



## Community Board 12M

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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 6, 2009

Commissioner Diana Jones Ritter  
New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities  
44 Holland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12229

### Regarding: A Resolution Objecting to a Community Residence at 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street

Dear Commissioner Ritter:

In its March 24, 2009 general meeting, Community Board 12 voted in support of a resolution objecting to the establishment of a community residence at 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street, and recommending that the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities take action to ensure that community input is received before new community residences are authorized. Quorum was present; 21 members voted in favor of the resolution and 6 abstained. Therefore, the resolution below constitutes the official recommendation of Community Board 12, and we hope that in the future, your office will not allow such projects to proceed without ensuring that community review occurs.

Resolution: Urging the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to revoke approval of and funding for the development of a community residence by The Center for Family Support in a condominium building on 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street, and to reform the authorization process for the establishment of community residences to ensure that public and Community Board sentiment and recommendations are considered.

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan, values the essential services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities by the Center for Family Support, which enable independent living by the disabled with appropriate supports; and,

Whereas: In 2007, the Center for Family Support may have purchased an option to buy an apartment at 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street and as of March 2009 has almost completed its renovation of an apartment residence for four developmentally disabled men at 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street; and,

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan, never received written communication from the Center for Family Support describing its proposal to develop a residence for the developmentally disabled in a condominium building at 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street, including a blue print and other such details as required by New York State law; and,

Whereas: Lack of timely notification from the Center for Family Support denied Community Board 12, Manhattan its statutory option to hold a public hearing to obtain community opinion on this project, and to provide recommendations on this project to the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities prior to the Center for Family Support's purchase and renovation on an apartment in 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street; now therefore be it

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, recommends that the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities revoke its approval of and funding for a residence for the developmentally disabled at 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street by the Center for Family Support, and therefore be it further

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities not approve proposals to develop community residences in the City of New York unless the developer submits, as part of its application, copies of the minutes of relevant public meetings held by a Community Board, or, a resolution or letter from a Community Board containing that Community Board's recommendations on the proposed development, as long as a Community Board responds within 70 days of the developer's initial notice to a Community Board.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor  
Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General  
Honorable Michael Bloomberg  
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman  
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, Senator  
Honorable Bill Perkins, Senator  
Honorable Shirley Hunt, Senator  
Honorable Velmanette Montgomery, Senator  
Honorable Frank Padavan, Senator  
Honorable Herman D. Farrell Jr., Assembly Member  
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member  
Honorable Peter Rivera, Assembly Member  
Honorable Keith Wright, Assembly Member  
Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member  
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member  
Mr. Stephen Vernikoff, The Center for Family Support  
Ms. Barbara Greenwald, The Center for Family Support  
Mr. Pat Sarli, Service Representative, NYS OMRDD  
Associate Commissioner Kathleen Broderick, NYS OMRDD



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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **La Oaxaquena Restaurant Corp.**  
1969 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 158<sup>th</sup> & W. 157<sup>th</sup> St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 32-1-0 recommending SLA **REJECT** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for La Oaxaquena Restaurant at 1969 Amsterdam Avenue (bet. West 157-158<sup>th</sup> Street); and

**Whereas**, There is past adverse history for the premises and the 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct questioned its operation; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan does not recommend the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for La Oaxaquena Restaurant at 1969 Amsterdam Avenue (bet. West 157-158<sup>th</sup> Street).

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator  
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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Brother Fish Market Inc. dba Brother Fish Market**  
**3845 Broadway, (bet. W. 160<sup>th</sup> & W. 161<sup>st</sup> St.)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 30-0-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the eating place beer license for Brother Fish Market Inc. (dba Brother Fish Market) at 3845 Broadway (bet. West 160-161<sup>st</sup> Street); and

**Whereas**, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the restaurant wine license for the establishment; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the eating place beer license for Brother Fish Market Inc. (dba Brother Fish Market) at 3845 Broadway (bet. West 160-161<sup>st</sup> Street).

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
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New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **La Estufa, Inc.**  
**5025-5035 Broadway, (at corner of W. 215<sup>th</sup> St.)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 32-1-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for La Estufa Restaurant at 5025 Broadway (West 215<sup>th</sup> Street); and

**Whereas**, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the restaurant wine license for the establishment; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for La Estufa Restaurant at 5025 Broadway (West 215<sup>th</sup> Street).

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
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80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: La Rueda Restaurant Inc. dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant  
3862-3864 Broadway, (bet. W. at corner of W. 215<sup>th</sup> St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 33-0-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for La Rueda Restaurant Inc. (dba: Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant) at 3862-3864 Broadway (bet. West 162-163<sup>rd</sup> Street); and

**Whereas**, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the restaurant wine license for the establishment; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for La Rueda Restaurant Inc. (dba: Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant) at 3862-3864 Broadway (bet. West 162-163<sup>rd</sup> Street).

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Tipico Dominicano, LLC.  
4172 Broadway, (at corner of W. 177<sup>th</sup> St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 32-1-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for Tipico Dominicano at 4182 Broadway (corner West 177<sup>th</sup> Street); and

Whereas, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the on-premises liquor license for the establishment; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor license for Tipico Dominicano at 4182 Broadway (corner West 177<sup>th</sup> Street).

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Los Soneros Restaurant, Inc.**  
**2284 Amsterdam Avenue, (at corner of W. 174<sup>th</sup> St.)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 31-2-0 recommending SLA **REJECT** a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for Los Soneros Restaurant at 2284 Amsterdam Avenue (corner West 174<sup>th</sup> Street); and

Whereas, There 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct had not history of the establishment and concerns were expressed regarding this matter; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan does not recommend the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor license for Los Soneros Restaurant at 2284 Amsterdam Avenue (corner West 174<sup>th</sup> Street).

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **La Matica de Boca Chica, Inc.**  
**3845 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 205<sup>th</sup> & W. 206<sup>th</sup> St.)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 31-2-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of Restaurant Wine License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new restaurant wine license to the State Liquor Authority from La Matica Boca Chica at 3845 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the southeast corner of West 206<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**Whereas**, The owner, Robert Ferrera said the place was a restaurant that is presently closed; he discussed the method of operation which will be a seafood restaurant with eight (8) employees; open seven (7) days a week with 14 tables and 28 seats; and a bar with seven (7) stools; and

**Whereas**, After input from the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct and community residents the owner agree to close from 3:00-6:00am; thus the hours of operation will 6:00am-3:00am seven (7) days a week; and

**Whereas**, There were no additional objections or concerns from anyone present; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new restaurant wine license to La Matica de Boca Chica Restaurant at 3845 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the southeast corner of West 206<sup>th</sup> Street with the stipulation the hours of operation, agreed to by the owner, will be 6:00am-3:00am seven (7) days a week; and be it further

**Resolved**, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Kiara Foods Inc. dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant**  
**4165 Broadway, (at corner of W. 177<sup>th</sup> St.)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 31-2-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Kiara Foods Inc. (dba Manolo Tapas Bar) at 4165 Broadway at the northwest corner of West 177<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**Whereas**, The owner, Jesus Perez discussed the method of operation; Mr. Perez owns La Rosa Food that is next door to the proposed premises; his family has owned and operated businesses for 47 years in this community, including food stores and a liquor store; Manolo will have Spain-based cuisine and bar with tapas; Mr. Perez submitted the detailed menu and floor plans; the place is 1,400 sq.ft. with a handicapped-accessible bathroom; it has additional basement bathrooms, along with storage, refrigeration, and prep space; the occupancy is 65 people (55 on the floor and 10 at the bar); they will have 15-20 employees all from Washington Heights-Inwood; La Rosa has 17 employees all from the community; and

**Whereas**, Questions arose about handicapped-accessibility as only a few window seats are accessible; Mr. Perez will ask the architect to, if possible, add more accessible seats and said it may not be possible given the grade of the floor but he will try; Manolo's hours of operation will be 11:00am-2:00am Monday-Thursday; Friday through Sunday from 11:00am-4:00am; he will have occasional live music; the location is completely soundproofed as the landlord required in the 20-year lease; and

**Whereas**, Community residents and the 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct had no concerns or objections to the proposed premises; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Kiara Foods Inc. (dba Manolo Tapas Bar) at 4165 Broadway at the northwest corner of West 177<sup>th</sup> Street; and be it further

**Resolved**, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manny Velazquez".

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Arauaco Restaurant & Bar Inc. dba Arauaco**  
**65 Sherman Avenue, (bet. Dyckman & Thayer St.)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 30-3-1 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Arauaco Restaurant & Bar at 65 Sherman Avenue at the northeast corner of Thayer Street; and

**Whereas**, The proposed premise was previously a restaurant and has been closed for several years; the owner, Jose Recio discussed the method of operation; this will be his first restaurant; Mr. Recio graduated from hotel restaurant school and has 15-years experience working in the restaurant business; the location is a one-story commercial building and the only adjacent residential is on the southwest corner of Thayer Street; the restaurant's hours of operation will be from 6am-12pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am-2am on Friday and Saturday; the restaurant will serve Latin cuisine and have 25 employees all from the community; Mr. Recio will have sit-down fine dining for a mature crowd with a small bar (four stools), light background music, and no live entertainment; the establishment is 1,200 sq. ft. and holds 60-65 people; he is building two entrances/exits and a bathroom that will be handicapped-accessible and has been working for the past three months on the place; and

**Whereas**, After further discussion there were no objections from the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct or community residents in attendance; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Arauaco Restaurant & Bar at 65 Sherman Avenue at the northeast corner of Thayer Street; and be it

**Resolved**, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
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80 South Swan Street  
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Re: **Segura Corp. dba Vin-Tich**  
3950 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, (bet. W. 211<sup>th</sup> & W. 212<sup>th</sup> Street)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 27-5-2 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Segura Corp. (dba Vin-Tich) at 3950 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 211-212<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**Whereas**, The owner, William Segura, who opened Tobacco & Run on 214<sup>th</sup> Street & 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue a few months back, attended and discussed the method of operation for the proposed premises, which is a shuttered former warehouse; the new restaurant welcomes everyone and will cater to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community; the place is 250 feet from PS 98, whose entrance is on 212<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Mr. Segura notified CB12 on November 7, 2008 and was calendared for the EDC's December 2008 meeting and although additional follow-up was requested his application slipped through the cracks until now; Vin-Tich will have a full kitchen and serve a varied menu, including tapas from 12:00pm-2:00am seven days a week; the place is 2,500 sq. ft and the occupancy is to be determined by the DOB; Mr. Segura anticipates 40 tables, mostly two-tops, plus the bar and will hire about 50 employees; it is fully handicapped-accessible with five bathrooms; and

**Whereas**, 3950 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue has open DOB violations and fines to be resolved; a stop work order was placed by the DOB on the premises and a DOB complaint was referred to the FDNY; the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct is concerned about exits from the premises; Mr. Segura said they will have sufficient front exits and are working to obtain approval from the DOB for an egress from 505 West 211<sup>th</sup> Street; the precinct also addressed an adjacent fashion store that has an illegal basement club, parties, and rents out concrete rooms for private parties as they are concerned about multiple events; Mr. Segura said he is not involved with the fashion store or any basement activity and that Vin-Tich is an entirely ground floor operation; there is a garage right next store between 212-213<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Segura said the prior owners of 3950 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue were evicted; that's where many DOB violations came from and he acknowledged the violations must be cured or else he cannot do anything given the current stop work order; with the stipulation the DOB violations and fines are cured the committee moved the agenda; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Segura Corp. (dba Vin-Tich) at 3950 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 211-212<sup>th</sup> Street with the stipulation that all the open DOB violations and fines are cured; and be it further

Resolved, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Sports Zone Café Inc.**  
**263 Sherman Avenue, (bet. W. 207<sup>th</sup> & Isham Street)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 28-5-1 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Sports Zone Café at 263 Sherman Avenue near the southeast corner of Isham Street; and

**Whereas**, The minutes from the March 3, 2009 EDC meeting where Mr. Acosta appeared were read for the record where he agreed to the 45 stipulations in the Best Practices for Nightlife Establishments, which he reiterated at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct is opposed to a new liquor license and feels the area is saturated with many within a short distance, including Red Lounge at 238 Sherman Avenue; Melodia on Post Avenue; the Washington Heights Billiards on 207<sup>th</sup> Street between Post and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue that CB12 approved despite the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct's objection; and

**Whereas**, The owner, Miguel Acosta discussed the method of operation for the place that was previously a restaurant and is currently under construction; Mr. Acosta owned Tinto, formerly the Drink Shoppe, at 4710 Broadway and there were very few complaints about Tinto, which closed due to the economy; Mr. Acosta's family has owned and operated several neighborhood businesses for the past 25 years, including accounting offices; the proposed premises layout and operation will be similar to Tinto; the hours of operation will be 4:00pm until 1:00am weekdays, 3:00am weekends as Mr. Acosta agreed to close at 3:00am on weekends after input from the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct and committee members; the place is 1,400 sq. ft. and the occupancy is 75-80 people; there will be 13-15 tables and the soundproofing is completed; a parking lot is around the corner on Post Avenue; they will have 5 to 7 employees; Mr. Acosta agreed to work closely with the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct and CB12 on any concern; and

**Whereas**, Sports Zone will have a selection of fine wines, extensive menu, and family atmosphere; three 42-inch TV screens for sporting events; the kitchen will remain open until 1:00am seven days and the menu will be similar to Tinto with steaks, burgers, pasta, salads, and appetizers; and

**Whereas**, There were no further concerns or objections or concerns from anyone at the meeting; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Sports Zone Café at 263 Sherman Avenue near the southeast corner of Isham Street with the stipulation the establishment will close at 3:00am on weekend nights as the owner agreed to at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; and be it further

Resolved, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Hashi Sushi Fusion Inc.  
5009 Broadway, (at corner of W. 215<sup>th</sup> Street)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 34-0-0 recommending SLA APPROVE a new of On-Premises Liquor License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new restaurant wine license to the State Liquor Authority from Hashi Sushi Fusion at 5009 Broadway between West 213-214<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**Whereas**, The place is under renovation where a former tax preparation office operated; the general manager, Rosslinett Allen attended and discussed the method of operation on behalf of the owner, Lillian Rodriguez; Ms. Allen distributed the restaurant's extensive menu, which will serve Asian and Latin cuisine; it is 1,000 sq. ft.. with an occupancy of 45 people at 13 tables, 17 employees will be hired, including six (6) in the kitchen, and two (2) at the bar that has seven (7) barstools; the hours of operation are 11:00am-11:00pm, seven (7) days a week; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Allen distributed the architect's detailed design for the entire premise, which answered nearly all questions; she said there will be no TV's, soft background music for patrons to enjoy fine dining; the location is fully handicapped-accessible; Ms. Allen said everyone is aware a six-story residential building is above and the owner will see that noise is not a problem; cameras will be placed inside and outside; and

**Whereas**, There were no objections or concerns from the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct or community residents present; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Hashi Sushi Fusion at 5009 Broadway between West 213-214<sup>th</sup> Street; and be it further

**Resolved:** The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Vida Mexicana**  
**223 Dyckman Street, (at corner of Broadway)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 33-0-1 recommending SLA REJECT a new of On-Premises Liquor License

**Whereas**, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from the owners of Vida Mexicana at 233 Dyckman Street between Broadway & Seaman Avenue; and

**Whereas**, Neither the owner nor a representative attended the meeting and several residents were opposed, none were in favor, since there are five (5) active liquor licensed establishments on this two-block stretch of Dyckman Street between Broadway and Payson Avenue; Dyckman Street's existing noise level and increased noise from the proposed premises; the increased impact on vehicular congestion, traffic and parking on Dyckman Street that is already a problem; the heightened drain on NYPD resources at a time they can be least afforded; and

**Whereas**, The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct's Commanding Officer, Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul stated we are over-saturated with many liquor licenses on Dyckman Street from Nagle to Payson Avenue and that Dyckman Street has become a bar strip; and

**Whereas**, Given the opposition to the proposed premises from community residents and the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct, and the number of active on-premises liquor licenses on Dyckman Street, including five (5) between Broadway and Payson Avenue; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, Community Board 12, Manhattan does **not recommend** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Vida Mexicana at 233 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Seaman Avenue.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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Manny Velazquez, Chair  
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May 1, 2009

Honorable Christine Quinn  
City Council speaker  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

### Resolution to co-name the Northwest corner of Amsterdam and W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street in Washington Heights "Professor Juan Bosch Way"

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a unanimous vote 34-0-0.

**WHEREAS** Professor Juan Bosch, an award-winning novelist, essayist, educator, journalist, historian, sociologist, and a former elected president of the Dominican Republic, was a human being of enormous talent, unquestionable integrity, and progressive political vision; and

**WHEREAS** Professor Bosch's tenure as elected President of the Dominican Republic encompassed the adoption of a new constitution, which is considered by many as one of the most advanced in Latin America; and

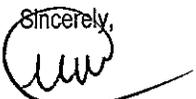
**WHEREAS** under Professor Bosch's leadership, the Dominican Republic experienced full civil liberties for its citizens for the first time; and though his presidency lasted less than one year, his contributions to the freedom of his beloved country, and to the welfare of the working people in particular, are held in high esteem wherever the ideal of democracy is treasured; and

**WHEREAS** Professor Bosch's political leadership is matched only by his prolific and critically acclaimed books, including novels, biographies, short stories, essays and histories, many of which are used extensively as textbooks in Latin American high schools and universities; and

**WHEREAS** the population of Washington Heights and Inwood, holding this great leader in the highest possible regard, seek a way to honor his contributions to human society in general, Latin America in particular, and specifically the democratic government of the Dominican Republic; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 12, as unanimously recommended by the Traffic and Transportation Committee, requests that the Northwest corner of Amsterdam and 190<sup>th</sup> Street in Washington Heights be co-named "Professor Juan Bosch Way," with signage to be affixed at that location.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,  
  
Manny Velazquez  
Chair

cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Honorable Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate  
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

May 1, 2009

Hon. Adrian Benepe  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
The Arsenal, Central Park  
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

Please be advised that Community Board 12-Manhattan passed the following resolution in support of the PlaNYC renovation of Fort Washington Park by a vote of 31-0-1-2 at its General Meeting on April 28, 2009:

- Whereas:** The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation ("DPR") held several listening sessions within CB12 to hear from the community about its needs and desires for Fort Washington Park, including the 6/5/07 and 9/4/07 meetings of Community Board 12, Manhattan's Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee ("PCA") and sponsored an survey that generated hundreds of responses from the park-going public; and,
- Whereas:** DPR and Stantec (the design firm hired by DPR) presented the Master Plan and Phase I concept implementation to the PCA on June 3, 2008, generating significant public discussion; and,
- Whereas:** The Public Design Commission approved the concept in December 2008; and,
- Whereas:** DPR held an on-site scoping meeting in the park on December 22, 2008; and,
- Whereas:** Stantec and DPR presented a design concept to the PCA on January 6, 2009; a draft of the proposed plan on March 3<sup>rd</sup> which was approved by a majority of those in attendance; and again presented the plan and solicited feedback at yet another meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>; and,
- Whereas:** The \$40 million Phase I renovation will add a softball field, soccer field and comfort station; renovate existing comfort stations and make them ADA-compliant; reorient existing ballfields, including the addition of bleachers; add a new playground where one used to exist; improve pathways and provide safe, ADA-compliant access to the waterfront; restore erosion damage at the waterfront; add bike racks, a kayak launch, BBQs and water fountains throughout the park (including those with a lower spigot for dogs); improve the stairs to access the park at 148<sup>th</sup> & 172<sup>nd</sup> Streets; create a cleared path to the historical marker at the Revolutionary War redoubt; and add landscaping throughout the park and improve the Riverside Drive streetscape; and,

**Whereas:** The goals of PlaNYC include environmental conservation and sustainability, it is desirable to use eco-friendly surfacing materials and to use solar or other alternative energy sources where operationally practicable, in addition to the sustainability elements already included in the plan (e.g., storm water recapture, water recycling in the playground spray shower, rain gardens to filter pollutant and soil erosion sediments from entering the Hudson, incorporation of native plantings and removal of invasive species, and use of permeable material surfacing in the playground, solar-powered emergency call boxes); and,

**Whereas:** There is strong opposition from some parks users who remain adamantly opposed to the installation of any new paths to the north or west of the mid-park cluster ball fields' fenceline, alleging that any additional paving would destroy the natural character of that section of park, and a petition with 1,181 signatures stating their objections was presented to the Board at its March 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting; and,

**Whereas:** The Greenway/bike path to the east of the mid-park cluster is eight feet lower in elevation than the ballfields and other parkland, rendering an east-west transverse impossible due to the steep grade, without also installing retaining walls on either side which are prohibitively expensive, add unnatural features to the landscape, and present several maintenance and security challenges; and,

**Whereas:** DPR must have vehicular access to the ballfields at the beginning of each season to deliver resurfacing materials for the ballfields; and,

**Whereas:** The availability of paved pathways in the park increases safety, security and cleanliness of the park by providing access for patrol cars and narrow 4x4 maintenance vehicles; and,

**Whereas:** Volleyball and picnicking are popular forms of active and passive recreation in the mid-park cluster; and,

**Whereas:** The separation of bicyclists and pedestrians in the busiest section of the park will increase safety and access of that section; and,

**Whereas:** DPR has agreed to consider making the path to the west of the ballfields as narrow as possible pursuant to its maintenance needs and ADA requirements and to use materials which are appropriate to the Park's environmental context and natural landscape; has agreed to consider removing one of the pavement legs immediately north of the mid-park cluster ball fields and has agreed to consider moving the path north of the ballfields east so as not to bisect a small field; and,

**Whereas:** The southern and northern termini of the secondary waterfront pedestrian path will have clear signage and structural design elements actively to discourage its use by bicyclists; and,

**Whereas:** The width of the current "desire-line" (i.e., dirt path eroded by pedestrian and vehicular wear) west of the ballfields is 8-10 feet wide in most places, and a 6-foot wide paved path with 18"-24" of gravel on either side for drainage and to prevent the rutting and mud that occurs on the site presently would be as wide as what is there now; and,

**Whereas:** Fort Washington Park would be enhanced as a cultural destination by the addition of a bandshell or similar structure in the lawn area by the Little Red Lighthouse; and,

**Whereas:** Fishing in the Hudson is a popular pastime; now, therefore be it

- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation proceed with the proposed Phase I renovation of Fort Washington Park as presented at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, provided that the new paved path to the west of the mid-park cluster ballfields be narrowed to 6 feet with no more than 18"-24" on either side of gravel, the path in the field north of the ballfields be moved east so as not to bisect that field, and the paved truck access to the ballfields add little or no net pavement to said area; and be it further
- Resolved:** DPR consider removing one of the volleyball courts to increase the lawn area at the southern end of the mid-park cluster if this reallocation of space is consistent with existing and anticipated future needs for both active and passive recreation; and be it further
- Resolved:** That newer eco-friendly surfacing materials, if they meet ADA requirements, be used in the proposed new paths in lieu of asphalt if they already have been approved for use through DPR's materials spec processes, and, if not, that Fort Washington Park be used as a test area to pilot the use of these materials, and be it further
- Resolved:** That DPR work with the NYC Department of Transportation to install solar-powered lighting fixtures if they meet DOT's luminosity and other specifications for such fixtures; and be it further
- Resolved:** That DPR work with the Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure that the shoreline stabilization work continues to provide waterfront access for recreational fishing; and be it further
- Resolved:** That the addition of a bandshell in the lawn area near the Little Red Lighthouse be included in Phase I, pending the availability of funds, or that it be made a top priority for later phases of the PlaNYC Master Plan for Fort Washington Park.

Thank you for your consideration of the board's position on this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

May 27, 2009

Hon. Adrian Benepe  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
The Arsenal, Central Park  
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

Please be advised that Community Board 12-Manhattan passed the following resolution regarding a Grotto in Fort Tryon Park by a vote of 28-1-0-2 at its General Meeting on May 26, 2009:

**Whereas:** The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) established a long-range plan in 1983 for the restoration of Fort Tryon Park; and

**Whereas:** The Alpine Garden grotto – a stone cavern with a collecting pool and cascading waters over stone outcroppings, located to the east of the Cloisters and west of the lawn along Broadway near Dongan Street – is an original fixture of this landmarked park included in Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.'s original 1935 design, and its restoration was included in DPR's 1983 plan; and

**Whereas:** \$70,000 has been allocated for fountain engineering work and landscaping for this project; and

**Whereas:** DPR already has laid the foundation for this work with preliminary tree work, extensive removal of invasives and comprehensive repairs to the underlying plumbing; and

**Whereas:** Representatives of DPR made an extensive presentation of their plan and the related work at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan, supports DPR's renovation plan for the Grotto, and urges the Public Design Commission to approve said plan.

Thank you for your consideration of the board's position on this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chair

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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Michael Hurwitz  
Director, Greenmarket  
Council on the Environment Of New York City  
51 Chambers Street, Room 228, New York, NY 10007

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 30-1-0-0 regarding a Farmers' Market on West 181<sup>st</sup> Street at Fort Washington Avenue.

**Whereas:** Greenmarkets have operated successfully at 175<sup>th</sup> Street for over 28 years, and on Isham Street for almost five years, but residents of the northwestern portion of Washington Heights are not served by either Greenmarket; and

**Whereas:** Nine hundred forty four community residents signed a petition requesting a Greenmarket in Bennett Park, and representatives brought that petition to a meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee on 2/5/2008; and

**Whereas:** That discussion and discussions at subsequent meetings of the Parks & Cultural Affairs and the Traffic & Transportation Committees, as well as the staff of the Parks Department; the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct; and the NYC Council on the Environment, Directors of Greenmarket; noted significant operational problems with operating a market in Bennett Park itself due to dense use and limited access for vendors' trucks and produce; and

**Whereas:** Many other sites were considered, researched and discussed at length at meetings of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee and with CENYC/Greenmarket over the ensuing fifteen months but were rejected due operational complications, lack of foot traffic and/or community opposition; and

**Whereas:** The sidewalk on the north side of W 181<sup>st</sup> Street between Fort Washington Avenue and Magaw Place is very wide, and has only five metered spots extending east from the corner, with the remainder of the block designated as a "No Parking" area due to the presence of a church at that location; and

**Whereas:** The Collegiate Church enthusiastically supports the siting of a greenmarket on its adjacent sidewalk; and

**Whereas:** A greenmarket in the 181<sup>st</sup> Street area continues to enjoy wide support at public meetings (GoGreen WaHI, town halls, various community groups and not-for-profits), on blogs, and in on-line chat groups (Yahoo, Facebook, etc.), whenever and wherever it is discussed; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Greenmarket would be open on Fridays, for regional farmers to sell fruits, vegetables, and other farm products, and would operate with a market manager on site at all times; and

**Whereas:** The Greenmarket would involve a loss of only metered five parking spaces, and would not adversely affect street traffic as would be no street closure; and

**Whereas:** Greenmarket agreed to advertise and promote local businesses and restaurants which obtain ingredients from Greenmarket farmers each week, and to partner with local schools and community-based organizations to promote healthy eating and lifestyle choices; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan, recommends the institution of a weekly (Friday) seasonal Greenmarket on the northern sidewalk of West 181<sup>st</sup> Street between Fort Washington Avenue and Magaw Place, and the alteration of local parking regulations and signage to suspend parking except for farmers' and Greenmarket vehicles when the Greenmarket is in operation.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor  
Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General  
Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

May 29, 2009

Honorable Malcolm Smith  
Senate Majority Speaker  
909 Legislative Office Building  
Albany, N.Y. 12247

Honorable Sheldon Silver  
Speaker  
NYS Assembly  
932 Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Mr. Smith & Mr. Silver:

Please be advised that the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 27-3-1-1 regarding School Governance.

- Whereas:** Mayoral Control of New York City Schools has not improved New York City's public schools as evidenced by failure of national test scores to rise for 4<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading or 8<sup>th</sup> grade math; failure to close the achievement gap between Black & Hispanic students and White & Asian students; failure significantly to effect higher graduation rates, with almost 75% of English Language Learners, who comprise 40% District 6 students, not graduating high school on time; and dismal achievement levels of District 6 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, of whom only 30% reach New York State standards in science, and only 16% reach New York State standards in social studies; and
- Whereas:** The Department of Education (DOE) under Mayoral control used 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores to mark improvement rather than achievement, enabling it to grant "A" or "B" grades to 12 out of 13 of District 6's middle schools, despite poor test results; and
- Whereas:** The DOE under Mayoral control instituted a test-driven curriculum lacking instruction in the arts, sciences and social studies, and which has denied many students cultivation of writing skills, critical thinking, creativity and imagination; and
- Whereas:** The current capital budget of the DOE under Mayoral control includes no new seats in District 6, the home of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, despite the continued overcrowding of our district that has been relieved only by converting closets, storage rooms, labs, libraries, gyms and art rooms into classroom space, and by failing to provide enough full-day pre-K seats; and
- Whereas:** The DOE under Mayoral control continually has disregarded the views of communities and their representatives including Community Education Councils and District Leadership Teams by arbitrarily, capriciously and unilaterally making programming decisions without community input or over community objection, resulting in parent demonstrations at PS 128, PS 153, and PS 173 in District 6, and at other schools in other districts; and

**Whereas:** The DOE under Mayoral control eliminated community-based educational leadership and local administration of services by mandating that "District Superintendents" spend 90% of their time outside of their own district, and dismantled the District Offices that managed enrollment, transportation, special education and other issues of local concern; and

**Whereas:** The DOE under Mayoral control has been fundamentally antidemocratic, violating numerous City and State laws, resulting in successful lawsuits against DOE, and allocating hundreds of millions of dollars in no-bid contracts without oversight by an independent entity such as the City Council or Comptroller; and

**Whereas:** The best educational policies are those that are responsive to students' needs, are based on accurate and transparent information, include checks and balances and serve to improve student outcomes; and

**Whereas:** Oversight and enforcement of New York City's public schools should reside locally, not in Albany, irrespective of the status of Mayoral control; and

**Whereas:** The Parent Commission on School Governance on Mayoral Control has proposed a comprehensive and integrated series of recommendations for empowering parents and communities; guaranteeing independent auditing of DOE; and addressing the need for adequate school facilities and guidance staff, reduced class size and universal pre-K; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan urges the State Legislature not to renew Mayoral control of the New York City Department of Education as it currently exists when that control "sunset" on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, so as to restore the balance of power and balance of influence in New York City's public school governance; and be it further

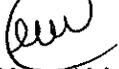
**Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan endorses the Parent Commission's proposals to:

- Provide for parent representation on the Board of Education and make education policy subject to State and City law;
- Create new oversight offices (e.g., an Independent Accountability Office, an Inspector General and an Ombudsperson to resolve parental complaints) which are answerable to the public;
- Ensure transparency, accuracy and independent evaluation of data gathering and reporting;
- Restore the role of Superintendents and School Districts, and give authority to Community Education Councils to approve all school sitings, openings and closings;
- Strengthen parent input by reinstating the power of School Leadership Teams, and by creating an independent parent organization with a dedicated source of funding;
- Ensure that the school system meets the needs of every student with special needs;
- Convene a commission to create a constitution to define the mission, core principles and goals of New York City's public schools;
- Require that the Chancellor be an Educator;

and urges the Governor and the Legislature to adopt these recommendations; with the expectation that such reforms will lead to fundamental improvements in the quality of the education our children receive.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor  
Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman  
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator  
Honorable Bill Perkins, State Senator  
Honorable Herman D. Farrell Jr., Assembly Member  
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly member  
Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member  
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member  
Honorable Joe I. Klein, DOE Chancellor  
Josh Karan, Parent Commission on School Governance  
Albania Jimenez, Chair of Youth & Education



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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

June 25, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street, Corp. dba CAIRO  
400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and **recommended** the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor license to Villa Patron, Inc.

**Whereas,** 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street Corp., dba CAIRO located at 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new On-Premises Liquor License; and

**Whereas,** the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 2, 2009 & June 16, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

**Whereas,** the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct expressed concerned and objection to a full liquor license at that location due to its proximity to other large venues with liquor licenses; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that Community Board 12 has **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On-Premises Liquor License for 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street Corp., dba CAIRO providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
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New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

**Re: El Conde Restaurant Corp.**  
**4139 Broadway**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and **recommended** the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor license to Villa Patron, Inc.

**Whereas,** El Conde Restaurant Corp., located on 4139 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its On-Premises ; and

**Whereas,** The Economic Development Committee, having met on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 and June 16, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about El Conde Restaurant Corp.; and

**Therefore**

**Be it Resolved,** that Community Board 12 offers no objection to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On-Premises Liquor License for El Conde Restaurant Corp., located on 4139 Broadway.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

**Cc:** Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
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June 25, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

**Re: 1405 Corp. dba That's Amore Pizza  
1405 A St. Nicholas Avenue**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and **recommended** the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of its Eating Place Beer license to 1405 Corp. dba That's Amore Pizza.

**Whereas,** 1405 Corp. dba That's Amore Pizza Inc., located at 1405 A St. Nicholas Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Eating Place Beer License; and

**Whereas,** The Economic Development Committee, having met on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 and June 16, 2009 to hear comments from the community, local police precincts, and the owner/representatives, about this establishment, did not hear any adverse comments from any parties present; and

**Therefore Be  
it Resolved,** that Community Board 12(Manhattan) offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Eating Place Beer License for 1405 Corp. dba That's Amore Pizza Inc.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

June 25, 2009

Hon. Beverly Gotay  
Deputy Director  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
42 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Deputy Director Gotay:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and **recommended** the Department of Consumer Affairs grant Shangrila Deli Corp. dba Shangri-la Deli, located at 228 Ft. Washington Avenue, a renewal license to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 29 seats.

**Whereas,** a public hearing was held at the CB12M Office, on June 16, 2009 to discuss an application submitted by Shangrila Deli Corp., dba Shangri-la Deli, located at 228 Fort Washington Avenue to operate an Enclosed Sidewalk Café; and

**Whereas,** the owner answered questions regarding the enclosed and accessible sidewalk café plans containing a total of 8 tables and 29 seats; and

**Whereas,** the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and the general public had no objection to this application, and

**Whereas,** the establishment has been in the community for approximately 10 years; and

**Therefore Be it Resolved,** that Community Board 12 Manhattan, has no objection to the Department of Consumer Affairs approving a renewal of their enclosed Sidewalk cafe license for Shangrila Deli Corp., dba Shangri-la Deli providing Shangri-la Deli will observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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Hon. Jonathan Mintz, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Affairs  
Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul, 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Commanding Officer  
Officer Haydee Pabey, 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
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June 25, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street, Corp. dba CAIRO  
400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and **recommended** the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor license to Villa Patron, Inc.

**Whereas,** 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street Corp., dba CAIRO located at 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new On-Premises Liquor License; and

**Whereas,** the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 2, 2009 & June 16, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

**Whereas,** the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct expressed concerned and objection to a full liquor license at that location due to its proximity to other large venues with liquor licenses; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that Community Board 12 has **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On-Premises Liquor License for 400 W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Street Corp., dba CAIRO providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
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June 25, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Villa Patron, Inc.**  
**104 Dyckman Street**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and recommended the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor license to Villa Patron, Inc.

**Whereas,** Villa Patron, Inc., 104 Dyckman Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new On-Premises Liquor License; and

**Whereas,** the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 2, 2009 & June 16, 2009 to hear comments from the community, local police precincts, and the owner/representatives about this establishment, did not hear any adverse comments from any parties present; and

**Whereas,** having heard the potential Public Safety issues from the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct if Villa Patron, Inc. were to remain open after 1 AM considering the close proximity to another lounge,

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that Community Board 12 has **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On-Premises Liquor License for Villa Patron, Inc., 104 Dyckman Street, providing the following:

The license will specifically allow for the **sale of alcohol until 12AM** every day of the week as per the agreement reached by the owner and the committee.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

June 25, 2009

Hon. Beverly Gotay  
Deputy Director  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
42 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Deputy Director Gotay:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and **recommended** the Department of Consumer Affairs grant Eskina 214<sup>th</sup> Corp. dba Tabaco & Ron, located at 501 West 214<sup>th</sup> Street, a license to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 34 seats.

**Whereas,** a public hearing was held at the CB12M Office, on June 2, 2009 & June 16, 2009 to discuss the details of the application; and

**Whereas,** owner William Segura answered questions regarding the unenclosed and accessible sidewalk café plans containing a total of 15 tables and 34 seats; and

**Whereas,** no members of the public objected to the sidewalk café; and

**Whereas,** despite the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct having an objection due to some noise complaints that were recently received, the members of the board feel that the noise mostly originates from outside the establishment and not from the patrons of Tabaco & Ron; and

**Whereas,** a majority of immediate vicinity is not residential and the owner has provided a petition of support from 13 residents that live directly above his establishment; and

**Therefore Be it Resolved,** that Community Board 12 Manhattan, has **no objection** to the Department of Consumer Affairs approving a new unenclosed sidewalk café license for Eskina 214 Corp., dba Tabaco & Ron providing Tabaco & Ron will observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
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Hon. Jonathan Mintz, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Affairs  
Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul, 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Commanding Officer  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

June 25, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle  
Chairman  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **Restaurant on Tenth Corp. dba AMBAROOM**  
**3795 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting not recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor license to Villa Patron, Inc.

**Whereas,** Restaurant on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corp., dba AMBAROOM located at 3795 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License; and

**Whereas,** the Economic Development Committee, having met on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 June 16, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

**Whereas,** Deputy Inspector Capul of the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct expressed concerned with a full liquor license at that location due to nearly a dozen incidents inside and just outside the establishment that all originated within the premises. These include but are not limited to assaults grand larceny, sale to a minor, sale after hours; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that Community Board 12 expresses its **STRONG OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On-Premises Liquor License to Restaurant on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corp., dba AMBAROOM.

Sincerely,

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Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District

June 30, 2009

Chairman Matthew Haus  
Taxi & Limousine Commission  
40 Rector Street  
New York, NY 10006

**Re: Professional Car Service, Inc. – License Renewal**

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, a resolution passed with a vote of 30-1-0 recommending the TLC renew Professional Car Service, Inc.

**Whereas:** A quorum of the **Economic Development Committee** of Community Board 12/Manhattan met June 2, 2009, to consider applications to the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) and, based on public and police comments, and information supplied by the applicants themselves, voted to make recommendations to the TLC in accordance with State Law; and

**Whereas:** **Professional Car Service, Inc** is an existing car service which has been in business for 20 years, at several different locations throughout District 12; and

**Whereas:** **Professional Car Service, Inc** provided the Committee with a copy of the company's ADA compliance certificate;

**Whereas:** Several members of the Committee, and the representative of the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct, spoke in favor of the renewal, noting the absence of a complaint history; and

**Whereas:** The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of a Renewal of the TLC License; **now therefore,**

**Be It Resolved:** that Community Board 12/Manhattan recommends and requests that the Taxi and Limousine Commission **APPROVE** a **RENEWAL** of the TLC license issued for the venue and applicant listed above.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez  
Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor  
Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General  
Honorable Michael Bloomberg  
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

June 29, 2009

Commissioner Robert Doar  
Human Resources Administration  
180 Water Street  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Doar:

Community Board 12 **unanimously** passed this June 23, 2009 resolution and recommends the HRA Medicaid Intake Office remain open for business at 622 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street.

Whereas: The NYC Department of Human Resources Administration (HRA) has announced that they plan to close the Medicaid Intake Office located at 622 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street, at New York Presbyterian Hospital, a decision reportedly based upon budgetary concerns; and

Whereas: The decision is without merit since New York Presbyterian Hospital does not charge HRA any rent, utilities, or fees for the 168<sup>th</sup> Street office; and

Whereas: This Medicaid Intake Office has been at this location for more than 15 years, serving residents from Northern Manhattan and the Bronx who will now find it far more difficult to apply for Medicaid and harder to recertify for coverage; furthermore, those seeking information and other important services will further be discouraged from seeking those services and could face losing coverage; and

Whereas: Staff at the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Medicaid Intake office see hundreds of residents each day on various issues from intake application, recertification, monthly surplus income, certification, error correction, name change, fear hearing, general information and more; and

Whereas: This decision comes at a time when the economy is forcing more people to apply for Medicaid, which is not the time to reduce services to a community that has demonstrated critical need; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan strongly recommends the Human Resources Administration reverse its decision and leave the HRA Medicaid Intake Office open for



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business at 622 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street to serve the demonstrated critical need of residents from Northern Manhattan and the Bronx.

Sincerely,

*Manny Velazquez*

Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
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Manny Velazquez, Chairman  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

July 15, 2009

Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair  
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building  
1 Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Amanda M. Burden  
Chair  
City Planning Commission  
22 Reade Street  
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Christine Quinn  
City Council Speaker  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

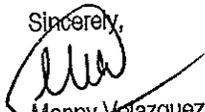
Dear Mr. Tierney, Ms. Burden and Ms. Quinn:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12-Manhattan, held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 a resolution in support of the NYC Landmark Preservation Commission's recommendation to designate the Fort Washington Presbyterian Church ("FWPC") a landmark building passed by the following vote: 31(In Favor) 0(Opposed) 0(Abstained).

- Whereas: The NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission ("LPC") has recommended that Fort Washington Presbyterian Church ("FWPC") be designated as an individual landmark building and LPC's recommendation must now be considered by the City Council and the Department of City Planning; and
- Whereas: FWPC is located at 21 Wadsworth Avenue between West 174<sup>th</sup> Street and West 175<sup>th</sup> Street and is a handsome neo-Georgian building that was completed in 1914. It was designed by Thomas Hastings, co-founder of Carrere & Hastings, one of the leading architectural firms in the United States known for its civic and institutional buildings such as the New York Public Library's main building at Fifth Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street; and
- Whereas: FWPC has served Washington Heights for nearly a century and is the work of an outstanding celebrated architect; and
- Whereas: Community Board 12-Manhattan and the City College Architecture Center undertook a neighborhood planning and land use study of Washington Heights and Inwood which considers various matters including historic designation. FWPC is included in the study as building worthy of consideration to be designated as an individual landmark building; and
- Whereas: A representative of FWPC attended the June 3, 2009 meeting of the Land Use committee and expressed the church's enthusiastic support for the proposed designation; therefore be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the Landmarks Preservation Commission's recommendation to designate Fort Washington Presbyterian Church a landmark building.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez  
Chairman

cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate  
Honorable Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Charles B. Rangel, Congressman  
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, NY State Senator  
Honorable Bill Perkins, NY State Senator  
Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member  
Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member  
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member  
Edwin Marshall, NYC Dept. of City Planning  
Anthony Borelli, Director – Land Use – MBPO  
Wayne A. Benjamin, Chair, Land Use – CB12 Manhattan  
Barnadette Artus, Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Elda Cepeda, Ft. Washington Heights Presbyterian Church