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September 11, 2009

Dennis Rosen Chairman New York State Liquor Authority 80 South Swan Street Albany, NY 12210

Re: Balken Burek – 691 Ninth Avenue (47/48)

Dear Commissioner Rosen:

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends denial of a new Restaurant Wine & Beer License for Balken Burek <u>unless</u> the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- Hours of operation will be 10 am to 12 am seven days per week.
- Total capacity is 46 with 10 in the bar and 30 for seated dining.
- They will have background music only inside the restaurant.
- Kitchen exhaust systems will be designed to be compliant with NYC building codes and will be constructed in such a way they will not disturb neighboring tenants.
- There are no French doors or windows that open to the street.
- No outside space will be used (sidewalk café or rear yard patio).

Balken Burek is a new restaurant that will have a full kitchen and background music only.

Sincerely,

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John Weiss Chair Manhattan Community Board 4

[Signed 09/11/09] Lisa Daglian Co-Chair Business License & Permits Committee

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cc: Applicant Fred Gioffre Elected Officials