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RE: Cannabis Dispensary at 304 West 40th Street - Hells Kitchen Store LLC

Dear Mr. Alexander and Ms. Wright

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) votes by 34 for, 0 against, 2 abstaining, and 0 present-not-eligible to recommend **denial** of the application of Hells Kitchen Store LLC (the “Applicant”) for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary at 304 West 40th Street, New York, NY 10018.

MCB4 appreciates the Applicant’s positive intentions, and acknowledges that the Applicant is a disabled veteran who is underrepresented in the cannabis market.

Unfortunately, based on presentations from the Applicant during two MCB4 Cannabis Task Force meetings, MCB4 does not believe that the Applicant is sufficiently familiar with OCM rules and regulations. Accordingly, MCB4 is highly skeptical that the Applicant will be able to operate the proposed dispensary in a responsible and law-abiding manner. Unless and until the Applicant engages a cannabis consultant who can assist the Applicant in operating his business, MCB4 cannot support a dispensary license at this time.

Consultation with cannabis consultants and the use of OCM and SBS resources may be helpful for veteran applicants like this one. MCB4 encourages OCM to ensure such applicants have access to these resources to provide the opportunity to gain community support and succeed in this industry.

Sincerely,

Jessica Chait
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

Jesse Greenwald
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