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RE: Firehouse – Dalton Dispensary Inc at 883 8th Avenue (West 52/53 St)

Dear Mr. Kagla and Ms. Garcia,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) votes by 37 for, 2 against, 1 abstaining, and 2 present-not-eligible to recommend approval with conditions of the application of Firehouse – Dalton Dispensary Inc (the “Applicant”) for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary at 883 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10019.

The proposed dispensary is a 900 square foot space that previously was a souvenir shop. The idea around this small space is to create a “to-go” dispensary for clients that know what they want and could just pick it up. Hours of operation will be 9am to 10pm seven days a week.

The application was presented by the manager, Ricardo Romero. Mr. Romero provided his background as an operator of Adult-Use Retail Dispensaries at other locations, including Flynnstoned in Chelsea. He also operates the first Adult-Use Retail Dispensary in Long Island. Mr. Romero explained that the license holder, who did not meet with MCB4, Mr. Dalton Sachs is a friend of the family. Mr. Sachs is a military veteran that became a cannabis advocate after sustaining injuries during his time in the military. Mr. Sachs enlisted the service of Mr. Romero to open and operate his dispensary based on the extensive experience in the industry.

As with the dispensary Mr. Romero manages in Chelsea, he made a commitment to work with clean-up organization like Weed Cyclers to maintain cleanliness on the block. He

also offered to work with the businesses surrounding the dispensary, including the 7-11, which he was informed is a troubled spot with aggressive panhandlers. Of concern for the community is the presence of P.S. 35, around the corner from the proposed dispensary. While the proximity of the school is within regulation because it is not on the same “road”, the community concern stems from this school serving students with significant emotional or behavioral needs.

The applicant committed to connect with the school prior to the vote on this application to discuss their proposed cannabis business. As reported by Mr. Romero, Multiple attempts were made to contact the schools’ principle and there will be continued commitment to conduct future outreach. Based on the manager’s strong background in the emerging cannabis industry and the commitment to work the community, MCB4 supports this application.

Sincerely,



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