



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman
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December 7, 2015

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

Re: Grito Mexican Grill

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (28)In Favor, (1)Opposed, (0)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **not grant** a On-Premises Liquor License to Grito Mexican Grill, located at 1555 St. Nicholas Avenue between West 187th and 188th

Whereas, Grito Mexican Grill, located at 1555 St. Nicholas Avenue between West 187th and 188th Streets, has notified the Licensing Committee of Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for an On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on November 12, 2015 to hear comments from the community and the precinct, and heard only positive comments from members of the Committee regarding this business; and

Whereas, when the Committee Chair inquired into the applicant's appearance before the Committee despite not being included on the agenda by the Board office, as is the custom, he was informed by the representative of the applicant, whose reputation before the Committee was unblemished, that she had spoken with the Board staff about the omission, and that they had confirmed receipt of her client's application and acknowledged the accidental omission; and

Whereas, upon discussion of this application with the Board staff following the Committee meeting, it was revealed that the representative of the applicant had in fact not contacted the Board office to provide any notice whatsoever regarding this application, contrary to the representative's claim before the Committee, and had therefore not submitted the paperwork required by law; and

Whereas, in considering this application, which has been presented to and voted on by the Licensing Committee under false pretenses, the SLA would deny the public and the local police precinct the opportunity to consider appropriately the proposed method of operation and its potential impact on local quality of life;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Objects** to the State Liquor Authority granting this license.

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

CC:

Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator

Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
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Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member
Hon. Kevin Kim, Commissioner, SLA
Hon. Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA