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## Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills  
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Michael Budabin **Chairperson** / Joseph Marziliano **District Manager**

TO: All Board Members  
FROM: Jack Fried, Public Safety and Licensing Committee Chair  
RE: 30-Advance Notice for Barlava  
DATE: March 31, 2021

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On March 31, 2021, the Public Safety and Licensing Committee held a teleconference meeting to discuss a 30-Day Advance Notice to the NYS Liquor Authority for an On-Premises Liquor License for Barlava located 40-17 Bell Blvd.

*Committee Members Present:* Jack Fried, Henry Euler, Stephan Popa, Susan Cerezo, Lourdes December, Steve Pivawer, Christine Haider and Eileen Miller.

*Others Present:* Joseph Marziliano – District Manager  
Christina Coutinho – CB11 Staff  
Dave Verma for Barlava  
PO Officer Galano – 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct

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Mr. Fried opened the meeting by stating that Mr. Verma had met with Committee in January 2021 to discuss a 30-Day Advanced Notice for an establishment with a trade name of Omar's Platter and Burger located at 40-17 Bell Blvd. At the January meeting, the Committee approved the application with the hours of operation from 11:00 am to 12:00 am. On March 12, 2021, the CB11 office received a 30-Day Advanced Notice for the same establishment with a trade name of Barlava.

Mr. Verma had forwarded a menu and floor plans for Barlava. Mr. Fried asked, besides the name, what has changed to the method of operation from the January committee meeting? Mr. Fried stated that the floor plans shows a door leading to a patio/deck in the rear of the property. Mr. Verma said that nothing has changed to the method of operation, hours will remain as approved at the January meeting, of 11:00 am to 12:00 am daily. This is a restaurant style establishment with max capacity of 74 persons. There is a six-seat bar area. He decided, post-Covid to add the outside patio for drinking and dining to provide a safe area. This is a 15 ft. by 8 ft. patio that will be able to accommodate 4 tables. The owner of the property is working with the Dept. of Buildings to update the C of O.

The Committee was concerned with the outside patio. They discussed how the application does not state outside drinking and dining and how would the patio noise would affect the adjacent neighbors. Mr. Verma stated that the surrounding neighbors are commercial tenants. He will have his attorney correct the application or leave it out. He said he will not use the outside area until he applies for the license. Mr. Fried said then the Committee has no input.

The Committee did not agree with Mr. Verma adding the outside area at a later date. Mr. Fried stated that it is better to approve with conditions because the outside area will be used in the warmer weather.

PO Galano stated that Mr. Verma also owns Pyramids located at 40-19 Bell Blvd. He stated that in January 2020 there was a summons issued for serving a minor. On January 5, 2020 there was a third degree assault inside the establishment. In the past, there has been several other issues also including a rape allegation in 2017. Mr. Verma stated that they have a licensed security team and security cameras indoors.

A motion was made to approve the application for a full On-Premises Liquor License with waiving the 30-Day Advanced Notice provided a corrected 30-Day Advanced Notice showing the outside, rear eating and drinking area is received with the following conditions; 1) an updated C of O showing outside eating and drinking and use Group 6, 2) no outside music and 3) hours of operation 11:00 am to 12:00 am daily. The motion was seconded by Stephan Popa. Mr. Euler asked if there could be security. Mr. Verma said this is a sit down style restaurant. The Committee voted in favor for the application.