



Gramercy Park Block Association BULLETIN

RE: 20TH STREET "DISCO" UPDATE

Dear Neighbor:

In response to the many inquiries from our members, we have been closely monitoring the proposed restaurant establishment to be located at 250 Park Avenue South (at 20th Street) through our member and good friend, Jack Taylor (18th Street Neighborhood Alliance).

Proposed for the site is an unusually large three-story restaurant which would be the 12th liquor-serving establishment within 500 feet of each other; would close as late as 4:00 A.M.; and could easily be converted to a disco.

This could have a negative impact on the quality of life of our residential neighborhood. It would contribute to a significant increase in pedestrian and automobile traffic, noise, and probably crime and vandalism in an already seriously over-crowded area.

At present, the owners of this establishment have applied for a liquor license. To date, their application has been opposed by Community Board 5, Borough President C. Virginia Fields, State Senator Tom Duane, Councilmember Margarita Lopez, and State Assemblyman Richard Gottfried.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

1) The final decision now lies with the State Liquor Authority. You can **write today to oppose the application**, strongly urging them to reject the application for any or all of the above reasons, or any additional reasons you find significant. You can write to:

Edward F. Kelly, Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
11 Park Place
New York, NY 10007

Please send a copy of your letter to Deputy Commissioner Fred Jioffre at the same address.

2) Sometime in the near future the State Liquor Authority will probably calendar a **public hearing** for this application request. When the time comes **we will need many voices** (or at least bodies) to join the community effort to prevent what has all the earmarks of a disco operation down the road. *Please stay tuned. . .*

Sincerely,

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President, Gramercy Park Block Association