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Carl E. Heastie
Speaker
New York State Assembly
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Albany, NY 12248

John J. Flanagan
Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Room 330, State Capitol Building
Albany , NY 12247

Dear Governor Coumo, Speaker Heastie, and Majority Leader Flanagan:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to express our support for proposed legislation A6896 and S5319. If passed, they would amend the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control Law to require at least one member of the State Liquor Authority (SLA) be a resident of New York City. All appointments to the SLA are made by the Governor and **consent** by the Senate.

As part of our New York City Charter mandated responsibilities, MCB4 must review all applications for liquor licenses in our communities, Chelsea, Hells Kitchen and Hudson Yards. After having open meetings where the applicants present their arguments for the granting of the licenses and members of the Board and the neighbors of the proposed establishments voice their opinions, MCB4 makes a recommendation to the State Liquor Authority. The SLA has over the years become more sensitive to the needs of our district but we believe a city resident would better understand our situation.

With over 50,000 liquor licenses across New York State the State, the SLA must deal with a variety of complex issues and concerns. Given the volume of liquor licenses within New York City and it's unique challenges and issues, MCB4 supports this legislation which would **ensure the New York City perspective is represented** on the State Liquor Authority board.

Sincerely



Delores Rubin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

cc: Hon. Brad Hoylman, State Senate
Hon. Marisol Alcantara, State Senate
Hon. Richard Gottfried, State Assembly
Hon. Linda B. Rosenthal, State Assembly
Hon. Debroah Glick, State Assembly
Hon. Carmen De La Rosa