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## **MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD No. 4**

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ROBERT J. BENFATTO, JR., ESQ. District Manager January 5, 2007

> Beverly Gotay Assistant Director of Licensing Department of Consumer Affairs 42 Broadway, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10004

Re: Sidewalk Café Application

Applicant:	Zanzibar LLC
Location:	645 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
DCA License No:	1100598
Type:	Renewal Application
Tables/Seats:	(see application)

Dear Ms. Gotay:

At its December 20, 2006, meeting Manhattan Community Board No. 4's Transportation Committee heard from the above applicant and reviewed sidewalk café regulation changes. There are no complaints on file regarding the above applicant.

Since Zanzibar's last renewal, however, Community Board #4 has adopted new standards for sidewalk café's. Based on those standards, the applicant agreed to the following stipulations:

- The applicant will close the its French doors south of the phone booth near its entrance on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue before 9pm each evening:
- The applicant will close its French doors on the north of the phone booth near its entrance on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue before 11pm each evening:
- While the French doors are open at the above permitted time, the owner will keep the music at a low level that is audible only within the restaurant and the immediate café surroundings (as required in existing city sidewalk café regulations).

The Transportation Committee realizes that the above stipulations, does not meet the Community Board's standards adopted in July, 2006 that an establishment "close French doors if amplification is used inside an establishment with a sidewalk café." We feel, however, that we should seek a balance of meeting that goal with the hardship it would present to local businesses. In this instance, we feel the above compromise, which the committee will closely monitor for compliance, offers a positive compromise that will be an improvement from the existing situation (with the French doors open until sidewalk café closing).

We greatly appreciate your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

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J. Lee Compton Chair Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus Chair Transportation Planning Committee