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**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR**

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District Manager

November 14, 2007

Commissioner Daniel Boyle  
New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210

Re: Don Pietro LLC d/b/a The Door – 508 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (38/39 Streets)

Dear Commissioner Boyle:

At its October 16, 2007 meeting, the Business Licenses and Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to recommend denial of a renewal of the liquor license for Don Pietro LLC, d/b/a The Door. This recommendation was made due to ongoing violations of its method of operation and violations of NYC law including:

- The establishment was approved for use as a restaurant. It's predominant use is as a night club, with dancing and minimal food service
- Use of outside promoters
- Cover charge for some events and need to pass through velvet ropes to permit entrance
- Ongoing hookah smoking in the establishment in violation of NY's smoking laws
- Continuing to keep French doors open while loud music is being played, in violation of NYC laws.

These violations and concerns mirror complaints made to this establishment and the Board two years ago.

At its full board meeting on November 7, 2007, Manhattan Community Board 4 voted to approve this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland  
Chair

Manhattan Community  
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Lisa Daglian  
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cc: Applicant  
Fred Gioffre  
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