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Chairman Daniel Boyle
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210

Re: Southside Café Restaurant Corp d/b/a Southside Café-453 West 47th Street

Dear Commissioner Boyle:

Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to recommend denial of a full liquor license for Café Restaurant Corp d/b/a Southside Café-453 West 47th Street (9th/10th). The recommendation to deny is based upon the following reasons:

- This establishment is on the ground floor, mid-block of a mainly residential street in the middle of a row of residential townhouses on the ground floor.
- The proposed restaurant is on the ground floor of a townhouse with multiple residential units above.
- The current C of O allows 15 persons while this applicant plans to expand to 74.¹
- Questions of legal fire egress and cooking ventilation have not been resolved.
- Strong community opposition was present at two BLP committee meetings and voiced grave concerns about this establishment.

The applicant plans to operate a restaurant and bar with total capacity of 74. Based on the above we recommend denial.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair
Manhattan Community
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Co-Chair
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cc: Applicant
Fred Gioffre

¹ It should be noted that there are noise complaints on file with CB4 within the past two years citing problems with noise emanating from the previous establishment which was a Cartridge/Toner Shop. There was almost no walk-in business; it was mostly via mail with much less occupancy.