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Dennis Rosen
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 S. Swan Street, 9th Floor
Albany, New York 12210

Re: request for ride-a-long

Dear Chairman Rosen:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) would like to first thank you and your staff for their dedication, professionalism, and willingness to collaborate with CB4 on finding a balanced approach to mitigating the quality of life issues that arise when there is an over saturation of Liquor licenses in one neighborhood. To further this progress, CB4 requests your participation in a "ride-along" similar to those that have been conducted in collaboration with other Community Boards.

As you may know, the Clinton\Hell's Kitchen and Chelsea neighborhoods have been and continue to be experiencing increasing nightlife activity, resulting in an abundance of complaints regarding significant disruption to residents' quality of life. The heavy concentration of alcohol-serving establishments within CB4, as well as their proliferation on predominantly residential small side streets, has created overwhelming noise and sidewalk congestion. This is especially onerous when patrons enter and exit bars, clubs and restaurants (often in groups); when customers smoke on sidewalks; when taxis stop to pick-up and drop-off patrons; and when cars circle the streets seeking parking. Since many of these businesses operate during late night hours, the noise also causes considerable disruption to the sleep of residents, including children.

CB4 has surveyed the types of businesses located on the most commercial avenue blocks in the district and has found that many have an over-concentration of alcohol-serving establishments—in some areas they exceed 50% of the street footage of all lots on the block.

For these reasons, CB4 is hopeful that a “ride-along” can be organized with the local police precincts in the upcoming months. Ideally, it would take place during late weekend hours with a route determined by NYPD and CB4. Please let us know how we can assist your efforts in arranging this ride-along.

Thank you once again for working with the community to manage and resolve quality of life issues. We look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Christine Berthet
Chair

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