April 8, 2004

Mayor Bloomberg City Hall New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 would like to take this opportunity to commend the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the Police Department for their good work related to Sessa NYC LLC d/b/a Sessa, at 208 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

During the months that it was open, Sessa proved itself to be a particularly troublesome and dangerous neighbor. The venue was frequently the scene of violent assaults, including multiple stabbings within a short period of time. It also greatly disturbed the quality of life of its neighbors, including those living in a residential building directly above it, by generating incredible levels of noise.

Under the leadership of Captain Dennis DeQuatro, the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct was extremely responsive to the concerns expressed by neighbors and to the ongoing hazard posed by Sessa. In addition to frequently posting large details of officers outside the club, the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct conducted undercover investigations of the club and was eventually able to collect enough evidence to bring a nuisance abatement action. Because of their diligence, the club was shut down for good on February 9, 2004.

The community is greatly appreciative of the efforts of the  $10^{th}$  Precinct, and would like to call them to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Mankoff

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