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

Re: Studio Café LLC d/b/a Pier 59 Studios, Pier 59, Chelsea Piers

Dear Commissioner:

At its August 8, 2006 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to approve a renewal application for an on-premises liquor license at the above referenced establishment contingent on a positive resolution of a SLA revocation hearing.

This revocation hearing, as far as the Board has been able to determine, is still on-going. Applicant has sent us a letter from SLA, dated July 28, 2006 (see enclosed), stating that their old on-premises liquor license is good pending revocation status, but the SLA website states that the license has expired as of July 31, 2006

In addition, applicant had a series of violations against its establishment but has provided the Board proof that they have been vacated. These violations were brought to the Board's attention by the applicant's landlord. The applicant has been engaged in long standing litigation with its landlord over its lease and whether the lease allows them to sell alcohol. We wrote to you about this back in July of 2004 and it is still on-going.

At its full board meeting on September 6, 2006 Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to approve the renewal application contingent on a positive resolution of the SLA revocation hearing.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Lisa Daglian
Co-Chair
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cc: Local Elected Officials
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