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January 5, 2007

Chairman Daniel Boyle
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street, Suite 900
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Centro Espanol Society Inc. d/b/a La Nacional, 239 West 14th Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

At its December 12, 2006 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to recommend approval of an on-premises liquor license for Centro Espanol Society Inc. d/b/a La Nacional, located at 239 West 14th Street, subject to the following condition:

- The applicant agrees that there will be no patron use of the backyard.

The Board notes that this restaurant is located inside a building operated by the Spanish Benevolent Society, a non-profit social club, and that the applicant has some relationship to the non-profit. There is some concern among the board members of the non-profit about the way that the two entities will interact, and about the effect on their tax-exempt status. We ask that you delay your approval of this application until this issue is resolved, and make sure that the applicant is legally able to hold a liquor license, and that any needed approvals of the landlord are in order.

At its full board meeting on January 3, 2006, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to approve this recommendation, so long as the application is legal.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lee Compton
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

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