

June 6, 2003

Hon. Edward Kelly
New York State Liquor Authority
84 Holland Avenue, 2nd floor, A-Wing
Albany, NY 12208

Re: Application by 217 W. 20th Italian Rest. Inc. for an on premises liquor license at 217 W. 20th St.

Dear Commissioner Kelly.

At its May 13th meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 recommended denial at this time of the application by 217 West 20th Italian Restaurant Inc. for an on-premises liquor license.

The reason governing this denial is the unknown status of the Certificate of Occupancy for these premises. The Certificate of Occupancy, which permits commercial use of the premises, may no longer be valid under the current zoning. The premises may have to revert to residential use only. The Department of Buildings is investigating this matter and the applicant is awaiting a ruling.

There is also substantial community opposition to a licensed establishment at this location. Further, the 10th Precinct, which is also on this block, states that any additional traffic on and through 20th Street will jeopardize the passage of emergency vehicles. Finally, the Authority has previously found cause to deny a license to this applicant (for a different venue) at this location.

The Committee will reconsider this application if and when the status of the building's C of O is resolved and when compliance with current zoning is proven.

On June 4, 2003, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to deny this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin

Chair

Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Kevin Kossi
Co-Chair
Business Licenses & Permits Committee



Cheryl Kupper
Co-Chair
Business Licenses & Permits Committee

cc: Elected Officials
Applicant