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Raymond Kelly
Commissioner
City of New York Police Department
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Re: JMED Holdings LLC d/b/a Pacha 620 West 46th Street

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests increased NYPD presence on West 46th Street between 10th and 12th Avenues between the hours of 2 am and 5 am to help control large crowds of people loitering, congestive traffic, and excessive noise.

The two main clubs and lounges in this area are Pacha and Hudson Terrace Club with Penthouse Executive Club within a block. While we believe patrons from all establishments contribute to the problems, most complaints generated from neighbors focus on the issues of patrons traversing to and from the clubs along West 46th and other cross town streets particularly in the residential area between 10th and 11th Avenues.

We are sure you are also aware of shooting and stabbing incidents (of which one incident ultimately was fatal) after an event at Pacha ended on the night of the Puerto Rican Day Parade on June 14/15, 2009. Additionally, there was a shooting incident inside of the Hudson Terrace earlier this year.

Due to resident's complaints, CB4 and the Midtown North Precinct Community council facilitated meetings between residents, NYPD, club owners, and representatives from our elected official's offices. It should be noted that the owners of Pacha have attended all meetings and demonstrated great effort to address the issues.

The conclusion from CB4 is that additional resources are needed from the NYPD. It is apparent the Midtown North Precinct struggles to have a 'posted' presence in this area whenever large venues occur due to staffing issues.

With close to 2,500 patrons exiting the clubs in this area and dozens of taxicabs and car services competing for exiting patrons, the NYPD should have a larger presence during

the peak hours of closing. Furthermore, The NYPD needs to consider other solutions, including street patrols, low level crime arrests and crowd disbursement efforts. We would emphasize, there must be patrols of the blocks where patrons traverse the residential streets to the East of 11th Avenue to access these two clubs as that is the source of the complaints from the residents.

Sincerely,



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