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

Re: Artichoke Basile's Pizza & Bar
457 W. 17th Street (9/10)

Dear Chairman Rosen:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) recommends denial of a new restaurant wine and beer license for Artichoke Basile's Pizza & Bar, an establishment with sit-down dining, a bar and take-out operation unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- Hours of operation will be 12 p. m. – 2 a. m. Sunday – Thursday; 12 p.m. – 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday
- No wine or beer will be served after 1:30 a.m. Sunday – Thursday;
- The establishment's takeout operation, which will not sell or serve beer or wine
- Total Capacity will be 200 people, with up to 40 employees and 2 security personnel and 15 tables with 82 seats
- The applicant will hire one security guard to monitor the sidewalk and street in front of the establishment from 12 a.m. – 4 a.m.
- If there is any amplified sound, including background music, windows must remain closed as required by local law

The applicant has also agreed to the following:

- The establishment's operators will set up a queuing system for all patrons entering the establishment on the 10th Avenue side of the corner and will not allow entry by the 17th Street door.
- If lines outside the establishment become issue with local residents, the operators will close the takeout portion of the venue at 12 a.m and after 12 a.m. will conduct all takeout service at the counter in the main restaurant.

- Applicant will fully implement the acoustic engineer’s plan to mitigate potential noise disturbance to the neighboring residents and buildings.
- Noise mitigation efforts will address the concerns of the neighbors who live above the establishment, including the installation of acoustic-paneled ceiling tiles.
- Applicant/operators will have regular meetings with the community every 2-2 months to address noise and other issues, if any, caused by crowds or lines at or near the establishment
- Trash receptacles will be built/installed outside the restaurant, and operators will have the sidewalk and street cleaned regularly before, during and after hours of operation.

The applicant has also offered to take the following actions, with which the community board agrees:

- Applicant agrees to hire a minimum of 15% of all employees from the neighborhood.
- Applicant will fund two charitable events per year and will provide at least \$5,000 per year in in-kind donations to local fundraisers

Sincerely,



John Weis
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