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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 16th, 2017

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

RE: S and M Lounge Corp. dba La Nuit Restaurant, 1134 1st Avenue (62nd/63rd) – Renewal application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

At the March 15th, 2017 Full Board and Land Use Committee meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8, the following recommendation was adopted by the Community Board with a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS this is a renewal application; and

WHEREAS there were members of the public present to voice their opposition to the renewal for this venue due to a consistent and persistent issue with rowdy patron; safety concerns due to fights, stabbings and other incidents requiring police to arrive; and

WHEREAS the committee received a petition with approximately 60 names opposing the application as well as several email complaints about the establishment, it's noise and citing further safety concerns; and

WHEREAS the committee noted that there were approximately 150 311 complaints for this location; and

WHEREAS the representative for the applicant sought to express that the venue had hired new security and is under new management and it willing to work with the community; and

WHEREAS the committee noted that despite the applicant's representations, the facts did not coincide with those assertions and heard further public comment that since the last time the applicant appeared for this location the circumstances have only gotten worse; and

WHEREAS the committee was not moved by the claims of the applicant about their desire to be a good neighbor and due to the at least year of concerns the committee has heard about the venue, as well as renewed questions about whether the venue is legally operation in according with its certificate of occupancy and the increasing concerns about public safety as a result of the operation of this establishment; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is DISAPPROVED.

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

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes

Chair

Abraham Salcedo

Chair, Street Life Committee

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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
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