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September 18, 2015

Julie Menin  
Commissioner  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
42 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

**Re: 787 Eighth Ave Corp  
d/b/a Brazil Grill  
Sidewalk Café License/Application #: 9876-2015-ASWC  
787 8th Avenue (48th Street)**

Dear Ms. Menin:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) recommends denial of an unenclosed sidewalk café permit for 787 Eighth Ave Corp d/b/a Brazil Grill. MCB4 believes that a sidewalk café here would impede pedestrian traffic and have a detrimental effect on residential quality of life on this narrow, residential side street.<sup>1</sup>

In our prior letter to you dated August 28, 2015, regarding this applicant (a copy of which is enclosed), MCB4 recommended the denial of a proposed sidewalk café at this establishment with 12 tables and 24 chairs. Subsequent to that letter, the applicant proposed reducing the sidewalk café to 5 tables and 10 chairs. The Business Licenses and Permits Committee of MCB4 considered that revised application at its September 8, 2015 meeting. Community members continued to raise concerns with the proposed café both at that meeting and in written submissions to MCB4.

Although we appreciate the applicant's willingness to reduce the size of the sidewalk

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<sup>1</sup> This recommendation is subject to ratification by the Full Board at its October 7, 2015 meeting. It is being sent in advance for your information in order to meet the deadline.

café in an effort to respond to the community's concerns, MCB4 believes that even the reduced-size sidewalk café would present the issues and problems outlined in our August 28th letter and therefore continues to recommend denial.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christine Berthet  
Chair

[signed 9/18/15]

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