



CITY OF NEW YORK

**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD No. 4**

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March 8, 2005

Commissioner Edward Kelly  
New York State Liquor Authority  
84 Holland Avenue, 2nd floor, A-Wing  
Albany, NY 12208

**Re: 245 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street Tavern Corp. d/b/a McKenna's, 245 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

At its February 8, 2005 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to recommend denial of the request by McKenna's for an alteration that would allow service of patrons in their rear garden/backyard.

McKenna's infamous history as a troublesome establishment and neighborhood nuisance is well documented. The most alarming cases involved not one, but two, dead bodies which have turned up at the establishment since it opened in 1998 – one patron was murdered on the premises and the lifeless body of another was found in front of the bar.

The owners have done little, if anything, to address the continuing concerns and complaints raised by neighbors. More than a dozen of those neighbors attended the February 8 meeting and ran through a litany of grievances stemming from the operation of this rowdy establishment. The most constant complaint was that of excessive noise already emanating from the backyard use and echoing up and down the block.

The committee concurred that allowing the use of the backyard for patron service would only exacerbate an already untenable situation.

At its full Board meeting on March 2, 2005, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to approve the committee's recommendation of denial.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Mankoff  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Kevin Kossi  
Co-Chair  
Business Licenses & Permits Committee

John Weis  
Co-Chair  
Business Licenses & Permits Committee

Cc: Fred Gioffre, Applicant, Elected Officials, 200 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association