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Hon. Meenakshe Srinivasan
Chair
Board of Standards and Appeals
40 Rector Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10006

Re: BSA Cal. No. 126-07 BZ, Special Permit Application to permit legalization of operation by AGT Crunch New York LLC of Physical Culture Establishment at 555 West 42nd Street, Block 1071, Lot 1

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the recommendation of its Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee, Manhattan Community Board No. 4, having held a duly noticed public hearing on BSA Calendar No. 126-07 BZ, voted unanimously at its meeting on July 25, 2007 to **recommend approval** of this application.

This application requests a special permit pursuant to Section 73-36 of the Zoning Resolution to allow continued operation of the Crunch Fitness facility at 555 West 42nd Street (at Eleventh Avenue) as a "physical culture establishment". The facility is located within the commercial portion of an existing residential building and has been in operation under a series of owners since 1988. The most recent special permit expired in 2003, when the facility was operated by Bally's Total Fitness. AGT Crunch New York LLC acquired the facility in January 2006 and now seeks to obtain a new special permit to permit legalization of its operation.

The facility is used by many neighborhood residents, and there are no complaints about its operation on record at the Board office. The Board has reviewed the Statements of Facts and Findings in the application and agrees that the proposed facility meets the requirements for the requested special permit.

We therefore **recommend approval** of the application, provided the Department of Investigation background check report required by Section 73-36(c) of the Zoning Resolution is received and satisfactory.

Sincerely,

[signed 7/27/07]
Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair


Anna Hayes Levin, Chair
Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee

Cc: Ellen Hay, Wachtel & Masyr