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April 3, 2008

Chairman Daniel Boyle
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210

Re: Westward Gallery & Café Inc. d/b/a Bamboo 52, 344 West 52nd Street

Dear Chairman Boyle:

At its March 11, 2008 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to recommend denial of renewal of its full liquor license for Westward Gallery & Café Inc. d/b/a Bamboo 52, 344 West 52nd Street, unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- Applicant has removed outside benches previously installed in outdoor space;
- Applicant has cease all use of outdoor alcove space including no standing, drinking and/or smoking; and will not commence in future
- Applicant has hired licensed security who will go on duty at 9 p.m. daily and who will monitor outdoor space and enforce quiet in the area;
- Applicant has installed ashtray on sidewalk and will clean up cigarette butts, broken glass, etc. on a daily and regular basis;
- Applicant has provided contact information for owner and onsite responsible party to CB4 and neighbors, and will resolve any and all complaints upon receipt; and

- Applicant will hire architect to examine installing double doors to lessen escaping noise, and consider enclosing outside alcove.

There have been a series of community complaints regarding noise and unruly patrons at Bamboo 52, and the owner, who also attended the meeting, committed to making his establishment more community friendly and responsive to complaints. During the three week period between the BLP committee and full board meetings, members of the community have monitored the situation and reported progress to CB4. In addition none of the complainants who spoke at the BLP meeting attended or spoke at the full board in opposition.

At its full board meeting on April 2, 2008, Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to approve this recommendation.

Sincerely,



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