



CITY OF NEW YORK

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD No. 4

330 West 42nd Street, 26th floor New York, NY 10036
Tel: 212-736-4536 Fax: 212-947-9512
www.ManhattanCB4.org

J. LEE COMPTON
Chair

MICHELLE SOLOMON
Acting District Manager

January 23, 2006

Chief Executive Joshua Toas
New York State Liquor Authority
84 Holland Avenue, 2nd floor, A-Wing
Albany, NY 12208

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

Dear Mr. Toas,

At its December 13, 2005 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to recommend denial of the request by 245 West 14th Street Tavern Corp. d/b/a McKenna's for an alteration of its liquor license that would allow service of patrons in their rear garden/backyard.

As we stated in a letter dated March 3, 2005 (enclosed), which also sought denial of this same alteration, McKenna's infamous history as a troublesome establishment and neighborhood nuisance is well documented. The most alarming being 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.

More than a dozen neighbors attended the December 13 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 and echoing up and down the block. There appeared to be no noticeable improvement from last year's request for an alteration (which we believe was never actually submitted to the SLA).

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

At its full Board meeting on January 4, 2006, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to approve this denial.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Compton
Chair, Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Kevin Kossi
Co-Chair
Business Licenses & Permits Committee

John Weis
Co-Chair
Business Licenses & Permits Committee