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Dennis Rosen  
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New York State Liquor Authority  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210

**Re: AMENDMENT TO ORIGINAL LETTER FOR: Ram Lounge LLC – 622 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street - with total capacity of 225, including staff, open from 5 p.m. to 4 a.m.**

Dear Commissioner Rosen:

This is an amendment to our original letter dated July, 2008, regarding Ram Lounge that only changes the method of operation to allow entertainment on the first floor of this establishment. Additionally, the alteration includes a cabaret license for dancing entertainers only, not patrons.

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends denial of an alteration of a full liquor license for Ram Lounge LLC – 622 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street unless the following stipulations, agreed to by the applicant, are part of the method of operation for this establishment:

- The first floor will be used as a lobby for patrons awaiting entrance to the club. This is to avert an outdoor 'velvet rope' line. Entertainment and cocktail/food service will occur on this floor.
- Total capacity of the club, including staff, is 225 at all times. Total number of staff is 25.
- Hours of operation will be from 5 pm to 4 am daily.
- The club will not print nor distribute any advertisement fliers anywhere within the city boundaries of New York.
- The applicant will not use any outside promoters.
- The applicant will install adequate soundproofing during the renovation throughout the entire building to mitigate noise problems with neighbors. The soundproofing will be designed and installed by a professional, recognized, licensed acoustical engineer and completely installed before opening to the public.
- The applicant will not use nor plan to use the rooftop or any outdoor space now or at any time in the future of this establishment.
- A minimum of 2 licensed security guards will be posted outside of the club during all hours of operation.

- The club will have managers/owners attend the local block and police precinct community council meetings regularly to resolve any problems or issues with the community. The club will also distribute 24 hour contact information of the key managers/owners to the community organizations.
- The applicant will work with Community Board 4 to mitigate the impact of vehicle traffic on the community. This effort will include but not be limited to the possibility of a taxi stand in front of the club.

The applicant represented that all 5 floors of this building will be used for the club; no other tenants or businesses will be located in this building. The second and third floor will be used for entertainment. The fourth floor will be used for office space only and the fifth floor will be primarily restaurant use for food and beverage service.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
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[Signed 09/11/09]

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