

May 25, 2004

Commissioner Edward Kelly
New York State Liquor Authority
84 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12208

Re: FT Seventh Avenue LLC, d/b/a Bar Veloce, 176 Seventh Avenue, revised stipulations to be incorporated into applicant's full on-premises liquor license

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

In a previous letter to you dated March 8, 2004, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 had approved the above-referenced on-premises liquor license for FT Seventh Avenue LLC with two stipulations attached. It is our understanding that the SLA has since held a 500 foot hearing on this application, and will be considering the application further at an SLA Commissioners' Full Board meeting tomorrow. In order that you may consider a compromise that was reached between the applicant and the community, we are sending this letter to you now, subject to ratification by our full Board at its June 2 meeting.

At the 500-foot hearing on this license, a crowd of this bar's extremely disturbed neighbors appeared and testified that the applicant's use of his backyard space would disrupt quality of life in the area and that any such use would create a nuisance of major proportions. Subsequently, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Community Board No. 4 invited both the applicant and his neighbors to air their differences and arrive at a mutually acceptable solution. This discussion took place at the Committee's last meeting on May 11, and the antagonists did agree to a compromise which the Committee supported.

That compromise is itemized below as new stipulations to be written into the revised on-premises liquor license. They are to replace those listed in the Board's letter of March 8. .

1. Applicant agrees not to allow patron use of the backyard.
2. Applicant may, after operating for one year with no use of the backyard, reappear before the Committee and apply to amend his license to include patron use of the backyard during hours when lunch may be served.

At its May 24th meeting, the Executive Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to recommend approval of this application with these stipulations, in place of those of March 8, attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair

This letter was ratified by the Full Board at its meeting of June 3, 2004