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

**Re: Sharabi Inc.**  
**d/b/a Pierre Loti West Restaurant**  
**258 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street (7/8)**  
**License # 1230193**

Dear Mr. Rosen:

We write with respect to **Sharabi Inc. d/b/a Pierre Loti West Restaurant**, 258 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street (7/8<sup>th</sup>) (herein referred to in this letter as "**Pierre Loti**".)

As per our letters dated July 31, 2009 and July 28, 2011 (attached), Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) voted to recommend denial of a new liquor license unless the applicant agreed to the stipulations documented in these letters. It is our understanding that the applicant consented to all terms prior to the issuance of the license.

Although the operators have been forthcoming and have worked in good faith with residents and board members in their multiple appearances at MCB4's Quality of Life Committee over the past six months, there remain several unresolved issues regarding the **inconsistent manner in which the terms of its liquor license have been repeatedly violated**. These violations are of concern to the community, and are outlined below. As such, MCB4 respectfully requests that the SLA enforce **Pierre Loti**'s terms of operation specifically focusing on:

**Hours Of Operation:**

Pierre Loti regularly closes its doors **after** 11 p.m. instead of the stipulated Sunday through Thursday by 11 P.M. and **after** 12:00 a.m. after the stipulated Thursday through Friday by 12:00 A.M. Specifically, numerous and consistent complaints received by MCB4 center on Wednesday evenings, which is currently **Pierre Loti**'s "live music night".

**Background Music:**

The applicant has agreed to background music for normal operation. As noted above, live music is currently being performed on Wednesday nights. In contradiction to the stipulation agreed to that the only music allowed on the premises be of the "background" variety, MCB4's QoL Committee has received dozens of complaints over the past six months from individual residents and representatives of the relevant Block Associations that the music emanating from **Pierre Loti** is **NOT** of the background variety, as it is clearly heard across the street and inside the residences of complainants.

Representatives of **Pierre Loti** have been entreated to engage the services of an acoustical engineer to devise sound containment strategies which would effectively limit these noise violations from occurring. On many occasions, representatives of **Pierre Loti** have indicated that they will take all measures necessary to ensure that these noise violations would be addressed and corrected. To date, the "background noise" remains unresolved.

MCB4 has met with representatives from **Pierre Loti** three times over the past six months, to entreat the establishment to comply with all its stipulations and to negotiate "good neighbor" measures to alleviate other problems (such as customers using the adjacent sidewalk to congregate on to either smoke and/or converse before entering and/or leaving the establishment in a manner that causes disruption of the quality of life of the block's residents) associated with its operating in a manner inconsistent with the terms of its liquor license.

At the November 10, 2014 Quality of Life Committee meeting, and after repeated promises, a representative from **Pierre Loti** finally consented to *permanently* remove all outside tables, chairs, umbrellas and benches in front of the restaurant, as well as A-Frame signs that have been placed on the sidewalk.

Additionally, at that meeting, MCB4 requested that **Pierre Loti** provide any documentation received from the SLA that would indicate their compliance

with (or compliment MCB4's understanding of) all relevant stipulations within five (5) days of that meeting. However, to date, to the knowledge of the signators of this letter, no documentation has been received by MCB4 from **Pierre Loti** with regard to that request.

MCB4, therefore, respectfully requests that the SLA enforce the stipulations and require **Pierre Loti** to adhere to its agreed upon method of operation.

Sincerely,



Christine Berthet  
Chair

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