



JOHN WEIS
Chair

ROBERT J. BENFATTO, JR., ESQ.
District Manager

CITY OF NEW YORK

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR

330 West 42nd Street, 26th floor New York, NY 10036
tel: 212-736-4536 fax: 212-947-9512
www.nyc.gov/mcb4

January 6, 2010

Dennis Rosen
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 S. Swan Street, 9th Floor
Albany, New York 12210

Re: 119 Seventh Avenue Cafeteria LLC d/b/a Cafeteria – 119-121 ½ Seventh Avenue corner of W17th Street

Dear Chairman Rosen:

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends denial of the renewal of Cafeteria's existing license unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant before the City Council and reaffirmed before the committee, are part of its method of operation:

- The sidewalk café will be closed at 11 pm during the week and at 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday. No one will be seated in the café after 10 pm during the week and 11 pm on Friday and Saturday. If anyone is in the café at closing, they will be asked to move inside. The restaurant's wide street doors will be closed when the café is not operating. Cafeteria will better demarcate the café's boundaries on the street and monitor the locations of the table umbrellas when in use, making sure they do not angle out over the street and interfere with safe pedestrian passage.
- Garbage will be put out on the sidewalk no earlier than 10 pm for an 11 pm scheduled pick-up.
- A vent from the kitchen facility will be run up the side of the apartment house in which Cafeteria is located. If for whatever reason this is not possible, other options will be explored with the landlord.
- An engineer will measure base noise levels in all residential units, if so requested by the units' residents, to determine the extent of noise in their unit, and Cafeteria will provide and pay for added window soundproofing where requested and determined to be needed.
- Cameras will be installed to view activity around the entrance to the restaurant and the sidewalk café. Cafeteria security will actively discourage patrons from loitering and talking outside, particularly on W17th Street.
- A clearly visible sign will be posted, informing patrons that no one loitering outside the restaurant will be seated.
- Cafeteria's owners will provide in a letter to CB 4, Councilmember Quinn's office, and the restaurant's neighbors the details of their new security plan including, among other things, hours of operation, number of people involved, and outside street surveillance.
- Cafeteria will create an on-going liaison with the NYPD Precinct 13, beginning with a meeting attended by representatives of the precinct, Councilmember Quinn's office, CB4, and the restaurant.
- There will be quarterly meetings organized by Cafeteria, attended by representatives of the local elected officials, CB4, and the restaurant's neighbors.

Sincerely,



John Weis
Chair
Manhattan Community Board
4

Burt Lazarin
Co-Chair
Business License & Permits
Committee – South

Hugh Weinburg
Co-Chair
Business License & Permits
Committee – South

cc: Applicant
Fred Gioffre
Elected Officials