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

Re: Skyline Studios, 465 10th Avenue (35/36th)

Dear Commissioner:

Manhattan Community Board 4 would like to apprise the Board of New York State Liquor Authority of a problem establishment within our district. At the April 2, 2008 meeting of Manhattan Community Board 4, the enclosed letter regarding a new catering liquor license for Skyline Studios at 465 Tenth Avenue was approved and subsequently sent to the SLA.

We were advised by the applicant that after MCB4's approval, they opted NOT to continue their application for a 'permanent' catering liquor license with the SLA, as they subsequently decided the stipulations were 'too onerous' for the events they planned. The applicant, Ms. Jennifer Blumin advised Manhattan Community Board 4 that they decided instead to go to the SLA for '24 hour' event licenses instead so they would not be restricted by the CB4 stipulations.

Since this catering hall has begun its operation, there have been serious problems with this establishment that have led to numerous complaints from the neighboring community. The complaints are on file within the Community Board office as well as with the 311 office of the City of New York. The problems have been so severe that the NYPD has forced closure of events at this location and the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement has issued multiple violations.

The flood of complaints received during the 'Miniroof' event that occurred over a two week period during fashion week was not just about neighborhood disturbances, but also included safety concerns for the attendees. Most egregious were rooftop usage with dancing and loud amplified music until midmorning hours (well past the legal time limits), massive flood and spot lights mounted on the rooftop. Questions of the rooftop's certification for assembly also abound as well as building safety. No attempt to insulate the neighbors from disturbances was made by Skyline, despite the complaints being registered with Ms. Jennifer Blumin at the beginning of the two week event.

Manhattan Community Board 4 asks that short term/24 hour catering liquor licenses for the 465 Tenth Avenue address in Manhattan be summarily declined for any future events. The applicant has flouted the laws of this city and shown total disregard for the neighboring community.

If the operator of Skyline Studios does wish to reapply for a permanent catering liquor license in the future, Manhattan Community Board 4 will consider the application at that point.

Sincerely,



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