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

Re: 161 West 23rd Street LLC, 161 West 23rd Street (6/7)

Dear Commissioner Boyle:

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends denial of a new full liquor license (New OP) for 161 West 23rd Street LLC, 161 West 23rd Street (6/7) unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of their method of operation:

- Hours of operation are Sunday 12 pm to 2 am, Monday through Wednesday 4 pm to 2 am and Thursday through Saturday from 4 pm to 4 am.
- The applicant will operate a Bar/Tavern/Lounge on the first floor and in the cellar.
- Total capacity is 196 with 121 on the first floor and 75 in the cellar.
- There will be no open flame cooking that require exhaust systems.
- The applicant will use a certified sound engineer to design and build adequate systems to mitigate potential noise disturbances to the neighboring residents and buildings.
- The venue will be live/folk/acoustical music and will not be used for hip hop, techno or house music.
- The applicant is applying for a cabaret license which is included in this application.
- No outside promoters will be used for events at this establishment.
- The applicant will not have a 'velvet rope' operation with lines of waiting patrons outside the club.

- The applicant will not have French doors/windows but if they should install them they will comply with MCB4's policy of closing at 10 p.m. on Sundays/weekdays and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and, as per law, whenever amplified sound is played inside.

This establishment is a new bar/tavern/lounge and will occupy the space that Suede once was located in.

Sincerely,



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