

September 8, 2003

Commissioner Edward Kelly
New York State Liquor Authority
84 Holland Avenue
2nd floor, A-Wing
Albany, NY 12208

Re: Zaki Entertainment Corp., 152a West 26th Street

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

At its August 12, 2003 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community No. 4 heard the application of Zaki Entertainment Corp., 152a West 26th Street, for an on-premises liquor license. The venue will be a karaoke bar.

This cellar location, under a separately licensed and operated sushi restaurant at street level, has a troubled past, and several residents from the neighborhood voiced their concerns over the establishment of a new bar in a space that has previously been used illegally. The new applicant, who had nothing to do with the old troubles, appears to be an experienced operator who operators two other karaoke venues, complaint free.

The Committee voted to recommend approval of this license contingent on the applicant stipulating to the following terms.

- Occupancy shall be limited to 38 seats at 10 tables.
- The bar shall be an 8 foot service bar only.
- The sound system shall use only low-response bass speakers which shall be equipped with sound limiters.
- New sound proofing added throughout the venue shall consist of 9 layers of various sound-proofing materials in the ceiling.
- The premises has a valid Certificate of Occupancy for the proposed use.

- Entrances and exits shall be posted as necessary with signs urging patrons to be quiet and behave considerately in the neighborhood when arriving and leaving the club.

In addition, the applicant agreed that these stipulations will be added to the cabaret license application. Manhattan Community Board No. 4 approved this recommendation, with the above stipulations attached, at its September 3 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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Co-Chair
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cc: Applicant
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