



# Community Board 12M

Washington Heights & Inwood

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April 27, 2006

Chairman Daniel B. Boyle  
New York State Liquor Authority  
84 Holland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12208

**Re: 4055 Broadway Restaurant Corp. (d/b/a Fibe)  
4055 Broadway  
New York, NY 10034**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this April 25<sup>th</sup> resolution with 34 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstained and recommended the State Liquor Authority grant 4055 Broadway Restaurant Corp. an On-Premises Liquor License.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met April 4, 2006 with the owners of 4055 Broadway Restaurant Corp. (d/b/a Fibe) to consider their new On-Premises Liquor application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The restaurant's hours Monday-Saturday are 7:00am-11:00pm and Sunday until 9:00pm, they will serve a full menu of American-style food with steaks, burgers, and seafood, with 10 employees, total occupancy of 75, and

Whereas: These same owners have successfully owned and operated Aqua Marina, 4060 Broadway, for the past five years without complaint, and

Whereas: The business owners satisfactorily responded to questions and comments from the committee and the public regarding their business plan and operations, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, sound-proofing, music, noise, sanitation, parking, local employment opportunities, and selling regulations; and

Whereas: The local precinct and the SLA did not report complaints, summonses, violations or other concerns with respect to this location; therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA grant 4055 Broadway Restaurant Corp. (d/b/a Fibe) at 4055 Broadway an On-Premises Liquor license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins  
Chairman

Martin Collins, Chair

Charles DeFino, District Manager

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**Re: *El Rey De Los Caridad Restaurant***  
***4311 Broadway***  
***New York, NY 10033***

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this April 25<sup>th</sup> resolution with 35 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained and recommended the State Liquor Authority renew El Rey De Los Cardidad Restaurant's On-Premises Liquor license.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met April 4, 2006 to discuss El Rey De Los Caridad Restaurant's renewal application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The local police precinct and the SLA reported no adverse history, complaints, or violations for this business; now therefore

Be it Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA renews El Rey De Los Caridad Restaurant, 4311 Broadway, On-Premises Liquor license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins  
Chairman

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**Re: L'Fonda Restaurant  
2023 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, NY 10032**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this April 25<sup>th</sup> resolution 35 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained and recommended the State Liquor Authority grant L'Fonda Restaurant a Restaurant Wine (a/k/a Beer & Wine) license.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met April 4, 2006 with the owners of L'Fonda Restaurant to consider their new Beer & Wine application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: This seven-year old restaurant is open daily from 11:30am – 12:00 midnight, has a full kitchen and menu, and 10 employees, and

Whereas: The business owners satisfactorily responded to questions and comments from the committee and the public regarding their business plan and operations, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, sound-proofing, music, noise, sanitation, parking, local employment opportunities, selling regulations; and

Whereas: The local police precinct and the SLA did not report complaints, summonses, violations or other concerns with respect to this business; therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA grant L'Fonda Restaurant, 2023 Amsterdam Avenue, a Beer & Wine license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Collins".

Martin Collins  
Chairman

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Albany, NY 12208

**Re:    *El Renacer Grocery*  
          *595 Academy Street*  
          *New York, NY 10034***

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this April 25<sup>th</sup> resolution with 35 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained and recommended the State Liquor Authority renew El Renacer's Grocery Store Beer & Wine License.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met April 4, 2006 to review El Renacer Grocery's renewal applications to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation on each license to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The local police precinct and the SLA reported no adverse history, complaints, or violations for this business; now therefore

Be it Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA renews El Renacer Grocery, 595 Academy Street, Grocery Store Beer & Wine license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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**Re:    La Oaxaquena Restaurant  
       1969 Amsterdam Avenue  
       New York, NY 10032**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this April 25<sup>th</sup> resolution with 35 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained and recommended the State Liquor Authority renew La Oaxaquena Restaurant's On-Premises Liquor license.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met April 4, 2006 to discuss La Oaxaquena Restaurant's renewal application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The owner explained this five-year old Mexican restaurant is open daily from 7:00am-11:30pm, seats 27 people, has seven employees, and satisfactorily responded to all additional questions, and

Whereas: The local police precinct and the SLA reported no adverse history, complaints, or violations for this business; now therefore

Be it Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA renews La Oaxaquena Restaurant, 1969 Amsterdam Ave., On-Premises Liquor license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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Commissioner Judith Calogero  
State Division Housing & Community Renewal  
State Housing Trust Fund Group  
38-40 State Street  
Hampton Plaza – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, NY 12207

**Re: *Rescinding Support for the Portion of the New York Main Street Grant  
Earmarked for The Hispanic Society of America***

Dear Commissioner Calogero:

Community Board 12 passed this April 25<sup>th</sup> resolution with 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained to rescind our support for the portion of the New York Main Street Grant earmarked for The Hispanic Society of America.

Whereas: On April 26, 2005, Community Board 12-Manhattan unanimously approved a resolution in support of an application to the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) for a New York Main Street Alliance grant that, among other things, would provide \$100,000 for repairs to the Hispanic Society of America's (HSA) buildings on Audubon Terrace; and

Whereas: In a letter requesting the board's support dated April 25, 2005, Mitchell A. Coddington, HSA's executive director, stated, "The purpose of this grant is to support the Hispanic Society as a cultural anchor for the 155<sup>th</sup>-157<sup>th</sup> Street area along Broadway"; and

Whereas: During the presentation at the board meeting, the board was assured that HSA was no longer considering moving away, and the board reinforced that point by urging HSA "to make a commitment to remain in the Washington Heights community"; and

Whereas: Although Community Board 12 consistently has shown its interest in working with HSA and other interested parties "to preserve and strengthen" the society's place in our community, Mr. Coddington has spurned our offers of assistance; and

Whereas: Without any prior notice or discussion with the community, HSA's board of trustees unanimously voted in February to pursue plans to sell its three buildings on Audubon Terrace – about half of the landmark complex – and move to a location in downtown Manhattan yet to be selected; and

Whereas: It is now clear that Community Board 12's support for the \$100,000 grant for the HSA was solicited on false pretenses; and

Whereas: It would be outrageous to use public funds to improve HSA's buildings and thereby enhance their resale value to facilitate its plan to abandon the Washington Heights community, especially in light of the fact that HSA has a \$65 million endowment; and

Whereas: The departure of the Hispanic Society would be a devastating blow to our community's cultural assets and would severely undermine the viability of the Audubon Terrace complex, the gateway to Washington Heights; now, therefore

Martin Collins, Chair

Charles DeFino, District Manager



Be It Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan rescinds its support for that portion of the New York Main Street Alliance grant earmarked for the Hispanic Society of America and calls upon the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal to re-designate these funds for the benefit of another institution that is committed to staying on Audubon Terrace and be an active Washington Heights-Inwood cultural participant.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate  
Ms. Yvonne Stennett, Executive Director, Community League of the Heights  
Ms. Savona Bailey McClain, Executive Director, West Harlem Art Fund  
Mr. Mitchell Coddington, Executive Director, The Hispanic Society of America  
Davis Brody Bond, LLP