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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Kerri J. O'Brien
Deputy Commissioner
State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street, Suite 900
Albany, New York 12210-8002

RE: 88 Fusion Link Inc., dba Shoga Sushi & Oyster Bar, 1698 Second Avenue (87th/88th)-Alteration application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

At the April 20, 2016 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8, the following recommendation was adopted by the Community Board a vote of 24 in favor, 16 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS at the April 5, 2016 Street Life Committee meeting, a member of the public reported that the restaurant continues to utilize electric bikes; and

WHEREAS a member of the committee visited the site and concurs with the above information; and WHEREAS the applicant was invited May 2015 Street Life Committee meeting to address the issue of electric bikes but failed to appear; and

WHEREAS at the full board meeting on October 21, 2015 Community Board 8 disapproved a similar request by the applicant with the following resolution:

WHEREAS the change was the moving of the bar area due to the addition of a sushi bar; and WHEREAS at the Street Life Committee meeting on October 6, 2015, a member of the public raised a concern regarding the bicycle delivery staff riding on the sidewalk and using illegal electric bicycles, and although the applicant agreed to look into the matter photos taken just prior to the October 21, 2015 full board meeting showed the applicant has not corrected the problems;

therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the application is DISAPPROVED Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 34 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause; and

WHEREAS this restaurant failed to deal with the problem of electric bikes; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is DISAPPROVED.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

James G. Clyns

Chair

Sincerely,

Larry Parnes & Abraham Salcedo Co-Chairs, Street Life Committee

Cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York

Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District