July 31, 2003

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

Re: 245 West 14th Street Restaurant Inc. d/b/a McKenna's Pub, 245 West 14th Street

Dear Commissioner. Kelly,

At its July 8, 2003 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 considered the application of 245 West 14th Street Restaurant Inc. d/b/a McKenna's Pub, 245 West 14th Street, for a renewal of its on premises liquor license. The applicant did not appear, but many neighbors who live to the north, west and east of this venue appeared to speak against this renewal.
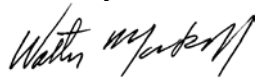
Since the bar moved to 14th Street, McKenna's Pub has been the subject of continuing neighborhood complaints, the most common being loud music, brawling inside and outside the premises, and patron shouting, swearing and laughter echoing through the rear courtyards until closing at 4 A.M. Periodically, the management has agreed to "do something" about this, but what little is done soon gets undone.

Complaints about noise from McKenna's have escalated again this summer. The focal point of concern is the deck in the rear yard of the building which is open to patron use all night. Noise from the bar permeates the rear yards through the open doors, and the many patrons out on the rear deck augment this racket by shouting, laughing, swearing and fighting outdoors, just as they would within the bar.

Given these exacerbated quality-of-life problems, which have such a long history, and McKenna's inability or unwillingness to mitigate them, the committee urgently recommended that this liquor license renewal be denied.

In consideration of these on-going problems, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted at its July 30 meeting to deny this renewal.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

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 cc: Applicant, Local Elected Officials