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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

December 18, 2015

Kerri J. O'Brien
Deputy Commissioner
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80 South Swan Street, Suite 900
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RE: Lihou LLC., 964 Lexington Avenue (70th/71st)-New application for Liquor, Wine and Beer

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

At the December 16, 2015 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8, the following recommendation was adopted by the Community Board a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS a neighborhood resident appeared at the Street Life Committee meeting on December 1, 2015 and expressed concern about ventilation from the establishment. The applicant explained that he will not have a kitchen for heating food that would require ventilation; and

WHEREAS at that same meeting, another neighborhood resident asked about the hours of operation. It was pointed out this the applicant wishes to remain open until 4 AM daily. This resident also appeared at the full board meeting on December 16, 2015 objecting tto the proposed hours; and

WHEREAS this is a primarily residential part of Lexington Avenue with local stores on the ground floor and residences above and side streets that are residential; and

WHEREAS the Street Life Committee suggested to the applicant that the hours be changed to 12 midnight during the week and 1 AM on Friday and Saturday and that these hours could be reviewed after the establishment had operating for a period; and

WHEREAS the suggested hours are not inconsistent with restrictions placed by the committee and full board for other "first time" establishments; and

WHEREAS while the applicant indicated a willingness to negotiate, but would not accept the proposed hours: therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is DISAPPROVED unless the hours for the SLA license shall be until 12 midnight, Monday through Thursday and Sunday, and until 1 AM Friday and Saturday.

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

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes

Chair

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