidenced by photographs submitted to the Board, the applicant has installed a ramp to achieve accessibility, as requested; and

**Whereas**, the applicant also has agreed in writing to install a sound limiter; and

**Whereas**, the applicant informed the Committee that, although this business is allowed to remain open until 11pm, it is closed at 9:30pm most of the time;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Does Not Object** to the State Liquor Authority granting this license.

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  
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