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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,

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Lindsey Cormack and Abraham Salcedo

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Co-Chairs, Street Life Committee

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