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Re: Planet 51 LLC – Nickl’s 797 8th Avenue (West 48/49 St) – Renewal

Dear Mr. Kagia and Chair Garcia

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) votes by 33 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining, and 2 present-not-eligible to support the renewal application of Planet 51 LLC – Nickl’s for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary at 797 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10036.

Planet 51 LLC – Nickl’s is owned by Nicholas Koury and Rafael Barbosa, lifelong New Yorker businessmen. Mr. Koury and Mr. Barbosa have been responsive to the community and no complaints were reported. MCB4 is encouraged of the owner/operator’s commitment to strengthening ties with the Block Association and other community groups.

The owner/operators are scheduled to present the renewal request at the OCM’s April meeting and submitted their community impact statement.

As stated, MCB4 is supportive of Planet 51 LLC – Nickl’s’ renewal application and appreciates the opportunity to provide OCM with this input.

Sincerely,

Leslie Boghosian Murphy  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4

Delores Rubin  
Chair  
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