



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan
Washington Heights & Inwood**

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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

December 16, 2011

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

Re: Ceci Restaurant, Inc. Renewal Wine License

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to not grant Ceci Restaurant Inc. Renewal Wine License located at 78 Sherman Avenue(at the corner of Dyckman St.)

Whereas, Ceci Restaurant Inc, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, it is committee protocol to provide a negative vote for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal restaurant wine license for Ceci Restaurant Inc.

Sincerely,


Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
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Michael Ben-Asher
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway 5th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Re: Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ

Dear Mr. Ben-Asher:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the Department of Consumer Affairs to **grant** Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ renewal for unenclosed sidewalk cafe located at 3956 Broadway (at the corner of W. 166th Street).

Whereas, Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal unenclosed sidewalk cafe; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the Department of Consumer Affairs granting a renewal of the unenclosed sidewalk cafe License for Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ IF the establishment ensures that the first floor bathroom remains accessible at all time for patrons.

Sincerely,

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

Re: 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai - New Restaurant Wine License

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to grant 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai a New Restaurant Wine License located 4959 Broadway(bet. W. 207th & Isham Sts.)

Whereas, 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai; and

Therefore **Be It Resolved**, that Community Board 12 offers no objection to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the restaurant wine License for 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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80 South Swan Street
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Re: 1342 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp dba El Capri Restaurant

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30)Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to grant 1342 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp dba El Capri Restaurant Renewal Wine License located at 1342 St. Nicholas Avenue.

Whereas, 1342 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp dba El Capri Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about 1342 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp dba El Capri Restaurant; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the restaurant wine License for 1342 St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant Corp dba El Capri Restaurant.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

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Re: Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant - Renewal Wine License

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to grant Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant a Renewal Wine License located at 4032 10th Avenue (at the corner of W. 215th St.)

Whereas, Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers no objection to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the restaurant wine License for Bijaru Coffee Shop Restaurant.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
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cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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Re: El Caribe Restaurant Corp dba El Caribe Restaurant

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to grant El Caribe Restaurant Corp dba El Caribe Restaurant New Restaurant Wine License located at 1562 St. Nicholas Ave. (bet. W. 188th & W. 189th St.)

Whereas, El Caribe Restaurant Corp dba El Caribe Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about El Caribe Restaurant Corp dba El Caribe Restaurant; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for El Caribe Restaurant Corp dba El Caribe Restaurant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela P. North".

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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80 South Swan Street
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Re: El Malecon Restaurant

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30)Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to grant to El Malecon Restaurant renewal of Restaurant Wine License located Vines Corp., located at 4141 Broadway(at the corner of W. 175th St.

Whereas, El Malecon Restaurant, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about El Malecon Restaurant; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the restaurant wine License for El Malecon

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela P. North".

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: International Drink Group, Inc. dba TBA

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (26) In Favor, (4) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to grant the International Drink Group, Inc. dba TBA a New On-Premises Liquor License located 4476 Broadway (bet/ Fairview Ave. & W. 193rd St.)

Whereas, International Drink Group Inc dba TBA has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new on-premises liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about International Drink Group Inc dba TBA; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the On-Premises Liquor License for International Drink Group Inc dba TBA.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: NYTOG Import Corp. dba Vacca Lounge

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to not grant NYTOG Import Corp. dba Vacca Lounge a New On-Premise Liquor License located at 416-420 W. 203 Street(at the corner of 9th Avenue).

Whereas, NYTOG Import Corp dba Vacca Lounge, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its to file an application for a new on premise liquor license; and

Whereas, it is committee protocol to provide a negative vote for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **OBJECTION** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new on premise liquor license for NYTOG Import Corp dba Vacca Lounge.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Pollo El Provocon Inc. - Renewal Wine License

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011 Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend the State Liquor Authority to grant Pollo El Provocon Inc. dba Provocon a renewal Wine License located at 1495 St. Nicholas Avenue (bet. W. 184th & W. 185th Sts.)

Whereas, Pollo El Provocon Inc dba Provocon has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal restaurant wine license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on December 6, 2011 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Pollo El Provocon Inc dba Provocon; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers no objection to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the restaurant wine License for Pollo El Provocon Inc dba Provocon.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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December 19, 2011

Hon. Janette Sadik-Khan
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
55 Water Street 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10041

Hon. Margaret Forgiione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner's Sadik-Khan & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan, December 15, 2011, the board passed a resolution with a vote of (30)In favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to the NYC Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of creating three metered parking spaces in front of 1662 St. Nicholas Venue (north of the bus stop.)

Whereas: AWS (Advantage Wholesale Supply) requested metered parking in front of their business at 1662 St Nicholas Ave, and

Whereas: Parking is necessary for the business and neighboring businesses to thrive, and parking should become available at 5 PM for the community. And now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan requests DoT study the feasibility of creating three metered parking spaces in front of 1662 St Nicholas, north of the bus stop.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque-North
Chair
Community Board 12 - Manhattan

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Public Advocate
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
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Hon. Margaret Forgiione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner's Sadik-Khan & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan, December 15, 2011, the board passed a resolution with a vote of (30)In favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain to the NYC Department of Transportation to request regulation of traffic at the at the intersections between Edward Morgan Place and riverside Drive be made one-way westbound nr. W.157th St. - 158th St.

- Whereas: Traffic is often backed up on the southbound lane of Broadway when the northbound Bx6 bus turns left on 157th Street on its way to Riverside Drive; and
- Whereas: Traffic congestion would be reduced and pedestrian increased if 157th Street between Edward Morgan Place and Riverside Drive be made one-way westbound; and
- Whereas: Pedestrian safety and traffic flow can be improved through a thorough understanding of the existing pedestrian and traffic patterns, signal timing and other factors; and
- Whereas: Pedestrian safety at the intersection of West 157th Street and Edward Morgan Place would be improved if greater attention is given to enforcement of traffic regulation; and
- Whereas: in December 2009, Community Board 12, Manhattan, passed a resolution requesting that NYC DoT do a comprehensive traffic and pedestrian study of the area (West 157th -158th Streets, Broadway – Riverside Drive); and
- Whereas: NYC DoT has completed their study of the area (West 157th -158th Streets, Broadway – Riverside Drive) and reported their finding; and now therefore be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan, is requesting that West 157th Street between Edward Morgan Place and Riverside Drive were made one-way westbound; and be it further resolved
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan, requests the 33rd Precinct increase enforcement of traffic regulations at the intersections West 157th -158th Streets, Broadway – Riverside Drive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Palanque North". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the word "North".

Pamela Palanque-North
Chair
Community Board 12 - Manhattan

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Public Advocate
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Chancellor Matthew Goldstein
City University of New York
535 E. 80th Street
New York, NY 10075

Dear Chancellor Goldstein:

Please be advised that Community Board 12, Manhattan at its December 15, 2011 general meeting a resolution was passed with a vote of (29) In Favor, (0) Opposed; (0) Abstained to the support the new site for City University of New York in the Heights.

Whereas: CUNY in the Heights, the first City University of New York (CUNY) program ever based in Washington Heights-Inwood and a welcome addition to our community, was established in 2005 and has been utilizing rented space in the Good Shepherd school, 620 Isham St.; and

Whereas: CUNY in the Heights is a continuing education and professional studies program that provides both credit and noncredit classes well as certificate programs to adults and afterschool programs and summer camps for children; and

Whereas: A total of 24,783 people have taken advantage of these programs since 2005, including approximately 15,336 residents of Washington Heights-Inwood (60% of the total), according to CUNY; and

Whereas: CUNY is now proposing to relocate this program to a new site three blocks away in approximately 15,000 rentable square feet on the ground floor of 5030 Broadway between West 213th and 214th Streets; and

Whereas: The unoccupied space at 5030 Broadway would be renovated to provide classroom/seminar rooms, computer labs, students areas and administrative offices so that CUNY in the Heights would be housed in more modern, efficient and ADA-compliant space than it currently has; and

Whereas: CUNY has committed to maintain the ground floor space so that it will be interactive with pedestrian traffic and enhance the school's visibility as well as public safety; and

Whereas: The site is within a C8-4 General Service District, zoning that is intended for automotive and other heavy commercial uses, not for schools; and

Whereas: CUNY plans to request a Mayoral Override from the zoning restriction to allow a school use within this district to facilitate the relocation of CUNY in the Heights and is seeking Community Board 12-Manhattan's support of this request; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan finds that CUNY in the Heights is a beneficial and compatible use in this largely residential community as a positive educational program serving the residents of Washington Heights-Inwood and surrounding communities; and be it further

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the relocation of the CUNY in the Heights in the hope that the new site will enable the program to flourish and expand, and calls upon the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development to grant the request for the Mayoral Override.

Sincerely,


Pamela Palanque-North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael J. Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Robert Steele, Deputy Mayor of Economic Development
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Bill De Blasio, Public Advocate
Hon. John C. Lui, Comptroller
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Bill Perkins, NY State Senator
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, NY State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
Hon Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. Robert Jackson, Council Member
Senior vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson - City University of New York
Meghan Morre-Wilks - Director of Space Planning - CUNY
Brian Cook, Director, MBPO Land Use
Wayne A. Benjamin, AIA, Chair, CB12-M, Land Use Committee



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December 20, 2011

Hon. Michael F. Hogan
Commissioner
N.Y. State Office of Mental Health
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12229

Dear Commissioner Hogan:

Please be advised that Community Board 12-Manhattan, at its General Meeting on December 15, 2011, passed the following resolution by a vote of 30-0-0 urging the N.Y. State Office of Mental Health to reconsider its decision to terminate the grant for five school-based mental health clinics operated by New York-Presbyterian Hospital:

- Whereas: New York-Presbyterian Hospital has been operating school-based mental health clinics in 15 schools in upper Manhattan, including Washington Heights-Inwood and Harlem, in a commendable effort to fill an unmet need; and
- Whereas: The medical professionals at these clinics provide vital and necessary services to a population that generally does not have access to mental health counseling and treatment, and as a result the students they assist are better able to adjust to school and to life in general; and
- Whereas: The clinics that have their costs covered by Medicaid reimbursements will continue to operate at ten schools: P.S. 4, 46, 48, 128, 132, 145, 152, 173, 187 and 189; and
- Whereas: The N.Y. State Office of Mental Health has terminated a \$249,000 annual grant from its Clinics Plus program that paid for the clinics at five other schools: P.S. 28 and 115 in Washington Heights and P.S. 153, 123 and 133 in Harlem; and
- Whereas: These clinics served 120 students who will be offered services at other schools or at the hospital itself, but it is likely that many if not most of them will choose not to go to another school or to a hospital setting to access these services; and
- Whereas: It is in the best interests of these students and their families, as well as the larger community, that these mental health clinics, which have proven to be so effective, be continued at their current sites; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan urges the N.Y. State Office of Mental Health to reconsider its decision to terminate the grant for the school-based mental health clinics operated by New York-Presbyterian Hospital and requests that the local elected officials join us in seeking the continuation of this funding.

Thank you for your consideration of our resolution. We look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,



W Pamela Palanque-North
Chair

c: Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor
Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Bill De Blasio, Public Advocate
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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