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RE: Cannabis Dispensary at 219 9th Avenue (9/10 Ave) – NY Retail 1 Inc

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 NY Retail 1, owned by Arish Halani (the “Applicant”) for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary at 219 9th Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

MCB4 appreciates the Applicant’s detailed presentation and outreach to the community. MCB4 also acknowledges that Mr. Halani has significant experience in the cannabis industry and owns and operates a licensed dispensary in Massachusetts.

However, MCB4 received approximately 100 letters from residents of the London Terrace Gardens, the London Terrace Towers, and from other nearby apartment buildings opposing the location of this dispensary. Moreover, the Board of the London Terrace Towers Owners, Inc. and London Terrace Towers Condominium, and the London Terrace Tenants Association all opposed this dispensary location.

Accordingly, MCB4 believes that the Applicant’s proposed dispensary location would not be compatible with the immediate surrounding neighborhood – as this space, as

currently designed, did not lend itself to be appropriate for a cannabis dispensary as voiced by the community – and that the granting of this applicant’s full dispensary license at this location could negatively impact the community.

Sincerely,



Jessica Chait
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Manhattan Community Board 4



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