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November 12, 2009

Hon. Robert Doar
Commissioner
NYC Human Resources Admin.
180 Water Street
New York, NY 10038

Hon Beth Berlin
Executive Deputy Commissioner
NYS Office of Temporary/Disability Asst.
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12234

Liz Accles
Senior Policy Analyst
Early Childhood Education and Income Security
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
281 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10010

Dear Mr. Doar, Ms. Berlin & Ms. Accles:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 28-0-8 regarding a Welfare Reform.

- Resolution:** Urging the New York State Legislature and the New York Congressional Delegation to investigate in a series of public hearings how best to reform and strengthen our welfare programs, in order to meet growing needs and to assist New York State residents at moving out of poverty and avoiding hunger and homelessness.
- Whereas:** On September 30, 2010, Congress will reauthorize the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Act, which provides New York State with an opportunity to rethink the goals, regulations, and priorities of New York State's welfare programs; and,
- Whereas:** Since welfare reform was enacted in the mid-1990s, the number of people receiving welfare in New York State has declined substantially, a trend which continues despite the current economy; and,
- Whereas:** In 2008, using a new measure of poverty, the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity estimated that New York City's 2006 household poverty rate was 5 percentage points higher than the Census Bureau official rate of 18 percent, which would increase the number of poor persons in New York City by about 400,000, indicating that the current level of assistance provided does not reach all those in need; and,
- Whereas:** According to the 2008 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey, the Community District 12 household poverty rate was exceedingly high at 32.2 percent, yet other data from the New York City Department of City Planning and the New York City Human Resources Administration indicate that no more than 8 percent of the district's households received welfare; and,
- Whereas:** According to New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance data, from City Fiscal Year 2000 to 2007, applications for welfare by New York City residents increased by 116 percent from 190,552 to 412,095, while denials of requests for assistance increased by 509 percent from 18,495 to 112,717, which indicates growing unmet and ignored financial needs; now therefore be it resolved
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that the New York State Legislature and the New York Congressional Delegation solicit expert opinion from welfare advocates and researchers on how to reform our welfare programs in a way that better aids the jobless, poor families and adults, seniors, workers 55+, persons with disabilities, veterans, immigrants, the homeless, and domestic violence victims; and therefore be it further

Resolved: That Community Board 12 supports reform that ensures that the needy are not being unfairly denied access to benefits by simplifying the application process and expanding eligibility; increases opportunities for education and more effective training as primary work activities, including at four-year colleges; and, requires local social services districts to hire community-based organizations to conduct outreach to immigrant and low-income communities regarding all public benefits.

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

Sincerely,

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Acting, Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor
Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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November 5, 2009

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, October 27, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 33-0-3 regarding a Greenmarket on Fort Washington Avenue at West 168th Street.

Whereas: Greenmarkets have operated successfully at 175th Street for over 28 years, and on Isham Street for almost five years, but residents near the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and its employees and patients, are not served by either Greenmarket; and

Whereas: The June 2nd and October 1st meetings of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee were attended by many Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University employees and area residents who advocated for a greenmarket on or near the Medical Center campus; and

Whereas: Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University are committed to supporting such a greenmarket with health, wellness and nutrition education, as well as grant writing and other assistance; and

Whereas: A greenmarket must be sited in an area with high pedestrian traffic to ensure success for the vendors, but must not impede traffic; patient care, classes or either institution's operations; or otherwise inconvenience the public; and

Whereas: The sidewalk on the western side of Fort Washington Avenue between W. 168th & W. 169th Streets is very wide, and has only five metered spots extending south from the corner, with the remainder of the block designated as a "No Parking" area; and

Whereas: The proposed Greenmarket would be open on Tuesdays, from about 8am until about 3pm or 4pm, for regional farmers to sell fruits, vegetables, and other farm products; would accommodate 6-12 vendors in 18 tents occupying a total of about 190 feet; and would operate with a market manager on site at all times; and

Whereas: The proposed Greenmarket would be seasonal, from June or July through mid-November, with the possibility of extending to a year-round market if there is sufficient consumer demand and farmer availability; and

Whereas: The greenmarket would involve a loss of only metered five parking spaces, and would not adversely affect street traffic as there would be no street closure, and the truck parking would not take up significantly more of the street's width than parked cars do now; and

Whereas: CENYC/Greenmarket has agreed to work with the existing street vendor accustomed to operating at the corner of W. 168th Street & Fort Washington Avenue to ensure that he is satisfied with his relocation plan to an adjacent corner on Tuesdays during the hours of greenmarket operation; and,

Whereas: CENYC/Greenmarket has agreed to work with the Armory to minimize any possible operational conflicts between the greenmarket and the Armory's track & field programming; and,

Whereas: CENYC/Greenmarket remains committed to identifying a suitable site in the 180's/190's for a Sunday market to meet the full need of CB12 for greenmarkets in the community; now, therefore be it

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, recommends that the Council on the Environment, NYC's Greenmarket division operate a weekly (Tuesday) seasonal greenmarket on the western sidewalk of Fort Washington Avenue between W. 169th & 168th Streets, with the possibility of expanding around the corner of W. 168th Street to Haven Avenue, and the alteration of local parking regulations and signage to suspend parking except for Greenmarket vehicles (e.g., farmers' trucks) when the greenmarket is in operation; and be it further

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, requests that CENYC/Greenmarket continue to work with the community to identify a suitable location for a Sunday market in Washington Heights north of 175th Street; and be it further

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, urges the 33rd Precinct to increase enforcement around the greenmarket to ensure that there is no double-parking further to exacerbate an already serious traffic problem at and around the intersection of W. 168th & Fort Washington Avenue.

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, urges DOT quickly to install new parking signage and the Street Activities Permitting Office quickly to approve a permit so that a mini-market of one or two vendors can open up this November for the remaining weeks of the season, pending farmer availability; and be it further

Resolved: Approved unanimously at the October 6th meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee:
7 Committee Members in favor (none abstaining or opposed)
2 Board Members in favor (none abstaining or opposed)
36 Members of the Public in favor (none abstaining or opposed)

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

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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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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November 4, 2009

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

Re: **Emilou, Inc.**
829 W. 181st Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 32-3-2 at its October 27th general meeting **recommending** the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor license to Emilou, Inc.

WHEREAS, Emilou Inc., located at 829 W. 181st Street (between Ft Washington Ave-Cabrini Blvd), 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 October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, The owner, Janal Khalyat attended the previous month's meeting and discussed the method of operation for the premises; He also owns Jessie Place (which recently closed) and has had no issues with either establishment; the premises will operate solely as a restaurant and will have no dancing; Emilou's has been in the community for 7 years and has had a Restaurant Wine license that has been renewed by the EDC committee each year; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new **On-Premises Liquor License** for Emilou Inc., located at 829 W. 181st Street, Avenue providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community; and be it further

RESOLVED, The recommendation is **exclusively for the method of operation presented** on October 6, 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,

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Re: F.A.M Restaurant Corp.
431 W. 202nd Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 37-0-0 at its October 27th general meeting **not recommending** the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor license to F.A.M Restaurant Corp.

WHEREAS, F.A.M. Restaurant Corp., located at 431 W. 202nd Street (between 9-10 Aves), 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 October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, Yralee Mendez, their representative, attended the meeting and discussed the method of operation for the premises; the location is 2200 square feet and will cater to comedy and sports, and also be a lounge; The establishment will offer finger food; The capacity has not been determined and they are awaiting fire department inspection; Catering will also be available; and

WHEREAS, the 34th precinct objects with the proposed location for the establishment based on its proximity to other popular lounges, namely Umbrella and TBA; and

WHEREAS, the 34th precinct also feels that the proposed location will increase noise levels of an already congested area particularly during the closing hours of the establishment; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) does **not recommend** the State Liquor Authority grant a new ***On-Premises Liquor License*** for F.A.M. Restaurant Corp., located at 431 W. 202nd Street

Sincerely,

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Re: **La Esperanza Sport Bar Restaurant Corp.**
2372 Amsterdam Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 37-0-0 at its October 27th general meeting not recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor license to La Esperanza Sport Bar Restaurant Corp.

WHEREAS, La Esperanza Sport Bar Corp., located at 2372 Amsterdam Avenue (between 177-178 Sts), 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 October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, The owner, Rafael Hurtado attended the meeting and discussed the method of operation for the premises; the premises will operate solely as a Bar/Lounge with 10 tables; the establishment is only 1,000 square feet and expects to serve finger food; hours of operation are 1 pm – 4am 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is located in a residential building and one resident of the building was present at the meeting and objected to the establishment having a liquor license; the establishment is located near a daycare center; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) does not recommend the State Liquor Authority grant a new *On-Premises Liquor License* for La Esperanza Sport Bar Corp., located at 2372 Amsterdam Avenue.

Sincerely,

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Re: Aires Restaurant & Lounge
151 Nagle Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 29-8-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor license to Aires Restaurant & Lounge.

WHEREAS, Aires Restaurant & Lounge., located at 151 Nagle Avenue (Arden-Thayer Sts), 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 October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, The representative, Sandra Jimenez attended and discussed the method of operation for the premises; the restaurant has 26 tables for approximately 100 patrons; there will be a bar with 28 stools; hours of operation will be from 8 am – 2 am if the liquor license is approved; the 34th precinct was concerned with 1 assault that happened in front of the location prior to the current owner taking possession of the premises, but fell short of taking a position against the new establishment; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new **On-Premises Liquor License** for Aires Restaurant & Lounge., located at 151 Nagle Avenue, providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community; and be it further

RESOLVED, The recommendation is **exclusively for the method of operation presented** on October 6, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

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Re: **Anafe Restaurant Inc.**
2089 Amsterdam Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 36-1-0 at its October 27th general meeting not recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine license to Anafe Restaurant Inc.

WHEREAS, Anafe Restaurant Inc., located at 2089 Amsterdam Avenue (between 183-184 Sts), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new Restaurant Wine License; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, neither the owner or a representative were present before the Economic Development Committee and therefore did not provide details of the establishment and method of operation; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) does not recommend the State Liquor Authority grant a new *Restaurant Wine License* for Anafe Restaurant Inc., located at 2089 Amsterdam Avenue.

Sincerely,

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Re: **JAPP Business Inc.**
4179 Broadway

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 34-3-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine license to JAPP Business Inc.

WHEREAS, JAPP Business Inc., located at 4179 Broadway (between 177-178 Sts), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new Restaurant Wine License; and

WHEREAS, The owner, Jorge Poranta attended and discussed the method of operation for the premises; the restaurant plans on offering an organic menu including Organic wine, beer and sushi; Jorge Poranta hopes to offer a healthy alternative to what is currently being offered in the neighborhood; The hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday 6 PM – 2 AM, Friday and Saturday 6 PM – 3 AM & Sunday 6 PM – 1 AM; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant is approximately 800 square feet, will have approximately 7 tables, play ambient music and is located in a commercial building; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new **Restaurant Wine License** for JAPP Business Inc., located at 4179 Broadway, providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community; and be it further

RESOLVED, The recommendation is **exclusively for the method of operation presented** on October 6, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

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Re: 1944 Amsterdam Avenue Rest Corp. dba El Caridad Restaurant
1944 Amsterdam Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 28-8-1 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine license to 1944 Amsterdam Avenue Rest Corp. dba El Caridad Restaurant.

WHEREAS, 1944 Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant Corp. dba El Caridad, located at 1944 Amsterdam Avenue (between 156-157 Sts), 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 October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, The owner Jenny Gonzalez attended and discussed the method of operation for the premises; the restaurant currently closes at 12 AM every night but will extend its hours to 3 – 4am in order to compete with other similar restaurants; the restaurant sells Dominican food and has 6 counter seats and a total of 25 seats in the establishment; and

WHEREAS, The local precinct is opposed to an on-premises liquor license based solely on the previous owner; the Economic Development Committee, suggested that Jenny Gonzalez down grade her application from a *On-premises Liquor license* to a *Restaurant Wine License* and she agreed; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new *Restaurant Wine License* for 1944 Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant Corp. dba El Caridad, located at 4179 Broadway, providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community; and be it further

RESOLVED, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented on October 6, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

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Re: **181 Billiards Inc.**
566 W. 181st Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 37-0-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Eating Place Beer license to 181 Billiards Inc.

WHEREAS, 181 Billiards Inc., located at 566 W. 181st Street (between St Nicholas-Audubon Aves), 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 October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, The owner, Abraham Dadon attended and discussed the method of operation for the premises; Abraham Dadon also owns the clothing store downstairs from the billiards location; the establishment is located on the second floor with approximately 6,000 square feet; they will serve sandwiches and fries; he intends on having a 21 and over location to avoid issues relating to young kids; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Dadon also stated that there will be video surveillance cameras throughout the establishment and a metal detector will also be installed; There will be no live music, no traditional DJ and no dancing; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, based on the type of establishment and the prior owners history, suggested that Abraham Dadon change his application from a **Full Liquor license** to an **Eating Place Beer License** and he agreed; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new **Eating Place Beer License** for 181 Billiards Inc., located at 566 W. 181st Street, providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community; and be it further

RESOLVED, The recommendation is **exclusively for the method of operation presented** on October 6, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

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Re: **Ceci Restaurant**
78 Sherman Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 32-5-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine license to Ceci Restaurant.

WHEREAS, Ceci Restaurant Inc., located at 78 Sherman Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a new Restaurant Wine License; and

WHEREAS, Ceci Restaurant's Restaurant is a well establish restaurant that previously had a Restaurant Wine License which expired while they were closed in the aftermath of the June 2008 fire that destroyed the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and therefore be it providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community; and be it further

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new **Restaurant Wine License** for Ceci Restaurant Inc., located on 78 Sherman Avenue.

Sincerely,

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Re: **Vino Versus Wine Bar**
7 Henshaw Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 26-7-4 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine license to Vino Versus Wine Bar.

WHEREAS, Vino Versus Wine Bar, Inc located at 7 Henshaw Street (between Riverside Dr. - Staff St.), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a Restaurant Wine License; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and

WHEREAS, The owner, Felix Fermin attended and discussed the method of operation for the premises on July 7, 2009; the establishment will offer a wine bar/bistro with corporate catering; the establishment will have soundproofing, ambient music and acoustic music; the kitchen is 8 x 12 and the establishment is approximately 500 square ft and will have 30-35 seats, the hours of operation are from 12pm - 1am Monday - Saturday and will close at 12am on Sundays; the café will also be fully accessible; and

WHEREAS, Felix Fermin also stated that there will be no traditional DJ and no dancing in the establishment; and the 34th precinct is not opposed to a restaurant wine license at this location; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new **Restaurant Wine License** for Vino Versus Wine Bar, Inc located at 7 Henshaw Street, providing that they observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community; and be it further

RESOLVED, The recommendation is **exclusively for the method of operation presented** on July 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

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November 4, 2009

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

Re: **Las Reynas Restaurant Inc.**
2178 Amsterdam Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 37-0-0 at its October 27th general meeting not recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor License to Las Reyna's Restaurant Inc.

WHEREAS, Las Reyna's Restaurant Inc., located on 2178 Amsterdam Avenue (between 167-168 Sts), 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 Oct 6th, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard several negative comments about Las Reyna's Restaurant Inc., including **after hour consumption of alcohol; restraining order; a \$10,000 fine** issued to the establishment by the SLA and the issuance of a **nuisance abatement**; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) does not recommend the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of the **On-Premises Liquor License** for Las Reyna's Restaurant Inc., located on 2178 Amsterdam Avenue.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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**Re: Jubilee Restaurant Inc.
1 Nagle Avenue**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 31-4-2 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a On-Premises Liquor License to Jubilee Restaurant Inc.

WHEREAS, Jubilee Restaurant Inc., located on 1 Nagle 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 Oct 6th, 2009 to hear comments from the community and local police precincts, heard no negative comments other than one 311 complaint about Jubilee Restaurant Inc., and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of the *On-Premises Liquor License* for Jubilee Restaurant Inc., located on 1 Nagle Avenue.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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Re: **1562 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp.**
1562 St. Nicholas Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 34-3-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine License to 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp.

WHEREAS, 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp., located on 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License ; and

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Committee, having met on October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts, heard no negative comments about 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of the **Restaurant Wine License** for 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp., located on 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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Re: **Venerato Inc. dba Garden Café**
4961 Broadway

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 35-1-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine License to Venerato Inc. dba Garden Café.

WHEREAS, Venerato Inc. dba Garden Café, located at 4961 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of the **Restaurant Wine License** for Venerato Inc. dba Garden Café, located on 4961 Broadway.

Sincerely,

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Chairman
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80 South Swan Street
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Re: **El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria**
4195 Broadway

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 36-1-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine License to El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria.

- WHEREAS,** El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria., located at 4195 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and
- WHEREAS,** the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of the *Restaurant Wine License* for El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria., located on 4195 Broadway.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
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Re: **Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant**
4032 10th Avenue

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution with a vote of 36-1-0 at its October 27th general meeting recommending the State Liquor Authority grant a Restaurant Wine License to Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant.

WHEREAS, Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant., located on 4032 10th Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, having met on October 6, 2009 to hear comments from the community, and local police precincts to discuss this application; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of the **Restaurant Wine License** for Bijaru Cofee Shop Restaurant., located on 4032 10th Avenue.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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November 4, 2009

Hon. Gretchen Dykstra
Commissioner
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

**RE: El Conde Restaurant Corp. dba El Conde Steak House Restaurant
4139 Broadway**

Dear Commissioner Dykstra:

The following resolution was passed by a vote of 37-0-0 Community Board 12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2009

- WHEREAS,** El Conde Restaurant Corp., dba El Conde Steak House located at 4139 Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Enclosed Sidewalk Café; and
- WHEREAS,** a public hearing was held at the CB12M Office, on October 6, 2009 to discuss the details of the application; and
- WHEREAS,** no members of the public objected to the enclosed sidewalk café; and therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** Community Board 12 (Manhattan) **recommends** the Department of Consumer Affairs grant a renewal of the **enclosed sidewalk café license** for El Conde Restaurant Corp., dba El Conde Steak House located at 4139 Broadway, will observe all accessibility requirements and work to prevent quality of life issues in their local community.

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

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor
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November 4, 2009

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

Re: Riverside Radio Dispatcher, Inc. – License Renewal

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, a resolution passed with a vote of 37-0-0 recommending the TLC renew Riverside Radio Dispatcher Inc.,

WHEREAS, Riverside Radio Dispatcher Inc., located at 1642 St. Nicholas Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Livery Car Base License; and

WHEREAS, Riverside Radio Dispatcher Inc., has satisfactorily shown over the last 18 years of existence that they are responsive to the community's needs for private transportation; and

WHEREAS, no adverse police or public comments were given for the taxi base; and

WHEREAS, Riverside Radio Dispatcher Inc., has provided the office with a Certificate of Affiliation from Vega Transportation that states that the base has complied with New York City TLC Rule 6-07(f) to provide transportation service to Wheelchair users and persons with Disabilities, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) **recommends** the Taxi and Limousine Commission grant a renewal of the **Livery Car Base License** for Riverside Radio Dispatcher Inc. for a with the provision that they adhere to all TLC regulations including the requirement to provide ADA accessible vehicles for its customers.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

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November 4, 2009

Chairman Matthew Haus
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New York, NY 10006

Re: High Class Limo & Car Service Corp. – License Renewal

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, a resolution passed with a vote of 37-0-0 recommending the TLC renew High Class Limo & Car Service Corp.

WHEREAS, High Class Limo & Car Service Corp., located at 604 W. 158th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Livery Car Base License; and

WHEREAS, High Class Limo & Car Service Corp., has satisfactorily shown over the last **13 years of existence** that they are responsive to the community's needs for private transportation; and

WHEREAS, no adverse police or public comments were given for the taxi base; and

WHEREAS, High Class Limo & Car Service Corp., has provided the office with a Certificate of Affiliation from Vincent NYC that states that the base has complied with New York City TLC Rule 6-07(f) to provide transportation service to Wheelchair users and persons with Disabilities, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) **recommends** the Taxi and Limousine Commission grant a renewal of the **Livery Car Base License** for High Class Limo & Car Service Corp. with the provision that they adhere to all TLC regulations including the requirement to provide ADA accessible vehicles for its customers.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez

Manny Velazquez
Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor
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October 29, 2009

Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan
Chair
Board of Standards and Appeals
40 Rector Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10006

RE: Congregation Mita, 612 West 180th Street, New York, NY (Application Calendar No.: 182-09-BZ)

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12-Manhattan held on Tuesday, October 28, 2009 a resolution offering no objection to the BSA application submitted on behalf of Congregation Mita seeking variances to the rear yard and side yard zoning requirements for alterations to the premises at 612 W. 180th Street, New York, N.Y. was approved by a unanimous vote of 37 (in favor).

Whereas: An application (Application Calendar No.: 182-09-BZ) was submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") by Eric Palatnik, Esq. on behalf of Congregation Mita seeking zoning variances to legalize the enlargements to the second and third stories an existing structure located at 612 West 180th Street (the "Property"). The variances requested pertain to compliance with rear and side yard zoning requirements; and

Whereas: Congregation Mita (the "Church") is religious institution based in Puerto Rico that has chapters in the United States, Canada, Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain and the Dominican Republic. The chapter located at the Property has 375 members who use the structure daily for prayer, meetings and gatherings; and

Whereas: The Property is a former synagogue built circa 1923, was purchased by the Church in 1982 and was renovated by the Church in 2003 to enlarge to the second and third floors in order to provide with expanded space for its Novitiate. The enlargements are straight-line extensions over the existing structure's foot print, that is, the new construction does not setback from the exterior walls of the existing building; and

Whereas: The Church has stated that the expanded second and third floor space is required in order to continue to meet its programmatic needs for novitiates who travel six to nine times per year to New York from the various Congregation Mita chapters; and

Whereas: Pursuant to zoning a rear yard of 30 feet is required and side yards of either zero feet or eight feet are required; and

Whereas: The Property's original 1923 construction does not conform to current zoning with respect to side and rear yard requirements, but since it pre-dates the 1961 zoning resolution it is a legal non-conforming building. However, new construction or renovations to existing construction must conform to zoning; and

Whereas: The renovations to the Property that enlarged the second and third floors do not conform to rear and side yard zoning requirements, were undertaken without building permits or licensed contractors and other required approvals and have resulted in both zoning and building code violations; and

Whereas: The Church seeks to address the zoning and building code violations, must address the zoning violations before it can address the building code violations and therefore has submitted the Application to BSA; and

Whereas: Eric Palatnik, the lawyer representing the Church met with the Land Use Committee on September 9, 2009 to brief it on the Application and the Land Use Committee held a Public Hearing on October 7, 2009 to obtain comment on the Application; and

Whereas: At the Public Hearing Mr. Palatnik noted that the Property has unused FAR/ development air-rights, the Church has not intention of constructing any additional structure on top of the Property and that the Church is willing to agreed to maintain the Property at its current three story height. Subsequent to the Public Hearing Mr. Palatnik forwarded correspondence to the community board on behalf of the Church providing agreement to this matter in writing; therefore be it

Resolved: that Community Board 12- Manhattan offers no objection to the application (Application Calendar No.: 182-09-BZ) submitted on behalf of Congregation Mita to the Board of Standards and Appeals seeking variances to the rear yard and side yard zoning requirements for the premises 612 West 180th Street, New York, NY; and be it further

Resolved: that Community Board 12-Manhattan strongly objects to the fact that construction was completed without permits or licensed contractors and therefore demand that the Department of Buildings undertake a strict and complete review of the existing construction for this building, and indeed for any building where construction was completed without permits or licensed contractors, to ensure all of the work is brought up to code and further demand that self-certification of the plans and the construction not be permitted for this building or for any building where work that has performed without permits is to be legalized.

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

Sincerely,

MANNY VELAZQUEZ

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Hon. Derek Lee, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Dept. of Buildings
Anthony Borelli, Director, Land Use, MBPO
Wayne A. Benjamin, AIA, Chair, Land Use, CB12-Manhattan
Eric Palatnik, P.C., Attorney at Law,



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October 29, 2009

Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr.
New York State Assembly Member
71st District
2541-55 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10039

RE: Hispanic Society of America – Funding Request for Emergency Façade Repairs

Dear Assemblyman Farrell:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12-Manhattan held on Tuesday, October 28, 2009 a resolution in support of the funding request submitted to your office by the Hispanic Society of America to partially finance emergency façade repairs to its North Building was unanimously approved by a vote of 37 in favor.

Whereas: the Hispanic Society of America (the "Hispanic Society") is a century-old cultural institution located in Washington Heights and is housed in the landmark Audubon Terrace complex at Broadway between West 155th Street and West 156th Street where it is committed to remain; and

Whereas: the Hispanic Society occupies three of the Audubon Terrace buildings including the Hispanic Society's Main Building, the former American Indian Museum Building and the North Galleries Building (collectively "The Buildings"); and

Whereas: the Hispanic Society has undertaken a master plan to identify capital improvement projects (the Capital Improvements") needed to address deficiencies to the exterior envelope, electrical, mechanical and other systems of The Buildings as well as to comply with current fire, life safety and other codes. The Hispanic Society has also identified certain emergency repairs (the "Emergency Repairs") that are required to the façade of the North Galleries Building; and

Whereas: the scope of work for the Emergency Repairs includes scaffolding the facades of the North Building, opening the walls and replacing rusted steel lintels, replacing damaged sections of limestone, cleaning the existing limestone, relining the gutter at the top of the facades to prevent further leaks, conserving and cleaning the sculptural reliefs on the terrace-side facades and architectural and related fees; and

Whereas: the cost of the Emergency Repairs is expected to exceed \$1,000,000; and

Whereas: the Hispanic Society has been self-funded for the first 100 years of its existence but is now seeking other funding sources and has commenced a capital campaign; and

Whereas: the Hispanic Society meet with Assemblyman Denny Farrell to review the Capital Improvements and the Emergency Repairs, the Hispanic Society advises that Assemblyman Farrell has expressed interest in funding a project and that it has submitted a funding request to Assemblyman Farrell for \$1,000,000 over two years to partially fund the Emergency Repairs; and

Whereas: on October 7, 2009 representatives of the Hispanic Society met with the Land Use Committee to review the Capital Improvements and the Emergency Repairs; therefore be it

Resolved: that Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the funding request submitted by the Hispanic Society to Assemblyman Farrell to partially finance the Emergency Repairs, and be it further

Resolved: that Community Board 12-Manhattan encourages Assemblyman Farrell and all City, State and Federal elected officials who represent Washington Heights and Inwood to work with the Hispanic Society to assist it to securing the capital funds needed to fully implement the Capital Improvements inclusive of all aspects of disability accessibility.

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

Sincerely,

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