

November 6, 2003

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

Re: Mac Daddy Inc. d/b/a Suite 16, 127 8th Ave. (at 16th Street)

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

At its meeting on October 14, 2003, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 considered the application of Mac Daddy Inc., d/b/a Suite 16, located at 127 8th Avenue, for a renewal of its liquor license. We hesitated for some time before deciding to recommend approval of this application.

When this club opened and for some time thereafter, the operations of Suite 16, which is located on a commercial avenue but has many residential buildings as neighbors, caused considerable disruption in the neighborhood. After many meetings with Community Board 4 and their neighbors, the owners were able to mitigate, if not eliminate, many of the club's noise and congestion problems.

The Committee notes that now, however, this venue has grown careless in managing both (1) auto and taxi traffic on West 16th Street around the Eighth Avenue corner (vehicles from NYPD and DOT also park on this corner) and (2) patron crowding that accumulates outside and fills the sidewalks around the premises. These problems are particularly notable from 10 P.M. until closing at 4 A.M. On some nights, it can take an hour to drive a car through the 300 block of West 16th Street. On some nights, pedestrians passing by the club must walk in the gutter or the streets to get by the corner. In addition, 16th Street residents complain that Suite 16 puts out full leaking garbage bags in the sidewalk right of way and does not clean up its sidewalks promptly.

The Committee believes that the liquor-license holders at this venue have grown careless in fulfilling their obligations to the community. With this letter, we are putting both the SLA and the owners of this venue on notice that the problems noted above must be effectively dealt with before a subsequent request for renewal comes before us.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,



Walter Mankoff

Chair

Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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