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

Re: Renewal Sidewalk Café:

Applicant: 119 7th Avenue Cafeteria LLC d/b/a Cafeteria

Location: 119 Seventh Avenue (17)

DCA License No.:1000228

Type: Renewal Application – Unenclosed Sidewalk

Café

Tables/Seats: 21 tables/42 seats

Dear Ms. Gotay:

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends <u>denial</u> of the application for this renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café pending significant changes which need to be included in the method of operation to satisfy local residents. Local residents have a documented history of complaints regarding noise, crowd control and improper venting from kitchen.

We urge that a meeting be scheduled with pertinent representatives from the building; the landlord, the General Manager and the Night Manager of the Cafeteria and residential tenants. We would offer the Board offices as a venue for such a meeting and be prepared to act as arbitrators to resolve the issues.

Long term solutions which need to be resolved include operation hours for the sidewalk café, proper exterior venting from the kitchen, the appropriate number of tables and chairs for the sidewalk space together with new architect's plans that include the umbellas used in warm weather and gas heaters used in cold weather.

It should also be noted that after approval of new plans, the outer boundaries of cafes must be marked on the sidewalk, as required by Department of Consumer Affairs' sidewalk café regulations.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland

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cc: Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn