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District Manager

June 5, 2014

Carl Weisbrod  
Director  
Department of City Planning  
22 Reade Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: ULURP #N 120376 ECM**  
**DCA # 1299629**  
**Greek Kitchen Inc.**  
**d/b/a The Greek Kitchen**  
**885-889 Tenth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan**

Dear Director Weisbrod:

After a duly held public hearing on June 4, 2014, Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to recommend approval of the renewal application by Greek Kitchen Inc. for an enclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

This recommendation, however, does not contravene the Board's fundamental opposition to enclosed sidewalk cafes. We remain opposed for three reasons:

One: Enclosed sidewalk cafes are permanent structures that appropriate public property for private use without providing a public benefit;

Two: Unlike unenclosed sidewalk cafes which can add to community ambiance and create more vibrant streetscapes, enclosed sidewalk cafes isolate diners from sidewalk activity and the community; and,

Three: As permanent structures, they are difficult to remove when warranted.

Sincerely,

Christine Berthet  
Chair

Jean-Daniel Noland  
Chair, Clinton / Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee

CC: Steve Gagliano, Project Manager - DCP  
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The Greek Kitchen Inc.