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February 9, 2007

Hon. Mike Leavitt
U.S. Secretary of Health
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: Calling on U.S. Health & Human Services Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services to Restore Funding to the New York Medicare Walk-ins Customer Service Center.

Dear Secretary Leavitt

Community Board 12 passed the January 23, 2007 resolution with a vote of 31 members in favor.

Whereas: The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has terminated funding forcing the closure of the Medicare Walk-in Customer Center located at the Empire Medicare Service Center; and

Whereas: The Medicare Walk-in customer Center was the only place in New York City where Medicare beneficiaries could receive one to one assistance with their benefits. Annually, the Center served between 5,000 and 7,000 people from across the metropolitan region; and

Whereas: Closure of the Medicare Walk-in customer Center has left the elderly population of New York City without a resource for benefit issues. This harms the ability of the elderly of New York to access and enroll in the complex Medicare program. Instead, Empire Medicare will encourage use of the 1-800-Medicare hotline and the internet; and

Whereas: Approximately, 40% of New York State's senior citizen population resides in New York City. Of this population, the New York City Department of Aging estimates nearly 30% of the population has a sensory disability, while 30% of the population has a mental disability, thus making the use of internet or phone service a difficult task for many; and

Whereas: Reports by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) have found that the 1-800 Medicare hotline is unable to provide accurate information or appropriate answers to one third of basic questions. By encouraging the New York City population to use this hotline the CMS is increasing calls; and;

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan joins many elected officials and members of the community in calling on the U.S. Health & Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to restore funding to the New York Medicare Walk-in customer Service Center to properly assist Medicare Beneficiaries in New York City senior citizens in accessing the Medicare program

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez
Chair

Cc: Honorable Eliot Spitzer, Governor
Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General
Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate
Honorable Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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Regional Director Deborah Konopko, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Region II



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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 S. Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: TJSBS Inc.
566 West 181 Street
New York, NY 10033
Serial Number

Dear Chairman Boyle

Community Board 12 passed the January 23, 2007 resolution with a vote of 25 members in favor and 6 members opposed.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met on January 09, 2007 with Eugene Lee, Assistant for Counsel for Present Owner Kyung Ae Hong, of TJSBS Inc. at 566 West 181st Street to consider their 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: Eugene Lee stated that TJSBS Inc. at 566 West 181st Street, will be open 7 days a week from 4 pm – 3 am, and;

Whereas: Eugene Lee stated that TJSBS Inc. will continue to be a pool hall; and;

Whereas: Eugene Lee stated that TJSBS Inc. has complied with the committees recommendation by providing proof of sound proofing, security cameras and a licensed security guard, as well as, an additional security guard, and;

Whereas: Establishment agreed to keep 34th Precinct informed of any potential Gang activity on the premises, and;

Whereas: Eugene Lee stated that TJSBS Inc. has an extremely sophisticated security system, and;

Whereas: The 34th Precinct had no new known complaints, now therefore;

Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends that the SLA grant TJSBS Inc. at 566 West 181st Street for an On-Premises Liquor License.

Sincerely,

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Manny Velazquez
Chair

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**Re: Heights Vineyard II Corp
4030 Broadway
New York, NY 10032
Serial Number**

Dear Chairman Boyle

Community Board 12 passed the January 23, 2007 resolution with a vote of 27 members in favor and 3 members opposed.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met on January 09, 2007 with Elizabeth Arizaga, Co-Owner of Heights Vineyard II Corp., along with Fred Torres and Mathew Williams, at 4030 Broadway to consider their 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: Elizabeth Arizaga, Co-Owner of Heights Vineyard II Corp. at 4030 Broadway, stated that they will be open 7 days a week; and;

Whereas: Elizabeth Arizaga, stated that they currently own the establishment In Vino Veritas and would like to expand to 169th and Broadway, and;

Whereas: Elizabeth Arizaga, stated that Heights Vineyard II Corp, will seat 60 people, have live music and will be sound proofed, and;

Whereas: Elizabeth Arizaga stated that they received the approval for the location from the residents and Co-op Board of that building, and;

Whereas: The 33rd Precinct had no known complaints, now therefore;

Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends that the SLA grant Heights Vineyard II Corp. at 4030 Broadway for an On-Premises Liquor License.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez
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Re:	Pollo Dorado Fried Chicken	La Terraza Restaurant	3915 Grocery Store
	1497 St. Nicholas Ave	3881 Broadway	3915 Broadway
	New York, NY 10033	New York, NY 10032	New York, NY 10032

Dear Chairman Boyle

Community Board 12 passed the January 23, 2007 resolution with a vote of 29 members in favor and 2 members opposed.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met December 5, 2006 with business owners and members of the public to review license 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: Both the SLA and the local 33rd and 34th Precincts were contacted about every location and they reported no adverse history, complaints, or violations for any of the premises up for renewal; now therefore

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA renew the following licenses with the stipulation the businesses operate in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law:

- ◆ Pollo Dorado Fried Chicken at 1497 St. Nicholas Ave renewing Beer & Wine License
- ◆ La Terraza Restaurant at 3881 Broadway renewing Beer & Wine License
- ◆ 3915 Grocery at 3915 Broadway renewing Grocery Beer & Wine License

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