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January 6, 2010

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

Re: Sri Om Balaji dba Aaheli
826 Eighth Avenue (54th /55th Streets)

Dear Chairman Rosen:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) recommends denial of a new restaurant wine and beer license for Sri Om Balaji dba Aaheli, unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- Hours of operation will be 11:00 am to 10:30 pm Monday through Thursday, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday, and 11:00 am to 10:00 pm on Sunday.
- Background music only will be played during the same hours of operation. (There will be no live music or DJ's).
- There will be no use of any outdoor spaces (rooftop, patio or sidewalk café) at this time. The applicant MAY apply for a sidewalk café license at some time in the future.
- The applicant will not be installing any storm door enclosures that protrude more than 18 inches from the current entry door and will remove them by April 15th, as per law.
- The applicant stated they will have no French doors/large windows that open to the street.
- The applicant stated the kitchen exhaust system already exists. The applicant further stated the exhaust exits through ventilation above the highest floor of surrounding buildings and has been constructed in a manner to not disturb neighboring residents or offices. Additionally it will be compliant with NY DOB code.

- The applicant will store delivery bicycles in the recessed area at the front of the establishment so as not to impede pedestrians on the sidewalk.

A signed copy of the stipulations agreed to by the applicant is enclosed. This application is for a new restaurant wine and beer license for a new establishment. Total capacity is 24 patrons with all 24 seated at 10 tables. The applicant will have one service bar with no seating.

Sincerely,

John Weiss
Chair
Manhattan Community
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cc: Applicant
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