



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Community Alliance Committee  
State Liquor Authority (SLA)  
Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)  
Public Hearing Report**

**DATE:** May 9, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**IN PERSON:** No

**VIRTUAL:** Yes

**SPEAKER:** Yes

**Committee Members Present**

Frank Morano, *Chairman of the Board*  
Jerome Goldman, *Chair Community Alliance*  
Thomas Barlotta  
Al Klingele  
Michael Ciacciarelli  
Robert DiGennaro  
Danny Venuto

**Board Members Present**

Jeff Geary

**Staff**

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*  
Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*  
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

**Guests**

Amy Chen, *Owner/Applicant Clouditude Dispensary*  
Jeffrey Hoffman, *Attorney for Applicant*  
Marie Carmody LaFrancesca, *Rep., Borough President Fossella*  
Amalia Kostalas, *Rep., Assm. Michael Tannousis*  
Denise Pacheco, *Rep., Assm. Michael Reilly*  
Deacon Richard Salhany, *St. Clare's Parish*  
Agnes VanDina, *VP Oakwood Residents Civic Association*  
Area Residents

### **Public Contact**

- Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca read a statement from Borough President Fossella. He proposes that the Office of Cannabis Management cease granting new licenses to cannabis dispensaries until the Sheriff's Office and other local authorities have padlocked and permanently closed every illegal smoke shop on Staten Island. \*The complete statement is on file in the *CB3 office*.
- Deacon Richard Salhany spoke in opposition to the Clouditude Dispensary.
- Area Residents are opposed to the dispensary due to the fact that there are many children in the area attending schools and waiting at bus stops near the dispensary.
- Assembly Member Michael Tannousis spoke in opposition to the legalization of marijuana and any dispensaries in our neighborhoods.
- Agnes VanDina, Vice President of the Oakwood Residents Civic Association, spoke in opposition to the dispensary. \*The complete statement is on file in the *CB3 office*.

### **Agenda**

## **New York State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)**

Notification to Municipality for an Adult Use Retail Dispensary License Application

### **Clouditude Dispensary**

4034 Hylan Blvd.  
Staten Island, NY 10308

### **MOTION**

*I move that Community Board 3 **deny** the adult use retail dispensary license for Clouditude Dispensary, located at 4034 Hylan Blvd., SI, NY 10308. We believe the location does not meet the requirements set forth by the New York State Office of Cannabis Management based on the following:*

The Office of Cannabis Management Municipality Rulemaking regulations require:

- A minimum distance of 1,000 feet between adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries in municipalities with a population of 20,000 or more.
- The location, as presented, is approximately 475 feet from another applicant currently in the Office of Cannabis Management queue.

**VOTE:** In favor 7; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Morano Y; Goldman Y; Barlotta Y; Ciacciarelli Y; DiGennaro Y; Klingele Y; Venuto Y  
Motion Passes

## **New York State Liquor Authority (SLA)**

### **Applications for New and Temporary Retail Permits**

#### **Premiere Pickleball LLC**

226 Richmond Valley Road  
Staten Island, NY 10309

**MOTION**

*I move that Community Board 3 **approve** the new on-premise liquor license and temporary retail permit for **Premiere Pickleball LLC**, located at 226 Richmond Valley Road, SI NY 10309, as presented.*

- The applicant's attorney and client have agreed to the stipulation.
- The application and all necessary supporting documentation have been submitted and reviewed.

**VOTE:** In favor 7; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Morano Y; Goldman Y; Barlotta Y; Ciacciarelli Y; DiGennaro Y; Klingele Y; Venuto Y  
Motion Passes

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**Guyon Bagel Deli & Grocery Inc.**

99 Guyon Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10306

**MOTION**

*I move that Community Board 3 **approve** the new on-premise liquor license and temporary retail permit for **Guyon Bagel Deli & Grocery Inc.**, located at 99 Guyon Avenue, SI NY 10306, as submitted.*

**VOTE:** In favor 7; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Morano Y; Goldman Y; Barlotta Y; Ciacciarelli Y; DiGennaro Y; Klingele Y; Venuto Y  
Motion Passes

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**Applications for Renewal – Notice Only, No Action Required**

- **Tolebar Inc.** – 3935 Amboy Road, SI NY 10308
- **Annadale Terrace Corp.** – 801 Annadale Road, SI NY 10312
- **Mangia** – 7517 Amboy Road SI NY 10307

**Applications for Corporation Change – Notice Only, No Action Required**

- **The South Shore Swimming Club Inc.** – 6736 Hylan Blvd., SI NY 10309

**Amendments – Notice Only, No Action Required**

- **Hy Star Deli-** 4278 Arthur Kill Road, SI NY 10309 (Stores 1 & 2)

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

1. Chairman Morano put forth the following motion...

**Whereas**, Community Board 3 supports Borough President Fossella's proposal that the Office of Cannabis Management should cease granting new licenses to cannabis dispensaries until the Sheriff's Office and other local authorities have padlocked and permanently closed every illegal smoke shop on Staten Island, and

**Whereas**, the existing law enforcement resources are not adequate to contain the proliferation of these illegal pot shops, thinly disguised as 'convenience' stores or 'gift' shops,

**Therefore**, let it be firmly resolved that Community Board 3 will not, under any circumstances, approve or recommend new license applications for licensed Cannabis dispensaries.

**VOTE:** In favor 7; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Morano Y; Goldman Y; Barlotta Y; Ciacciarelli Y; DiGennaro Y; Klingele Y; Venuto Y  
Motion Passes

**Announcements**

Please attend the Land Use Committee meeting this month. City Planning will present the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

***Jerome Goldman***

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Chair, Community Alliance Committee