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Patrol Borough Manhattan South
Assistant Chief Commanding
230 East 21st Street
New York, NY 10010

Re: 17th Street Entertainment Corp., d/b/a 1 Oak – 453 W. 17th Street

Dear Assistant Chief Commanding:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests increased attention to and enforcement in the vicinity of 1 Oak, 453 W. 17th Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenue, to address ongoing issues of traffic and related noise, crowd control and inappropriate and illegal behavior on this block and the area adjacent to this establishment. Problems at this location are exacerbated by the close proximity of several other nightlife establishments, leading to significant community complaints:

- High traffic volume leads to substantial honking, often late at night, particularly as black cars and taxis on- and off-load passengers. Traffic issues and noise are also increased by the presence of a crane being used for Highline construction, which takes up several lanes of 17th Street;
- Loud noise from crowds along 17th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, and on 10th Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets, which is reported to be particularly egregious during late night hours when the establishments are closing. At the same time, excessively loud noise has been reported emanating from the establishment; and
- Inappropriate and illegal behavior including public urination and breaking glass have been reported by several area residents.

Members of CB4, along with concerned community residents and representatives from these venues, attended the March meeting of the 10th Precinct Community Council and were informed that any direct request for enforcement must come from commands higher than the 10th Precinct. We therefore formally ask that you direct additional enforcement to this location and enforce all applicable laws relating to traffic, noise and crowd control for the area that includes 1 Oak and nearby establishments on Tenth Avenue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jean-Daniel Noland
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[signed 4/9/09]

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cc: 17th Street Entertainment Corp., d/b/a 1 Oak
Inspector Stephen Hughes, 10th Precinct