

## MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

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### MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE TESTIMONY ON ADDING MEMBERS TO THE NIGHTLIFE ADVISORY BOARD BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, 3/28/2018

Good afternoon. Thank you for allowing Manhattan Community Board Five to provide testimony on the issue of adding members to the newly-created Nightlife Advisory Board.

However many members are ultimately appointed, we believe it is vital that the Committee includes language in its legislation that would ensure community boards are represented on the Nightlife Advisory Board. As written, the law passed by the Council and signed by Mayor de Blasio in September 2017 does not guarantee a seat for a community board representative on the Nightlife Advisory Board.

Community boards throughout the city play a valued and necessary role to balance the concerns of the nightlife industry with those of local residents and neighbors. In representing the central business district of Manhattan, Community Board Five reviews dozens of liquor license applications each month and helps resolve community concerns.

We work directly with the industry and neighbors, as well as our partners at the State Liquor Authority (SLA) and NYPD to maintain a public review process for nightlife applicants and operators that gives all stakeholders the opportunity to reach collaborative agreements.

Community boards' deep experience in dealing with issues related to the nightlife industry would add an important perspective to the Nightlife Advisory Board. As such, we hope the Committee will guarantee a seat for a community board representative and ensure that our perspective is heard.

Thank you.

**THE COUNCIL  
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in favor     in opposition

Date: 3/28/18

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