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**Re: TB Cantina, LLC**  
**d/b/a Taco Bell**  
224 Seventh Avenue (23/24)

Dear Chairman Bradley:

Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) Business License & Permits Committee (BLP) held a duly noticed public hearing regarding TB Cantina LLC – 224 Seventh Avenue on June 12, 2018. At its regularly scheduled Executive Committee (EXEC) meeting on June 25, 2018, the Committee voted, by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to recommend **denial** of the application for a Restaurant Wine/Beer & Cider license by TB Cantina, LLC d/b/a Taco Bell, 224 Seventh Avenue (23/24) -- a location that has not been previously licensed.<sup>1</sup> The late-night hours for beer and wine service are likely to cause unreasonable disruption to neighboring residents and businesses and do not serve the interests of the community.

At the June 12, 2018 meeting of the Business Licenses and Permits (BLP) Committee of MCB4, neighborhood residents and businesses expressed their concerns, in person and via email, about the late night hours sought by the applicant. They noted that this location is an area filled with other licensed premises and that, given the type of food offered at this establishment, the applicant is likely to attract patrons already intoxicated from other establishments to eat and continue drinking at this location. Neighbors report that the neighborhood has seen an increase in public drunkenness, with accompanying vomit and litter cluttering the sidewalks. They fear that an additional licensed late-night establishment will add to these problems and, given the location's small seating capacity, also will likely lead to increased loitering and smoking on the sidewalk.

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<sup>1</sup> This letter is subject to ratification at MCB4's Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

To the best of our knowledge, none of the Taco Bell locations in Manhattan are currently licensed to serve liquor, beer, or wine. Given the applicant's inexperience with operating a licensed premise and the potential problems identified by neighbors, the late-night hours sought in this application are excessive. The applicant seeks to serve alcohol until 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11:30 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday. (The applicant initially sought to serve alcohol until 3:00 a.m. nightly, but reduced its proposed hours of service after discussions with the BLP Committee and neighbors.) In addition, because the applicant will remain open for food service for several hours beyond these alcohol-service hours, the hours do not represent cut-off times for the consumption of alcohol; for example, patrons could order beer and wine at 1:55 a.m. on a Friday night/Saturday morning and continue drinking on the premises, which will not close until 4:00 a.m.

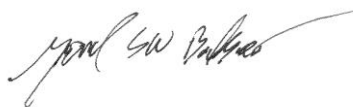
For the reasons stated above, MCB4 recommends that this application be denied.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation with this application.

Sincerely,



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