

June 27, 2002

Thomas McKeon
Counsel
New York State Liquor Authority
11 Park Place
New York, NY 10007

Re: 512 West 29th Street LLC, d/b/a Aquarium, 512 West 29th Street

Dear Mr. McKeon:

At its June 11, 2002 meeting, The Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to deny the application of 512 West 29th Street LLC, d/b/a Aquarium, for a new on-premises liquor license. This denial is based on insufficient information, and absence of community response and input.

The applicant is in a very preliminary stage of planning this 300-occupancy club and could not show the Committee, or describe in any detail, plans for architectural renovations, sound-proofing, security and patron control, or parking and traffic management.

Such information is essential because of the following reasons:

- The 500 block of West 29th Street has several residential buildings, one next door to 512
- Nightclub congestion is becoming a problem with several clubs now operating and two large new ones (adding 3000 more patron per night) in the immediate area

The Committee offered to work with the applicant, tour the building, communicate its concerns, and reach mutually useful solutions to potential problems. The applicant agreed to this plan.

The Committee will reconsider this application once it can make an informed decision.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Cheryl Kupper
Co-Chair
Business License & Permits Committee

Pat Rogers
Co-Chair
Business Licenses & Permits Committee

cc: Fred Gioffre, State Liquor Authority
Chair Kelly, State Liquor Authority
Alan Gardner
Local Electeds