

**SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

**FRANCHISE AND CONCESSION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009 @ 2:30 P.M.**

**22 READE STREET, MANHATTAN**

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*Franchise and Concession Review Committee Special Public Hearing--  
Tuesday, January 6, 2009 @ 2:30PM*

**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

**No. 1:** **IN THE MATTER** of the intent to award as a concession the operation and maintenance of a high-quality restaurant and banquet facility at 201-10 Cross Island Parkway, Bayside, NY 11360 for a license term of fifteen (15) years, to Friendship Restaurant Group, LLC, whose address is 188 East Post Road, Suite 202, White Plains, NY 10601. Compensation to the City will be as follows: in each operating year of the license, licensee shall pay the City license fees consisting of the higher of the minimum annual fee (\$350,000 per annum in year one, with 5% increases per annum, compounded annually) or 12.5% of gross receipts derived from the operation of the licensed premises.

**Original**

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held on

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1 Hearing convened at 2:30 p.m.

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3 PRESENT:

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5 MAYOR, CAS HOLLOWAY

6 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ANTHONY CROWELL

7 COMPTROLLER, VALERIE BUDZIK

8 CORPORATION COUNSEL, HOWARD FRIEDMAN

9 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET, YVONNE

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11 BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF THE BRONX, BOB

12 CASTELLANEK

13 BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF BROOKLYN, JASON

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15 BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF MANHATTAN,

16 JIMMY YAN

17 BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF QUEENS, MARK

18 McMILLAN

19 BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF STATEN ISLAND,

20 LEE COVINO

21 CLERK, CHRISTIAN STOVER

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIR: Good afternoon. The  
3 Public Hearing will now come to order.  
4 Will the Clerk please call the roll.

5 THE CLERK: Mayor.

6 MAYOR: Here.

7 THE CLERK: Office of the Mayor.

8 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Comptroller.

10 COMPTROLLER: Here.

11 THE CLERK: Corporation Counsel.

12 CORPORATION COUNSEL: Here.

13 THE CLERK: Office of Management  
14 and Budget.

15 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET:  
16 Here.

17 THE CLERK: President Borough of  
18 the Bronx.

19 PRESIDENT BOROUGH OF THE BRONX:  
20 Here.

21 THE CLERK: President Borough of  
22 Brooklyn.

23 PRESIDENT BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN:  
24 Here.

25 THE CLERK: President Borough of



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1 Manhattan.

2 PRESIDENT BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN:

3 Here.

4 THE CLERK: President Borough of  
5 Queens.

6 PRESIDENT BOROUGH OF QUEENS:

7 Here.

8 THE CLERK: President Borough of  
9 Staten Island.

10 PRESIDENT BOROUGH OF STATEN

11 ISLAND: Here.

12 CHAIR: Welcome to the Public  
13 Hearing of the Franchise and Concession  
14 Review Committee. The hearing being  
15 conducted today has been publicly  
16 advertised in the City Record at least 15  
17 days prior to this hearing, in accordance  
18 with the Charter of the City of New York  
19 and the Concession Rules.

20 We want to be sure that anyone  
21 desiring to be heard has an opportunity to  
22 do so. All persons wishing to speak  
23 please step to the podium and identify  
24 yourself and state your name and  
25 affiliation, if any.



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1                   With that will the Clerk please  
2 call the calendar.

3                   CLERK: This is a Joint Special  
4 Public Hearing of the Franchise and  
5 Concession Review Committee held on  
6 January 6, 2009, New York City Department  
7 of Parks and Recreation, Calendar Item  
8 Number 1. In the matter of the intent to  
9 award as a concession the operation and  
10 maintenance of a high-quality restaurant  
11 and banquet facility at 201-10 Cross  
12 Island Parkway, Bayside, New York 11360  
13 for a license term of 15 years, to  
14 friendship Restaurant Group, LLC, whose  
15 address is 188 East Post Road, Suite 202,  
16 White Plains, New York 10601.  
17 Compensation to the City will be as  
18 follows: In each operating year of the  
19 license, licensee shall pay the City  
20 license fees consisting of the higher of  
21 the minimum annual fee of \$350,000 per  
22 annum in year one, with 5 percent  
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1 premises.

2 CHAIR: Is there anyone who  
3 wishes to speak or testify on this matter.  
4 If no one wishes to testify that concludes  
5 today's calendar. The Public Hearing is  
6 now closed.

7 (Whereupon, at 2:38 p.m., the  
8 above matter concluded.)

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I, SHERRY SPALLIERO, a Notary  
Public for and within the State of New  
York, do hereby certify that the above  
is a correct transcription of my  
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