

THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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Tareake Dorill, Board Chair

Susan Stetzer, District Manager

Community Board 3 Liquor License Application Questionnaire

NOTE: ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.						
The following items and questionnaire package are due by date listed in email invite:						
Schematics, floor plans or architectural drawings of the inside of the premise.						
A proposed food and or drink menu.						
The following items are due by noon Friday before the meeting: ☐ Petition in support of proposed business or change in business with signatures from residential						
tenants at location and in buildings adjacent to, across the street from and behind proposed location. Petition must give proposed hours and method of operation. For example: restaurant, sports bar, combination restaurant/bar. (petition provided) Notice of proposed business to block or tenant association if one exists. You can find community groups and contact information on the CB 3 website: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattancb3/resources/community-groups.page (this is not required but strongly suggested if a relevant group exists)						
Proof of conspicuous posting of notices at the site for 7 days prior to the meeting (please include newspaper with date in photo or a timestamped photo).	le					
Check which you are applying for: ■ new liquor license ■ alteration of an existing liquor license ■ corporate change						
Check if either of these apply: ☐ sale of assets ☐ upgrade (change of class) of an existing liquor license						
Today's Date: <u>5/3/23</u>						
Is location currently licensed? ☐ Yes ☑ No Type of license:						
If alteration, describe nature of alteration:						
Previous or current use of the location: Bar/Tavern - vacant for approximately 9 years						
Corporation and trade name of current license: N/A						
APPLICANT:						
Premise address: 191 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002						
Cross streets: Houston and Stanton						
Name of applicant and all principals: Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse - Entity to be formed David Zimmerman sole principal						
						
Trade name (DBA): Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse						

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PREMISE:
Type of building and number of floors: 5 story Mixed Use
Does premise have a valid Certificate of Occupancy, including for any back/side yard or roof use? CofO Pending - 118 seating inside and 15 employees inside, 60
☐ Yes ☐ No What is maximum NUMBER of people permitted total 193. Backyard use was previously permitting under old Company of the state
What is the zoning designation (check zoning using map: http://gis.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/ - please
give specific zoning designation, such as R8 or C2): The property is in 2 commercial zones - the northern 3 feet of the
property is in C6-2A, the southern 47 feet of the property is located in a C4-4A
PROPOSED METHOD OF OPERATION:
What are the proposed days/hours of operation? (Specify days and hours each day and hours of outdoor space, if applicable) 4:00 p.m 11:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday, 4:00 p.m Midnight Thursday,
Friday 4:00 p.m 1:00 a.m. Saturday 11:00am - 1 am, Sunday 11:00am -11:00 p.m Rear yard - 7 days opening time - 10:00 p.m.
Will any other business besides food or alcohol service be conducted at premise, i.e., retail? Yes No If yes, please describe what type: Note - incidental sale of merchandise (e.g. sale of t shirts)
Number of indoor tables? 58 Total number of indoor seats? 118
How many stand-up bars/bar seats are located on the premise (number, length, and location)1 - 6 feet with 2 stools, rear of cellar
(A stand-up bar is any bar or counter -with seating or not- where you can order, pay for, and receive alcohol)
Does premise have a full kitchen? ✓ Yes ✓ No
Does it have a food preparation area? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If any, show on diagram)
Is food available for sale? ☑ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe type of food and submit a menu Roumanian Steakhouse - menu will be that same as original Sammy's
What are the hours the kitchen will be open? will close 1 hour prior to closing.
Will a manager or principal always be on site? ■ Yes ■ No If yes, which? David Zimmerman
How many employees will there be? 15
Do you have or plan to install ☐ French doors ☐ accordion doors or ☐ windows?
Will there be TVs/monitors? ☐ Yes ☑ No (If Yes, how many?) 2 - for menus and photos of previous guests
Will premise have music? ✓ Yes No
If Yes, what type of music? ☑ Live musician ☐ DJs ☑ Streaming services/playlists
If other type, please describe Lounge signer on Keyboard and microphone
What will be the music volume? ■ Background (conversational) ■ Entertainment (live music venue
level) Please describe your sound system: 2-4 wall mounted speakers on sound dampening mounts attached to brick
Will you host any promoted events, scheduled performances, or any event at which a cover fee is
charged? If Yes, what type of events or performances are proposed and how often? No

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outside promoters? N/A
How do you plan to manage vehicular traffic and crowds on the sidewalk caused by your establishment?
Please attach plans. (Please do not answer "we do not anticipate congestion.") We have spoken to garages in the area to confirm discounts and availability of parking although we do not anticipate guests arriving by car. There will be two seatings per night at specified times. 90% of seating will be by reservation only at specific times so there will be no reason for patrons to wait outside.
Will there be security personnel? ☑ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, how many and when) As needed
How do you plan to manage noise inside and outside your business so neighbors will not be affected? Applicant will engage certified sound engineer for comprehensive sound mitigation. Soundproofing will be installed. Patrons will be Please attach plans. Seated at specified times and staff will ensure patrons do not wait outside. In rear yard there will be sound dampening landscaping installed to limit sound. Is sound proofing installed? Yes No
If not, do you plan to install sound proofing? Yes No Existing soundproofing but applicant will also engage sour
Are there current plans to use the Open Restaurants program for the sale or consumption of alcoholic
beverages outdoors? (includes roof & yard) ☑ Yes ☐ No If Yes, describe and show on diagram:
Rear yard - there will be extensive sound dampening landscaping installed to limit sound. See attached diagrams
APPLICANT HISTORY: Has this corporation or any principal been licensed for sale of alcohol previously? ☑ Yes ☐ No If yes, please indicate name of establishment: Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse - SAMMY SCHMUL INC Address: 157 Chrystie Street, New York NY 10003 Community Board # 3
Dates of operation: August 1975- March 14th 2020
Has any principal had work experience similar to the proposed business? ☑ Yes □ No If Yes, please
Has any principal had work experience similar to the proposed business? ☑ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please attach explanation of experience or resume. Note: failure to disclose previous experience or
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attach explanation of experience or resume. Note: failure to disclose previous experience or information hampers the ability to evaluate this application. Please see attached resume Does any principal have other businesses in this area? Yes No If Yes, please give trade name,

Attach a separate diagram that indicates the location (name and address) and total number of establishments selling/serving beer, wine (B/W) or liquor (OP) for 2 blocks in each direction. Please indicate whether establishments have On-Premise (OP) licenses. Please label streets and avenues and identify your location. Use letters to indicate Bar, Restaurant, etc. The diagram must be submitted with the questionnaire to the Community Board before the meeting.

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How many licensed establishments are within 1 block? 18
How many On-Premise (OP) liquor licenses are within 500 feet? 39
Is the premise within 200 feet on the same street of any school or place of worship? ☐ Yes ☒ No

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Please see the Community Board website to find block associations or tenant associations in the immediate vicinity of your location for community outreach. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to community groups, but it is not required. Also use provided petitions, which clearly state the name, address, license for which you are applying, and the hours and method of operation of your establishment at the top of each page. (Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary)

LES Dwellers

We are including the following questions to be able to prepare stipulations and have the meeting be faster and more efficient. Please answer per your business plan; <u>do not plan to negotiate at the meeting</u>.

1.	My license type is: □ beer & cider □ wine, beer & cider ☑ liquor, wine, beer & cider
2.	I will operate a full-service restaurant, specifically a (type of restaurant)
	Roumanian Steakhouse restaurant, or
	□ I will operate a,
	with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation OR unwith less than a full-
	service kitchen but serving food during all hours of operation OR Other
3.	My hours of operation will be:
	Mon 4:00 p.m 11:00 p.m. ; Tue 4:00 p.m 11:00 p.m. ; Wed 4:00 p.m Midnight ;
	Thu 4:00 p.m 1:00 a.m. ; Fri 4:00p.m 1:00 am ; Sat 11:00am - 1:00 am,
	Sun 11:00am -11:00 p.m (I understand opening is "no later than" specified opening
	hour, and all patrons are to be cleared from business at specified closing hour.)
4.	■ I will not use outdoor space for commercial use (including Open Restaurants) OR
	I will close all outdoor dining allowed under the temporary Open Restaurants program and any
	other subsequent uses by 10:00 P.M. all days and not have any speakers or TV monitors outdoors
5.	I will employ a doorman/security personnel: Part time, as needed
6.	☑ I will install soundproofing, Insulation, sounds board as needed

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7.	■ I will close any front or rear façade doors	■ I will have a closed fixed façade with no		
	and windows at 10:00 P.M. every night or	open doors or windows except my entrance		
	when amplified sound is playing, including but	door, which will close by 10:00 P.M. or when		
	not limited to DJs, live music and live	amplified sound is playing, including but not		
	nonmusical performances, or during	limited to DJs, live music and live nonmusical		
	unamplified performances or televised sports.	performances, or during unamplified		
		performances or televised sports.		
8.	I will not have ☑ DJs, ☐ live music, ☑ third-party pr	omoted events, 🛮 any event at which a cover		
	fee is charged, \square scheduled performances, \square more	than DJs per, \bigci more than		
	private parties per			
9. 10. 11.	 □ I will play ambient recorded background music of a will not apply for an alteration to the method of nature without first coming before CB 3. □ I will not seek a change in class to a full on-prenapproval from CB 3. 	of operation or for any physical alterations of an		
12.	■ I will not participate in pub crawls or have party	buses come to my establishment.		
13.	. I will not have unlimited drink specials, including boozy brunches, with food.			
14.	☑ I will not have a happy hour or drink specials wi	th or without time restrictions OR I will have		
	happy hour and it will end by			
15.	☑ I will not have wait lines outside. ☑ I will have a	a staff person responsible for ensuring no		
	loitering, noise or crowds outside.			
16.	☑ I will conspicuously post this stipulation form be	eside my liquor license inside of my business.		
17.	☑ Residents may contact the manager/owner at t	he number below. Any complaints will be		
	addressed immediately. I will revisit the above-state	ed method of operation if necessary in order to		
	minimize my establishment's impact on my neighbo	ors.		

Terry Luchs

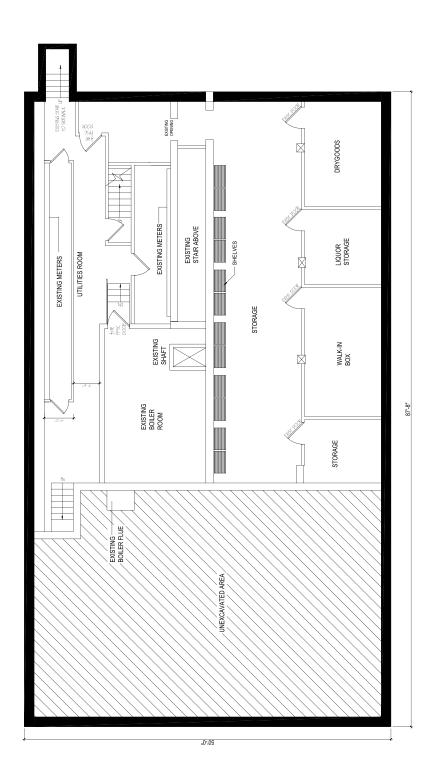
(516) 680-4587

Name: David Zimmerman

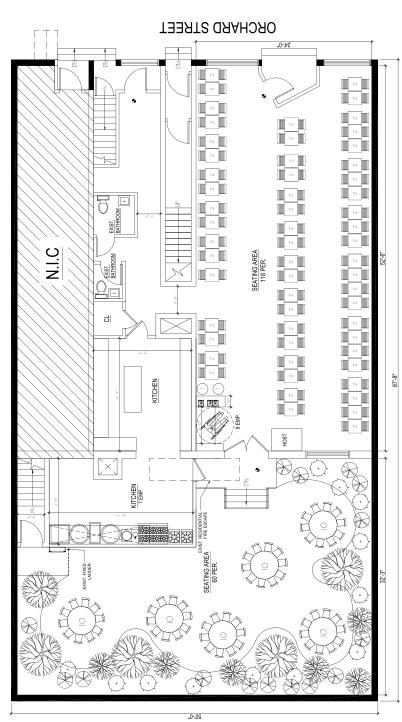
Phone Number: (917) 733-9650

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DIAGRAMS

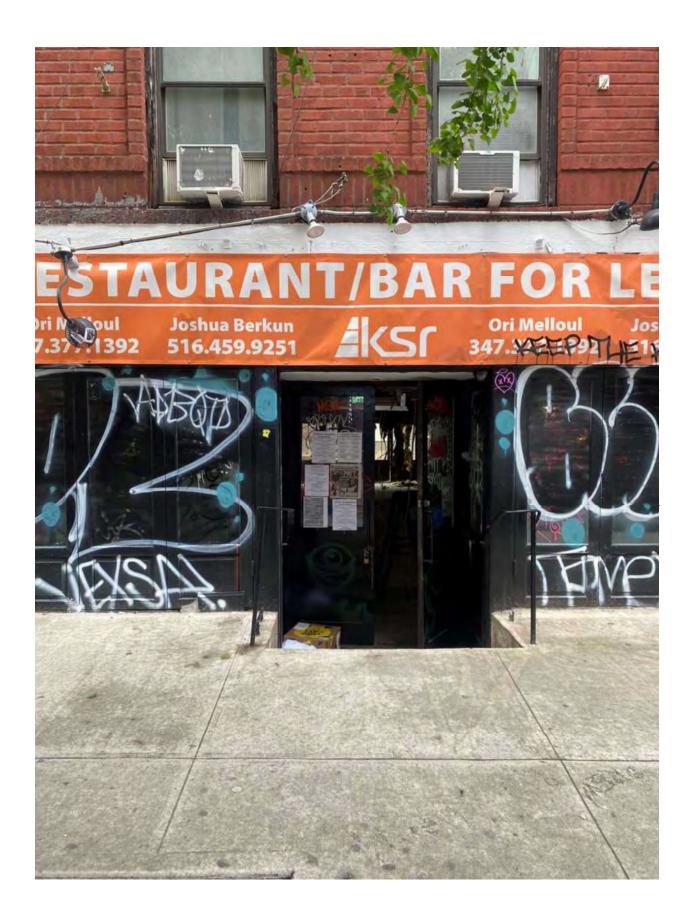


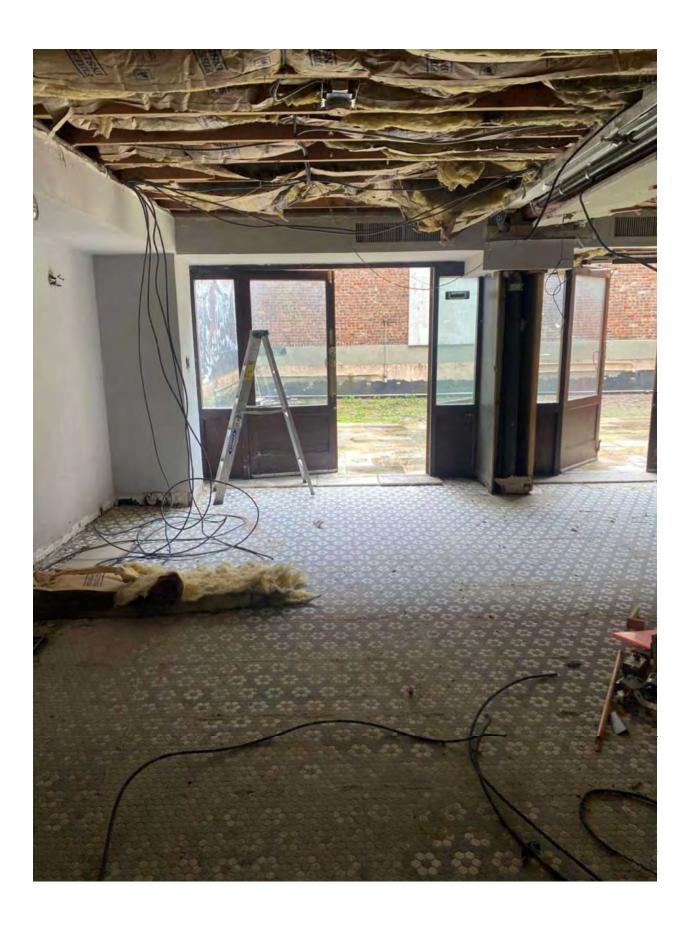
PROPOSED CELLAR FLOOR PLAN Scale: 1/4"=1.00"

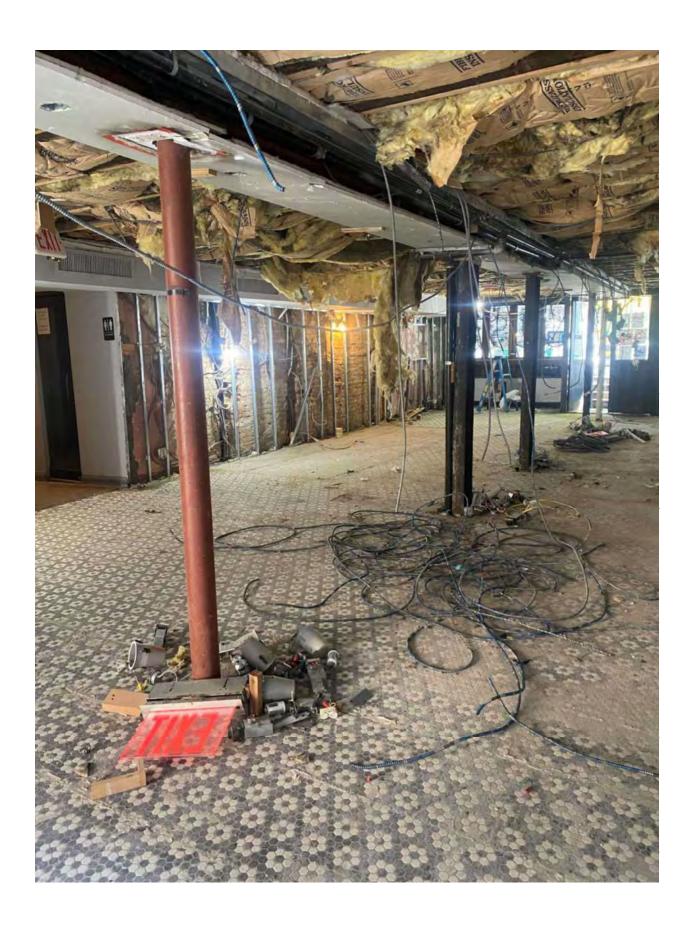


PROPOSED 1ST FLOOR PLAN Scale: 1/4"=1'-00"

PHOTOGRAPHS

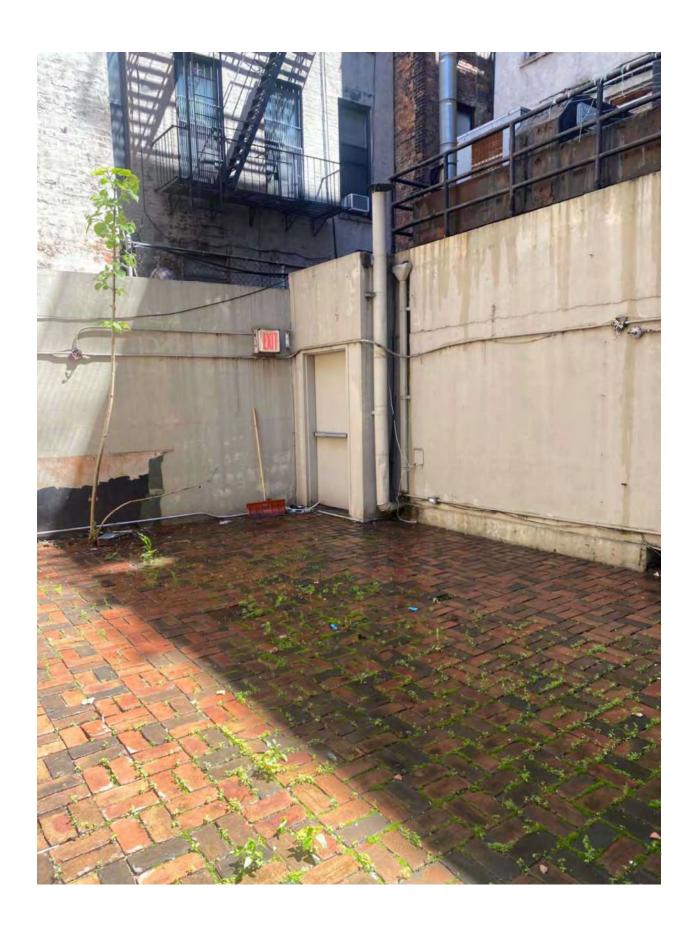












MENU

Sammy's ROUMANIAN STYLE RESTAURANT

Romanian Specialties

Appetizers:

SALADS

Small Mixed Green Salad (for one).....\$12.95 Large Mixed Green Salad (for two)......\$19.95

Please do not forget to take a jar of Sours from SAMMY'S
 SAMMY'S Tee Shirts \$10.00







MAIN DISHES (served a-la-carte)

Jewish Veal Cutlet \$41.95

Broiled Veal Chop \$41.95

Calves Liver with Fried Onion \$29.95

Sweetbreads - Calves - Broiled Only \$29.95

Half Spring Chicken - Broiled \$29.95

Broiled Salmon Steak \$29.95

Prime Baby Lamb Chops (3 per order) \$45.95

Broiled or Fried Filet of Sole \$29.95

Single Romanian Tenderloin (Small) \$39.95

Single Romanian Tenderloin (Medium) \$41.95

Double Romanian Tenderloin (Large) \$52.95

Rib Steak 1 % lbs. Prime \$46.95

Mix Grill For Two (Includes Romanian Steak, Lamb Chops, Sweetbreads or Karnatzlach) \$86.95

Karnatzlach (Main Dish) \$24.95

Stuffed Cabbage (Main Dish) \$24.95

Side Dishes

Home Fried Potatoes..\$10.95

Mashed Potatoes with or without Greeven & Schmaltz..\$10.95

Fried Onion..\$10.95

Potato Pancakes (Latkes) with Applesauce..\$10.95

Kishka..\$11.95

String Beans..\$10.95

DRINKS

ALL BOTTLES ARE SERVED A LA Carte

Seltzer \$8.95

Soda \$3.95

Frozen glass of Stoli - Glass \$10.95, Bottle \$119.95

Frozen Bottle of Tito's Vodka \$124.95

Frozen Bottle of Ketel Vodka \$129.95

Frozen Bottle of Grey Goose \$139.95

Frozen Bottle of Patron Tequila \$164.95

Wine - Glass \$10.95, Bottle \$49.95

Beer \$7.95 Bar Drinks (non vodka) \$13.95

Carafes of Mixers \$6.95

Dessert: Ruggelach (4 per order) \$9.95

POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE



LES DWELLERS NOTIFICATION

Dear LES Dwellers,

Hello, my name is David Zimmerman, I am the owner of Sammys Roumanian Steakhouse. Sammys's was in business for over 47 years at the same location, 157 Chrystie street and became a lower East Side institution. The business has been in my family since 1975, first being run by my father Stanley, and then me. It was with great pain that Sammy's was forced to close in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since we closed in March 2020, the first 2 years were very difficult and we weren't sure we would be able to open up Sammy's again because of the hardship we felt like many others during the pandemic. I debated many times to move to another neighborhood but it just never felt right. I grew up here as a child and I cant imagine it being any where else. Sammy's belongs on the Lower East Side. It's my second home. After a year of searching with multiple brokers, we finally found that space at 191 Orchard Street. When I walked into the space, it reminded me of the old Sammy's. I even took my wife and kids to see the space. It was a day full of mixed emotions for all of us. We are extremely excited to reopen and join the Lower East side neighborhood once again. Last week we learned that the news leaked to the public, and it appears that the public agrees and sent many messages of support for us to come back.

If you have any questions about our proposed operation, please let us know. We look forward to working with you to bring back this Lower East Side institution.

Thanks again,
David Zimmerman
Owner

RESUME

David Zimmerman - Resume

Sammys Roumanian Steakhouse has been operated by my family since 1975. I began working with my father Stanley in the 1990's. First Starting as a bus boy, and then as a waiter, learning as much as I could about the business. I attended The University of Delaware and received a degree in Hotel Restaurant Management. I would come home every weekend to work and help my father run the restaurant. After graduating in 1996, I come home and worked full time at Sammy's. I then became the president and have since managed the day to day operations. It has become a family business that I share with my wife and 3 children.

ARTICLES

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EV Grieve

An award-winning news site covering the East Village of NYC

Thursday, April 27, 2023

NYC institution Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse attempting a Lower East Side comeback



Break out the jars of schmaltz! NYC classic Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse is on the comeback trail.

Yesterday, Community Board 3 released its May calendar... and a familiar name is on the SLA & DCA Licensing Committee docket for May 15...

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By the way

Here, you'll find things that you may or may not be interested in about the East Village and nearby neighborhoods. Appreciating what's here while it's still here.

We love tips

Have a story idea or tip about something happening in the East Village? Or maybe a photo? Or several photos? Or video! We'd love to hear about it. Or see it. Or something. Please go here to submit a tip.

EV Grieve Archives

- ▼ 2023 (575)
 - ► May (15)
 - ▼ April (141)

Sunday's parting shot

6 posts from April

Week in Grieview

Sunday's opening shot

Saturday's parting shot

from the ashes of Runtz ...

EVG Etc.: the 11-ingredient Fak-Tin at Sunny & Ann...

Rain delays: Today's free show in Tompkins Square ...

SLA & DCA Licensing Committee Monday, May 15 at 6:30pm - Online: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89482152857 By Phone: +1 646 518 9805, +1 929 205 6099 - Webinar ID: 894 8215 2857 Applicants must submit withdrawals and residents must submit materials and agreements by email by Friday noon before meeting 1. Approval of previous month's minutes Alterations 2. Two Perrys LLC, 127 Ave C (op/method of operation: add DJ and live mu closing hours to 4am daily) 3. Tenement (Tenement Partners LLC), 161 Ludlow St (op/method of ope tion: amend closing hours to 2am every night) 4. Emilia by Nai (Avoa LLC), 174 1st Ave (wb/method of operation: a Flamenco show Thursday and Saturday, 7pm-7:45pm) **New Liquor License Applications** 5. Venhue LLC, 21 Ave B (wb) 6. Entity to be Formed by Ahtesham "Jimmy" Rizvi, 24 1st Ave, 7. Entity to be Formed by Selwyn Chan, 46 Bowery (aka 14 Elizabeth St) (op) 8. Galadinners LLC, 85 Orchard St (op) 9. Spice Brothers (Shawarma Brothers LLC), 110-112 St M arks PI (East Store) (wb) 10. Sammy's Roumanian Steak House, 191 Orchard St (op) 11. 201 EV LLC, 201 1st Ave (op) 12. Twin Eagles LLC, 252 Broome St (op)

Sammy's ownership is applying for a new liquor license for the long-vacant 191 Orchard St. between Houston and Stanton. The questionnaire isn't online just yet, so we'll have to wait and see what Sammy's 2.0 might look like in this 2,500-square-foot space.

Sammy's closed in early January 2021 after 47 years of serving up ice-encased vodka, smeared pitchers of schmaltz and enormous platters of meat from the lower level at 151 Chrystie St.

The restaurant had been shuttered since the PAUSE of March 2020, and this wasn't a business ready-made for delivery or outdoor dining.

In an Instagram post at the time, owner David Zimmerman left the door open for a return.

We may be closed now, but when all this is over and we feel safe enough to hold hands during the hora, we will be back stronger, louder, and tastier than ever before. We are New York. We will survive this. We will always cherish the memories we shared with all of you.

First, though, Sammy's will need to get approval from CB3. The space has been vacant since the Sixth Ward lost its liquor license in 2015 after eight years in business for reportedly serving burgers and steaks when it had applied for the requisite permits by stating it would sell vegetarian fare.

The bar had long drawn criticism from locals. In a denial for a new concept at the address in March 2022, the CB3 minutes state that the Sixth Ward "was a known problem... with SLA complaints of operating beyond its stipulations, operating beyond the legal capacity without applying for a certificate of occupancy, and using an illegal back yard that did not meet DOB requirements."

While this has nothing to do with Sammy's, the stigma of previous tenants can make it challenging for new applicants. Community groups and some residents have also spoken out against new applicants looking to open in this area below Houston dubbed Hell Square.

Posted by Grieve at 5:31AM



Labels: Sammy's Roumanian Steak House

Friday's parting shot (aka April 28)

Hitting a high note

Meanwhile, on Avenue A and 9th Street...

A look at Wicked Heathens, now open on 9th Street

On St. Mark's Place, office building 1, tree 0

One of the neighborhood's more unique apartments i...

Thursday's parting shot

NYC institution Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse attem...

No new grocery now for the former Associated space...

A career-spanning exhibition of Andy Warhol's work...

Sign of Summertime: the Charlie Parker Jazz Festly...

A familiar face is leaving Key Food

Poetica Coffee debuts on 2nd Avenue and St. Mark's...

Tuesday's parting shot

[Updated, we were faked-out edition] Today in mira...

Here are the official local. Open Streets for 2023

Reminders: Tompkins Square Library branch now clos...

Asbestos abatement for the vacant storefronts alon...

Signage alert: The restaurantbar in the works at ...

Monday's parting shot

Here's what's coming to the former Zum Schneider s...

The skyward-bound 21-story office building at 360 ...

The Braised Shop closes in the East Village

Sunday's parting shots

Week in Grieview

EVG etc.: The fries at Ray's Candy Store; the mart...

The first street festival (street fair!) of the se...

Earth Day activities in East Village community gar...

The farce awakens at the Orpheum Theatre

Friday's parting shot

Made for dancin'

A Prince for Houston

Tomorrow is Record Store Day

— long live record st...

18 comments:

Anonymous said...

Would be great if they came back. It seemed to go a little downhill pre closure but it was always a unique and fun place

April 27, 2023 at 7:47 AM

Anonymous said...

Please please bring it back! And don't "modernize" it either!

April 27, 2023 at 9:36 AM

Andrew Porter said...



I went there a million years ago, with my parents. It was before we knew what cholesterol was, and was doing to you when you ate that food. But chicken schmaltz tasted so wonderful!

April 27, 2023 at 10:49 AM

Anonymous said...

If they Deny Sammy's a Liquor License, that would be a disrespect to a cultural institution. This would only help the neighborhood.

April 27, 2023 at 11:23 AM

José Garcia said...

I had a birthday there a hundred years ago seemingly but don't remember much (frozen vodka) aside from the fabulous waiters with attitude. Here's to their swift return. Best JG

April 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM

Anonymous said...

While i miss Sammy's a site of many great times anyone else remember the old rolls royce that used to be parked in front that said a louder comeback their words in IG post above) isn't welcomed at all but CB3/SLA committee is taking hell square and scattering it around the LES and East Village allowing operators who simply don't give a hoot about being good neighbors and have records of being loud and obnoxious the go ahead so they'll get the license

April 27, 2023 at 1:47 PM

Anonymous said...

Sammy's, huh? What's next, Ratner's?

April 27, 2023 at 2:58 PM

Anonymous said...

April 27, 2023 at 3:18 PM

Anonymous said...

Please please !!

April 27, 2023 at 4:07 PM

Anonymous said...

Downtown Bakery preparing to reopen after being si...

A visit to East Village Buyers, now in soft-open m...

Thursday's parting shot

Happy trails to the Shake Shack curbside dining st...

Help for A&C Kitchen, which remains closed after a...

After group-show ghosting, the EVAC space is for l...

Sushi on Jones departs The Bowery Market, where se...

Wednesday's parting shot

Making headlines in ad shoots today

Awakenings: A celebration of East Village communit...

Report: East Village gallery a no-show on opening ...

Aura Bar & Kitchen is back on 1st Avenue

Tuesday's parting shot

Meanwhile in Syracuse...

A new home on an avenue for East Village gallery-b...

The "Stomp" sign's 29-year run continues on 2nd Av...

Openings: Honey Crepes on 13th Street

Monday's parting shot

A look at Poetica Coffee, opening soon on 2nd Aven...

Collapsed portion of sidewalk whole again on 7th S...

On the CB3-SLA docket: A Pig & Butter sibling on A...

Signage alert: Deli Convenience on 1st Avenue; Par...

Sunday's parting teddy bear shot

April 16

A Sunday drive on 7th Street

Week in Grieview

EVG Etc.: More concerns at the Jacob Riis Houses; ...

Check out the black-and-white film classics at Vil...

Sunday's opening shot

Saturday's parting shot

Cafe Mogador turns 40

2023 wisteria watch

Saturday's opening shot

RIP Vivian Trimble

When the city gives you a sidewalk bridge...

I would love to go back to Ratner's as it was.

April 27, 2023 at 7:19 PM

Carol from East 5th Street said...

Yay Sammy's and Ratner's! I'd go to the CB3 SLA meeting to say yes to both!

April 27, 2023 at 9:54 PM

Anonymous said...

Sammy's back in business- That's the best news of the year!

April 28, 2023 at 6:27 AM

Anonymous said...

ITS CHOP LIVER TIME !!!!!!!

April 28, 2023 at 7:05 AM

Anonymous said...

This liquor license must be approved!!

April 28, 2023 at 9:41 AM

Anonymous said...

My heart flutters with excitement. My capillaries narrow with anticipation. My cardiologist suggests seeing a shrink

April 28, 2023 at 10:03 AM

Scuba Diva said...



At 7:19 PM, Anonymous said:

I would love to go back to Ratner's as it was.

For a glimpse of the old mosaic tiles, go to the New Yorkers Foodmarket in the NYU Tisch building on 2nd avenue; look just inside the vestibule and you can see remnants of the old red-and-gold mosaic just inside the doorway.

April 28, 2023 at 3:32 PM

Anonymous said...

I'm so excited!

April 28, 2023 at 5:53 PM

Anonymous said...

David Please dont forget to bring pictures and the ghost of Sammy when you open. 50 year customer. Cant Wait

MG

April 28, 2023 at 10:20 PM

Post a Comment

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Radio daze: This 1941 Zenith — featuring microstat...

FULL storefront reveal of the future Popeyes Louis...

Dim Sum Go Go signage arrives on 1st Avenue

Thursday's parting shot

Spring fever

A 'rat czar' for NYC; the East Village still in th...

Love for Theatre 80 as auction looms next month

Flag days: Ray's Candy Store repping the East VIII...

A new pizzeria coming to the former Solo Pizza spa...

Wednesday's parting shot (and sneak preview)

April 12

Basics Plus said to be closing on 3rd Avenue

Renovations will close the Tompkins Square Library...

The Village Works Yard Sale continues on St. Mark'...

Tuesday's parting Instagram

April 11

What you need to know about the 17th edition of th...

The historic 64 E. 7th St. is for sale

Hospitality vet Curt Huegel appears to be taking t...

This is the way

Hemingway, the sleepy window kitty of 3rd Street, ...

Mighty Quinn's has closed its East Village outpost

Spicy Moon preps new Bowery space with some hot pink

City issues curbside dining structure removal to T...

- ▶ March (142)
- ► February (133)
- ▶ January (144)
- ▶ 2022 (1775)
- ► 2021 (1859)
- **▶** 2020 (2001)
- 2019 (2074)
- ► 2018 (2141)
- ▶ 2017 (2153)
- ≥ 2016 (2187)
- 2015 (2341)
- 2014 (2627)

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NY Jewish restaurant Sammy's Roumanian closes but vows to reopen

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An Orthodox Jewish man wearing a surgical mask rides by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, April 22, 2020.

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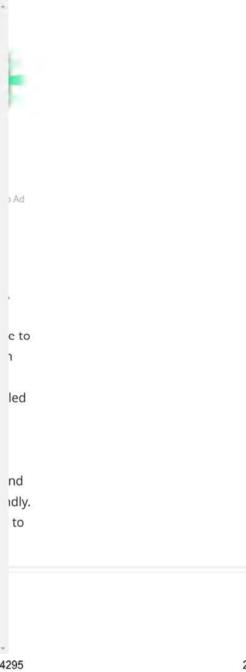


The eatery's owner, David Zimmerman, confirmed the closure to Gothamist on Sunday but added that he hopes to revive the restaurant in a new location when things are "somewhat back to normal," after the COVID crisis that has decimated the dining industry.

"Without question it has been the toughest year for all of us and everyone in our industry," Zimmerman said. "We can't wait and hope to see everyone enjoying latkes, vodka, chopped liver and steaks once again. We need this horrible time to pass and bring Sammy's back so we can celebrate again."

The restaurant, stationed in a dingy basement location on Chrystie Street for decades, was almost equally known for its Jewish wedding party-style atmosphere as for its "Jewish-style comfort foods."

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Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse has closed for now on the Lower East Side



Word circulated this weekend that LES staple Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse had closed for good on Chrystie Street after 47 years of serving up ice-encased vodka, smeared pitchers of schmaltz and enormous platters of meat to the backdrop of Yiddish sing-alongs.

This afternoon, Sammy's ownership (David Zimmerman) responded to the rumors in an Instagram post. (East Village-based storefront photographers James and Karla Murray initially observed what appeared to be a closure.)

It is with great sadness that we announce that the rumors are true and we have had to shut the doors to the infamous basement.

Sammy's Roumanian is more than just a restaurant. It's a community. A celebration of tradition. An experience difficult to put into words. It's where families come to dine weekly, where partygoers begin their night (if they survive the frozen vodka), and where Simchas are celebrated. It's a place where you can be yourself, make friends, discover what a Shiksa is, and maybe even get called out as one too. Above all, it's a place where everyone feels at home, welcome, and part of a larger family.

However, it sounds as if Sammy's is leaving the door open for a return some day in a new location.

So chins up fellow schmaltzers. All the years of devouring chopped liver with our special schmaltz, schmered on rye bread with a side of pickles and a shot (or glass) of frozen vodka to wash it down will be

NYC institution Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse attempting a Lower East Side comeback



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remembered fondly. We may be closed now, but when all this is over and we feel safe enough to hold hands during the hora, we will be back stronger, louder, and tastier than ever before. We are New York. We will survive this. We will always cherish the memories we shared with all of you.

He confirmed as much in a text message to Gothamist.

Sammy's had closed when the PAUSE went effect last March, and was never able to reopen. And this is not the kind of food that works for delivery.

Posted by Grieve at 5:21 PM



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NY Icon Sammy's Roumanian Plots Its Big Return to Manhattan

The team is trying to reopen at a space on Orchard Street

by Emma Orlow | Apr 27, 2023, 2:26pm EDT



The exterior of Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse at its former home on Chrystie Street. | Google Maps

In January 2021, New York institution Sammy's Roumanian, known for its Jewish Romanian food and vodka-fueled parties, shuttered on the Lower East Side. Now it seems, the team is plotting a new location for the venue. According to Community Board 3 meeting list, Sammy's Roumanian has a lease in the works at 191 Orchard Street, between Houston and Stanton streets, where it's pursuing a liquor license application.

After 47 years in business, Sammy's had become synonymous with an old-school, midcentury vibe. Owner David Zimmerman, the son of Stan Zimmerman, who previously ran it, promised it would return in some form or another, at the time stating it was unlikely to remain at its basement-level Chrystie Street home. Eater has reached out to Zimmerman for more information.

Depending on who you ask, Sammy's has several different names: Sammy's Roumanian, Famous Sammy's, and Famous Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse, among them.

It was a "den of schmaltz-covered, Ashkenazi fun," chronicled in Grub Street in 2021. "People would tell you that the food didn't really matter, that Sammy's was about the experience. And, to a certain extent, that was true. But the menu could still make a heart flutter."

Tables were adorned with schmaltz and old-fashioned seltzer; it was a favorite amongst birthday parties: "Sammy's ties a balloon to every table just in case, and half the time they're right," Eater reported in 2009. It was the place where "every night felt like a bat mitzvah," according to *Food & Wine*.

The late *New York Times* restaurant critic Mimi Sheraton gave the place three stars in a 1982 review; later, in 2014, critic Pete Wells dropped it to one, nevertheless celebrating its charms. "Known for selling vodka bottles encased in ice, Sammy's is New York's original bottle-service restaurant, and still the only tolerable one," he wrote.

Over the past couple of months, Dani Luv, the singer synonymous with Sammy's entertainment, known for "covers of Broadway classics and insult[ing] diners to their faces," has hosted various New York popups at Quality Eats uptown and Edith's in Williamsburg.

For Sammy's to relocate to Orchard Street, the restaurant will need to receive liquor license approval from the community board; a meeting is set for mid-May. As EV Grieve reports, the space its eyeing has been vacant for a few years, but was formerly home to a bar, the Sixth Ward, that lost its liquor license, related to what the publication describes as "criticism from locals."

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PETITION WITH SIGNATURES

Petition to Support Proposed Liquor License

Date: 05/02/2023

The following undersigned <u>residents</u> of the area support the following liquor license (indicate the type of license such as full-liquor or beer-wine) <u>Full-Liquor</u>

to the following applicant/establishment (company and/or trade name) Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse ntity to be formed - David Zimmerman sole principal

Address of premises: 191 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002

This business will be a: (circle) Bar Restaurant Other:

The hours of operation will be: 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - Midnight Thursday, Friday 4:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Saturday 11:00am - 1 am, Sunday 11:00am -11:00 p.m. - Rear

yard - 7 days opening time - 10:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Signatures should be from <u>residents</u> of building, adjoining buildings, and within 2-blocks on the same street.

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BLOCK DIAGRAM



David Zimmerman or Entity to be Formed d/b/a Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse 191 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002

#	License/DBA	Address	(B/W) or (OP)	Type of Establishment
1	S W Monte Inc.	217 Houston Street	OP	Tavern
	d/b/a The Mercury Lounge	New York, NY 10002		
2	Sami & Susu Management LLC d/b/a Sami & Susu	190 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	OP	Restaurant
3	Dicky Fun Factory LLC d/b/a Kinky's, Fluffy's NYC	181 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	B/W	Tavern
4	Pub 138 Inc. d/b/a Local 138	181 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	OP	Bar/Tavern
5	Pizzaiolo Napoletano LLC d/b/a Una Pizza Napoletana	175 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	B/W	Bar/Tavern
6	French Dinner LLC d/b/a French Dinner	188 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	B/W	Restaurant
7	Hachi Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Claw Daddy's	185 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	B/W	Restaurant
8	Orchard Street Restaurant LLC & Cosmic Debris LLC d/ba Blue Ribbon Sushi Izakayablue Ribbon Kanpai Garden	187 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	ОР	Restaurant
9	BB Orchard LLC d/b/a Bareburger	173 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	B/W	Restaurant
10	86-88 Stanton Smalls LLC d/b/a Zazzy's Pizza	173 Orchard Street, Unit A, New York, NY 10002	B/W	Restaurant
11	Orchid Street Enterprises LLC d/b/a The Skinny Bar Lounge	174 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	ОР	Tavern
12	168 Orchard St Partners Inc. d/b/a Hair of the Dog	168-170 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002	OP	Restaurant
13	95 Stanton Street Rest Inc. d/b/a Arlene's Grocery	95 Stanton Street, New York, NY 10002	OP	Tavern
14	San Peppas Jerk Chicken Express Inc. IV d/b/a Peppa's Jerk Chicken	90 96 Stanton Street, #3 & Basement, New York, NY 10002	OP	Restaurant
15	Tenement Partners LLC d/b/a Tenement	161 Ludlow Street New York, NY 10002	OP	Restaurant
16	Loco 111 Inc. d/b/a San Loco	150 Stanton Street, New York, NY 10002	OP	Restaurant

17	158 Ludlow Rest LLC	158 Ludlow Street,	OP	Tavern
	d/b/a Piano	New York, NY 10002		
18	Sakamai LLC	157 Ludlow Street	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Sakamai	New York, NY 10002		
19	Sushumai Asian Fusion Inc.	112 Stanton Street,	B/W	Restaurant
	d/b/a Sushumai Asian Fusion	New York, NY 10002		
20	Uber Caffe LLC	116 Stanton Street,	OP	Restaurant
-	d/b/a Souvlaki GR LES	New York, NY 10002		
21	Danial Caba	117 Stanton Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a El Nuevo Amanecer Rest	New York, NY 10002		
22	Lion Hospitality LLC	84 Stanton Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a 8282	New York, NY 10002		
23	Epsteins Bar LLC	82 Stanton Street,	OP	Bar/Tavern
	d/b/a 82 Stanton	New York, NY 10002		Baily lavelli
24	Orchard Flavor Partners LLC	167 Orchard Street	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Mother Duck	New York, NY 10002	5.	- Testadiant
25	Ghville Inc.	167 Orchard Street,	OP	Comedy &
	d/b/a The Slipper Room	2 nd & 3 rd Floor,		Variety Venue
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26	Mr Taka LLC	170 Allen Street,	B/W	Restaurant
20	IVII TURA LLC	New York, NY 10002	5, **	Restaurant
27	Nadico Hotel LLC & Real Hospitality	163 Orchard Street,	B/W	Hotel
_,	Group LLC	New York, NY 10002	5, **	Tioter
	d/b/a Orchard Street Hotel	14cw 161K, 141 16662		
28	Forest International Inc.	162 Orchard Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Kaikagetsu NYC	New York, NY 10002		restaurant
29	It's There Hospitality LLC	154 Orchard Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Tzarevna	Store C,	0.	restaurant
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30	812 Broadway Inc.	152 Orchard Street,	B/W	Restaurant
	d/b/a Karaoke Boho	New York, NY 10003	5, 11	restaurant
31	Trapizzino LES LLC	144 Orchard Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Trapizzino	New York, NY 10002		
32	Froth New York, LLC	90 Irvington Street,	B/W	Tavern
	d/b/a The Froth	New York, NY 10002	-,	
33	Sauce Management LLC	78-84 Irvington Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Sauce	New York, NY 10002	-	
34	188 Allen ST Inc.	188 Allen Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Cheese Grille	New York, NY 10002		
35	Rockwood Music Corp.	194 Allen Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Rockwood Music Hall Stage 1	Unit B4, B5, B6,	•	
		New York, NY 10002		
36	Allen Operating Company LLC & Orchard	190 Allen Street	OP	Hotel
	St Rest LLC	New York, NY 10002	0.	
	d/b/a Sixty LES	1.500 10110 101 10002		
37	Kenrock Enterprises LLC	192 Allen Street,	OP	Restaurant
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	d/b/a Rockwood	New York, NY 10002		

38	Beloved Café LLC	196-198 Allen Street	B/W	Restaurant
		New York, NY 10002	- 6	_
39	Ghostgrub Inc.	201 Allen Street,	B/W	Restaurant
	d/b/a Meat and Bread	New York, NY 10002		_
40	205 Allen St LLC	205 Allen Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Mi Salsa Kitchen	New York, NY 10002		_
41	159 Huntington Holdings Inc.	159 E Houston Street	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a The Late Late	New York, NY 10002		
42	Fools Gold NYC LLC	145 E Houston Street	OP	Tavern
	d/b/a Fools Gold	New York, NY 10002		
43	12 First Ave Restaurant Corp.	76 E 1 st Street,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a One and One	New York, NY 10009		
44	Norsang Café Inc.	78 E 1 st Street	B/W	Restaurant
	d/b/a Café Himalaya	New York, NY 10009		
45	Allegra Allegra Inc.	15 1 st Avenue	OP	Tavern
	d/b/a La Linea	New York, NY 10003		
46	Frank Grocery Corp.	21 1 st Avenue	B/W	Bar/Tavern
		New York, NY 10003		
47	Golden Hospitality Inc.	13 1 st Avenue	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Boilermaker	New York, NY 10003		
48	Requisite Bootie Inc.	14 1 st Avenue,	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Lucien	New York, NY 10009		
49	Allyn LLC	16 1 st Avenue	OP	Bar/Tavern
	d/b/a The Grayson	New York, NY 10009		
50	Ludlow Hotel Operating LLC & Ludlow	180-184 Ludlow Street	OP	Hotel
	Hotel F&B LLC	New York, NY 10002		
	d/b/a The Ludlow Hotel/Dirty French			
51	Eastern District Operations LLC	177 Ludlow Street	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a BBF	New York, NY 10002		
52	Osteria Grano LLC	175 Ludlow Street	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Taverna Di Bacco	New York, NY 10002		
53	Mrrdigo LLC, IHG MGMT Maryland LLC &	171 Ludlow Street	OP	Hotel
	GG LES LLC	New York, NY 10002		
	d/b/a Mr.Purple/Hotel Indigo Lower			
	E.Side NY			
54	Jersey Boys LLC	173 Ludlow Street	OP	Restaurant
	d/b/a Tre	New York, NY 10002		
55	Ludlow Coffee Supply LLC	176 Ludlow Street	B/W	Tavern
	d/b/a Ludlow Coffee Supply	New York, NY 10002		
_	d/b/a Ludiow Collee Supply	140002		
56	Sweet Chick LES LLC	178 Ludlow Street	ОР	Restaurant