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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

November 20, 2025

Jessica C. Garcia, Chair
New York State Office of Cannabis Management
1220 Washington Avenue
Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor
Albany, NY 12226

RE: Empire Flower Inc, dba N/A, 520 Main Street (Roosevelt Island) Application to the Office of Cannabis Management for an Adult-use Retail Dispensary License

Dear Chair Garcia,

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

1. Abide by the NYC bicycle laws and guidelines and shall ensure that any third-party delivery service you contract with abides by the laws and guidelines
2. 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. 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. Not to participate in bar or pub crawls or the cannabis equivalent
5. Remove the Street Life Committee meeting notices you posted following the next applicable Full Board meeting on the date indicated on the notice.

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on November 19, 2025, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 14 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Office of Cannabis Management for an Adult-use Retail Dispensary License; and

WHEREAS members of the public objected based on the location and proximity to schools, houses of worship, delivery bike concerns, and to the applicant's proposal to co-locate a flower/florist shop as the entryway to the cannabis shop; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **DISAPPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

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