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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

August 16, 2016

Hon. Vincent G. Bradley
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 S. Swan Street • 9th Floor
Albany, New York 12210-8002

Re: **SAFFRON GARDEN MANHATTAN NY INC 181NEWOP1296017252**
DBA LA BOUCHON
304 E 78TH ST
NEW YORK NY 10075

Dear Chairman Bradley:

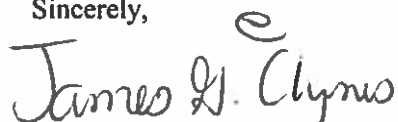
The referenced application is scheduled for a hearing by SLA on August 19, 2016. On January 13, 2016, Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 39-0-0:

WHEREAS this application is for a change in method of operation; and
WHEREAS the applicant agreed to license hours until 2AM Mon-Sun
WHEREAS there are no other changes; and
WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and
WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED** subject to the stipulation that the hours of operation for the SLA license shall be until 2AM, seven days a week.

Beginning in May, 2016, Community Board 8 started receiving complaints about a restaurant, The Confession Box that had opened at the subject location. The complaints included excessive noise, operation past 2 am, use of the rear yard which was not indicated in the application submitted to CB 8 for La Bouchon and operation of an unenclosed sidewalk café, also not proposed in the application. Our Community Board office contacted SLA on May 11, 2016 concerning these issues. The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs was also contacted about the sidewalk café and DCA advised the board on July 25, 2016 that a violation has been issued for operating an unlicensed sidewalk café. To date, we continue to receive complaints concerning the restaurant.

The operating restaurant in no way resembles the information presented to community board 8 in January, 2016. It has been an annoyance to the residents of this residential block. We ask that these issues be taken into account as you consider the subject application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James G. Clynes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James G. Clynes
Chair

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 Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District