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## The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan

March 21, 2024

Chris Alexander
Executive Director
New York State Office of Cannabis Management
1220 Washington Avenue
Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor
Albany, NY 12226

RE: Ganja Grove Shops Corp - 1640 York Avenue (Between East 86th and East 87th Streets) - Application to the Office of Cannabis Management for a New Provisional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License

Dear Executive Director Alexander,

Applications will only be approved based upon the applicant's agreement to the following stipulations:

- 1. The applicant will abide by the bicycle guidelines and will ensure that any third-party delivery provider that it contracts with shall abide by the bicycle guidelines.
- 2. The applicant will not use any unlawful motorized vehicle for deliveries and ensure that any third-party delivery service you contract with does not use any unlawful motorized vehicle
- 3. The applicant will have delivery persons wear the proper attire such as helmets, identifiable clothing, etc. and ensure that any contracted third-party delivery service shall wear proper attire such as helmets, identifiable clothing etc.
- 4. The applicant will not participate in bar-crawls or the cannabis equivalent

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on March 20, 2024, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS this is a new application for a retail dispensary; and

**WHEREAS** this applicant was invited to the December 2023, January 2024, and February 2024 Street Life Committee meetings and the applicant requested a layover from each of these meetings; and

**WHEREAS** this applicant was invited to the March 2024 Street Life Committee meeting on February 16th, and follow up emails were sent to the applicant on February 26, February 28, February 29, and March 1, and Community Board 8 called the applicant on February 29 and March 4; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant did not respond to any the correspondence from Community Board 8 relating to their March Street Life Committee invitation; and

WHEREAS there were concerns from members of the public relating to the space, including its proximity to Cassidy's Place, St Joseph's School, and Make Inspires After School STEM Program; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the application is **DISAPPROVED**.

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

Sincerely,

Valerie S. Mason

Lindsey Cormack and Abraham Salcedo
Lindsey Cormack and Abraham Salcedo
Co-Chairs, Street Life Committee

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cc:

Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State

Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York

Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative

Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District

Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District

Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District

Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District

Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District

Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District

Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District

Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District