



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman
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December 23, 2015

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

Re: Inversones Diversas, Inc.

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (28)In Favor, (1)Oppose, (1) Abstain recommending that New York State Liquor Authority **grant** an On-Premise Liquor License to Inversiones Diversas Inc. doing business as Abu Dhabi Lounge, located at 151 Nagle Avenue at the corner of Thayer Street.

Whereas, Inversiones Diversas Inc. doing business as Abu Dhabi Lounge, located at 151 Nagle Avenue at the corner of Thayer 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 December 9, 2015 to hear comments from the community and the precinct, was informed by the 34th Precinct, which objects to the renewal of this license, that 85 complaints were registered with 311 this year about this business, 9 of them within the last month, regarding issues such as excessive noise, large crowds and constant traffic congestion due to valet service and double and triple parking; that a disorderly premises summons was issued at the establishment on September 2 of this year, in connection with a slashing for which an arrest was made for assault in the third degree, with additional disorderly premises summonses issued on September 13 and December 5 of this year;

Whereas, the Precinct also informed the Committee that on October 23, 2015, Con Edison alerted the Precinct regarding an illegal electrical connection which the owner had made after Con Edison turned off the restaurant's power due to non-payment of \$18,000 in utility charges, which resulted in the arrest of the owner on October 24 for felony reckless endangerment and theft of service after wires were found running between the business and a neighboring apartment, which Con Edison indicated were at serious risk of starting a fire due to the overheating caused by electrical current overload; and

Whereas, the owner admitted his guilt and paid the outstanding charges and a fine of an undisclosed amount; and

Whereas, the Committee received email from a neighborhood resident noting that large crowds gather outside the establishment, and that there is frequent violence, traffic, loud music and noise at this location;

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Therefore, Be It Resolved that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Objects Strongly** 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. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member
Hon. Kevin Kim, Commissioner, SLA
Hon. Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA