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

## Re: Intercontinental New York Times Square Hotel 300 W 44<sup>th</sup> Street (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th t</sup> Avenues)

Dear Chairman Rosen:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) recommends denial of a full liquor license for Intercontinental New York Times Square Hotel West unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- Hours of operation will be 7:00 am to 12:00 am, 7 days per week.
- There will be no use of any outdoor spaces (rooftop, patio or sidewalk café).
- The operator is not applying for a cabaret license.
- The venue will be available for private parties and corporate events. No outside promoters will be used.
- Security will be provided by properly licensed, Intercontinental in-house security guards.
- There will only be background music played in the restaurants and bars.
- There will be no French doors or windows that open to the street front.
- The applicant will work through MCB4 on vehicular traffic control issues and to obtain a taxi loading zone from NY DOT.
- Kitchen exhaust will be constructed in a manner to not disturb neighboring residents or offices and will be compliant with NY DOB code. According to the applicant, scrubber/precipitators will be installed to remove all odors from kitchen exhaust in lieu of venting above the highest floor of the neighboring buildings. The applicant has further agreed to work with CB4 to address any complaints that may arise from the community.

A signed copy of the stipulations agreed to by the applicant is enclosed. This application

is for a hotel license and full operating license restaurant, meeting rooms and bar. The hotel has 607 guest rooms, 10,000 square feet of meeting space, 24 hour room service, a restaurant with 44 tables and 166 seats.

Sincerely,

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