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Feb. 2, 2015

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

Re: Centro Cultural Santa Lucia Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (17)In Favor, (10)Opposed, (2)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a New On-Premises Liquor License to Centro Cultural Santa Lucia Corp., located at 1248 St. Nicholas Avenue between West 172nd & 173rd Street .

Whereas, Centro Cultural Santa Lucia Corp., located at 1248 St. Nicholas Avenue between West 172nd & 173rd Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a Club Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on January 14, 2015 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, and heard no negative comments regarding this organization; and

Whereas, the leadership of this social club explained that this non-profit entity, whose members are mainly émigrés from Las Matas De Farfan, a small town in the Dominican Republic, has been operating in the Bronx for 23 years and moved to Upper Manhattan 6 months ago seeking a less expensive storefront; and

Whereas, the Committee was also informed that the club now seeks a club liquor license because one is required by law in order to serve alcoholic drinks on the premises to their members and their families, whom they intend to host exclusively; and

Whereas, the leadership of the organization met with the 33rd Precinct, as requested by the Precinct, and explained that they intend to rent the facility to the general public, contrary to their statements before the Licensing Committee; and

Whereas, this change to the method of operation raises a public safety concern, as the lack of security cameras and trained security personnel might allow large functions, especially those linked to parades, festivals or other summer events, to spiral out of control in the event of a disturbance; and

Whereas, the applicant has received the cautious approval of the Precinct, who would appreciate advance knowledge of any events to be held on the premises, although it is understood that stipulations such as this are normally agreed to at the Committee meeting;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Does Not Object** to this application.

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
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