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Re: Dispensary Application for Mojo Working LLC at 323 West 42 Street,

Manhattan Community Board 4 ("MCB4") at its regular scheduled meeting on July 23rd, 2025, voted, by a vote of 39 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 present-not-eligible, to recommend denial of the application Mojo Working LLC for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary at 323 West 42 Street, New York, NY 10036.

MCB4 denied this application due to the following factors:

- The location which was previously an illicit cannabis shop is within a few hundred feet Geffner House, supportive housing for individuals managing mental illness or recovering from drug addiction.
- The location is also within a few hundred feet of a Senior Center and food pantry run by Project Find.
- The proposed location is within 1000 feet of two existing licensed cannabis shops.

 MCB4 is on record opposed to the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)'s

- proposal in Subdivision (a) of section 119.4 to reduce proximity restrictions for retail dispensaries to 500 feet from 1000 feet.
- The Social and Economic Equity applicant, Steven Delucia did not present on this application, rather Dany Kogan, who has been before the Cannabis Task Force on 3 other occasions seeking approval for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary license. Mr. Kogan explained, while he did not know Mr. Delucia or ever met him, he would be buying a 49% stake in Mr. Delucia's business with an option to purchase the remaining 51% in the future. Mr. Kogan, who is a business owner with ties to this community, represented his retail experience specially on West 42nd Street positioned him well to manage an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary in this busy corridor of Manhattan. With no knowledge on the legality of such a practice where an awarded license could be sold to a third party, MCB4 does not want to set a precedent approving an operator that was not the licensee.

Sincerely,

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