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

Re: Ram Lounge LLC – 622 West 47^{th} Street (11/12) - lounge with total capacity of 225, including staff, open from Noon to 4 am.

Dear Commissioner Boyle:

Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to recommend <u>denial</u> of a transfer of a full liquor license for Ram Lounge LLC -622 West 47^{th} Street <u>unless</u> the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- The first floor will be used primarily as a lobby for patrons awaiting entrance to the club. This will avert an outdoor 'velvet rope' line so no patrons will be waiting outside for entrance. No entertainment will occur on this floor but one bar will be located on this level with limited food service.
- Total capacity of the club, including staff, is 225 at all times. [Total number of staff is 25.]
- Hours of operation will be from noon to 4 a.m. daily.
- The club will not distribute any advertisement flyers on the streets of New York City.
- The applicant will not use any outside promoters.
- The applicant will install adequate soundproofing during the renovation throughout the entire building to mitigate noise problems with neighbors. The soundproofing will be designed and installed by a professional, recognized, licensed acoustical engineer and completely installed before opening to the public.
- The applicant will not use nor plan to use the rooftop or any outdoor space now or at any time in the future of this establishment.
- A minimum of two (2) licensed security guards will be posted outside of the club during all hours of operation and the security plan as presented and attached will be implemented.
- The club will have managers/owners attend the local block and police precinct community council meetings regularly to resolve any problems or

- issues with the community. The club will also distribute 24 hour contact information of the key managers/owners to the community organizations.
- The applicant will work with Community Board 4 to mitigate the impact of vehicle traffic on the community. This effort will include but not be limited to the possibility of a taxi stand in front of the club.

The applicant represented that all 5 floors of this building will be used for the club; no other tenants or businesses will be located in this building. The first floor is a waiting area with some bar/food service. The second and third floor will be used for entertainment. The fourth floor will be used for office space only and the fifth floor will be primarily restaurant use for food and beverage service.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland

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