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District Manager

April 14, 2008

Beverly Gotay
Assistant Director of Licensing
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway, 8th floor
New York, NY 10004

Re: SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATION (NEW)
Applicant: Il Melograno LLC d/b/a Ristorante Il Melograno
Location: 501 West 51st Street
DCA License No.: 1277785
Type: New Application – Unenclosed Sidewalk Café
Tables/Chairs: 10 tables/20 chairs (applied for by applicant)
8 tables/16 chairs (recommended by CB4)

Dear Ms. Gotay:

At its March 19, 2008 meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4's Transportation Planning Committee heard from the above applicant and reviewed the application for a new permit for an unenclosed sidewalk café.

In response to a request made by the committee, the applicant has agreed to reduce the number of table and seats, from 10 tables and 20 seats to 8 tables and 16 seats.

The modified plan would create two rows of tables along Tenth Avenue beginning just north of the restaurant entrance. The restaurant will install a cloth barrier at the eastern edge of the café. In addition, the owner agreed to the following stipulations:

- o The owner will paint the boundaries of the sidewalk café space, in compliance with regulations (attached);
- o The owner agrees that any weather enclosure he installs next year will meet building department requirement that it not exceed 18 inches from the building line, in compliance with regulations (attached).

We appreciate that this application reflects changes agreed to by the applicant. Specifically, the applicants willingness to remove 2 tables and 4 chairs originally proposed for location on West 51st Street. The change will enable the café to provide the community preference for minimal eight feet clearance to trees (which, due to a narrow sidewalk, would not be feasible on West 51st Street).

A written statement of the applicant agreeing to the above is attached. The applicant will submit a modified plan to the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

On April 2, 2008 the Full Board voted to recommend approval of the application with the above stipulation.

Sincerely,

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Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair
Manhattan
Community Board 4

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Christine Berthet
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning
Committee

Handwritten signature of Jay Marcus, featuring a large, stylized 'J' followed by a long horizontal line.

Jay Marcus
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc:

Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer
City Council Speaker Christine Quinn
Applicant