



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman
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September 30, 2015

Hon. Vincent G. Bradley
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: La Estufa dba Cavala Cafe

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (33)In Favor, (1)Opposed, (0)Abstain recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **not grant** a Renewal of an On-Premise License to La Estufa Inc. doing business as Cavala Café, located at 5025-5035 Broadway at the corner of W. 215th Street.

Whereas, La Estufa Inc. doing business as Cavala Café, located at 5025-5035 Broadway at the corner of W. 215th street, 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 September 9, 2015 to hear comments from the community and the precinct, received 78 written complaints from local residents stating that this restaurant is not a positive addition to the neighborhood, as it severely impacts quality-of-life due to valet parking, loud live and recorded music and clinking of dishes, and loud talking; and

Whereas, the 34th Precinct is opposed to this license renewal; and

Whereas, this business has a long and checkered history, having attracted the attention and criticism of this Community Board, the State Liquor Authority, the New York City Police Department, the NYC Law Department, and various elected officials due to the inconsiderate and irresponsible manner in which it has been operated;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Objects in the Strongest Possible Terms** to the State Liquor Authority renewing 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. Ydani Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member
Hon. Kevin Kim, Commissioner, SLA
Hon. Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA