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**Re: Bright Elephant LLC dba Flynnstoned Cannabis Company 206 8th Avenue
(West 20/21 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 Bright Elephant LLC doing business as Flynnstoned Cannabis Company for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary at 206 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

Bright Elephant LLC, doing business as Flynnstoned Cannabis Company is owned by Mohammed Yusef and is currently managed Ricardo Romero. This business came before MCB4 two years ago for their initial license and had not evidenced any outreach to the community. Additionally, members of the immediate neighborhood expressed opposition to an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary at this location. As such, MCB4 had not provided a recommendation for this license. For this renewal application, Bright Elephant LLC was represented by the manager, Ricardo Romero. Mr. Romero provided his background as an operator of Adult-Use Retail Dispensaries at other locations. He also described the commitment to the community, specifically through Flynnstoned

Cannabis Company's partnership with a community clean-up organization, Weed Cyclers. Additionally, Flynnstoned Cannabis Company is supporting other local businesses by providing their customers with flyers of neighboring stores. MCB4 is encouraged by this applicant's expressed commitment to Chelsea and no record of any complaints. Manhattan Community Board 4 would, however like to see Flynnstoned Cannabis Company strengthen ties with the local Block Associations and other community groups in addition to supporting the local businesses.

Flynnstoned Cannabis Company submitted their renewal request and community impact statement to OCM. Ahead of OCM considering this renewal application, MCB4 would like to be on record as supportive of this renewal application and appreciate the opportunity to provide OCM with this input.

Sincerely,



Leslie Boghosian Murphy
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