

October 2, 2003

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

**Re: Rica Enterprises Inc. d/b/a B'lo and Q Lounge, 220 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

At its September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Business Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 reviewed the application of Rica Enterprises Inc., d/b/a B-Lo and Q-Lounge, at 220 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, for a renewal of its liquor license.

We note with curiosity that one liquor license governs two separate premises doing business separately.

This venue (or venues as we know them) has a troubled history of DCA closings for operating as an illegal cabaret and other violations. Patrons of both establishments have on many nights been rowdy, quarrelsome, and generally obnoxious on this residential block of 19<sup>th</sup> Street from opening until closing time at and after 4 A.M. Traffic noise, shouting, blaring horns and car radios, public urination, and littering have been continuous neighborhood complaints.

Rica management has made efforts to mitigate these noxious effects, but with only occasional success according to the many residents of West 19<sup>th</sup> Street who have attended our Quality of Life and Business Licenses & Permits Committee meetings. The club--or clubs—remains a very bad neighbor, and the venue—or venues—remains incompatible in nature and in number of patrons with the predominant uses of this residential street.

Accordingly, the Full Board of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted at its October 1, 2003 meeting to recommend denial of this application for renewal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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Co-Chair  
Business License & Permits Committee

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Business Licenses & Permits Committee

cc: Applicant, Local Elected Officials