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Dennis Rosen
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 S. Swan Street, 9th Floor
Albany, New York 12210

Re: Dream Team Partners dba Rice N Beans
744 Ninth Avenue (50th /51st Streets)

Dear Chairman Rosen:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) recommends denial of a new liquor license for Dream Team Partners dba Rice N Beans, unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- Hours of operation will be 11:00 am to 11:00 pm every day of the week except for Friday and Saturday when hours will be 11:00 am to midnight.
- Background music only will be played during the same hours of operation. (There will be no live music or DJ's).
- There will be no use of any outdoor spaces (rooftop, patio or sidewalk café) at this time. The applicant MAY apply for a sidewalk café license at some time in the future.
- The applicant will only install 'storm door enclosures' that are compliant with NYC building codes, specifically, no deeper than 18 inches so it does not obstruct the sidewalk and will remove them by April 15th, as per law.
- The applicant stated French doors will be closed when any amplified music is played and in the event of no amplified sound the applicant will close the French doors by 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday and 10:00 pm on all other days.
- The applicant stated the kitchen exhaust system already exists. The applicant further stated the exhaust exits through ventilation above the highest floor of surrounding buildings and has been constructed in a manner to not disturb neighboring residents or offices. Additionally it will be compliant with NY DOB code.
- The applicant will store delivery bicycles in a small gated area to the side of the front entrance so as not to impede pedestrians on the sidewalk.

A signed copy of the stipulations agreed to by the applicant is enclosed. This application is for a transfer and simultaneous upgrade in class to a full liquor license for an existing restaurant. Total capacity is 19 patrons with all 19 seated at 9 tables.

Sincerely,

John Weiss
Chair
Manhattan Community
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cc: Applicant
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