

September 5, 2002

Hon. Edward Kelly  
Commissioner, NYSLA  
84 Holland Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, A Wing  
Albany, New York 12208

**Re: JCC Ventures Inc. d/b/a The Lobby, 330 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Chair Kelly:

At its August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Business Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 recommended that the application of JCC Ventures, Inc. d/b/a The Lobby for an on-premises liquor license at 330 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street be denied pending further information.

The applicant appeared before the Committee in July with a business plan that gave rise to more questions than it answered. In addition we heard considerable community opposition to this proposal. When the applicant reappeared before us the next month, some of our earlier questions were answered but others remained unresolved and new questions were raised. In particular, we had insufficient information about total occupancy, the design sound system, the use of outside promoters, and the installation of ventilation equipment. Some community opposition also persisted.

The Committee will reconsider this application based on the additional information we have requested. Until then, we can have no clear sense of what this operation will be.

At this time, Community Board No. 4 recommends denial of this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Cheryl Kupper  
Co-Chair  
Business Licenses & Permits Committee

Pat Rogers  
Co-Chair  
Business Licenses & Permits Committee

This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's September 4, 2002 full board meeting.

cc: Local Elected Officials  
Fred Gioffre  
Applicant