

LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW

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TO: Police Department
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DATE: November 13, 2015

This item is tentatively scheduled to be heard in four to six weeks.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE BY: December 30, 2015, to Erica Major,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Clerk.

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Applicant Name: Franck C. Le Clerc
and Business Name: Gitane Restaurant and Bar
(239 Kearny Street)

Applicant Address: 425 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
and Phone No. (415) 823-8797

PLANNING COMMENTS: Approval Denial

POLICE COMMENTS: Approval Denial

Gitane Restaurant and Bar, Inc.

Clerk of the Board
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94102

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Re: Gitane Restaurant and Bar, Inc., dba Gitane Restaurant and Bar, Liquor License "PCN" Request at 239 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

To the Clerk of the Board,

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request to be placed on the Board's calendar for Public Convenience and Necessity approval with regard to our pending application to exchange a Type 47 license for a Type 48 On-Sale General Public Premise license. We would like to explain our motivation and intent with regard to this exchange.

Due to a fire at our 239 Kearny Street location in 2012, our landlord did not want to renew our lease if there would still be a hood in the kitchen. Of course a hood would be necessary to operate and maintain our premises as a bona fide eating-place per the Type 47 license. For this reason, we have applied to exchange our Type 47 for a Type 48 so that we may renew our lease and continue operating with no required food service and no minors as well.

This neighborhood is thriving with business, yet there are none like ours within several blocks in each direction. There are a few very noisy bars around our location (Rickhouse and Topsy), but no lounge atmospheres with quiet music playing and table service offered for the upstairs area of our location. We plan to offer cocktail service to our patrons upstairs since there are 22 steep steps from the ground floor to the mezzanine.

Our desired hours of operation are 4:00 pm to 2:00 am, 7 days per week to start and if there is not enough Sunday business, we will close on Sundays. In addition to the license at Gitane, I also own and operate Café Claude, Claudine and Gaspar, all business with ABC licenses, all businesses with zero violations on their licensed. Our 20 year history around Claude Lane has allowed us to cultivate community support for this change.

We will continue to vigilantly monitor the surrounding area to ensure the safety of our business and customers at all times, we will not serve obviously intoxicated people, and we have already begun to cultivate good relationships with community leaders and members.

We seek the SF Board of Supervisor's affirmative ruling that our application serves the public convenience and necessity of our City.

Sincerely,



Franck C. LeClerc, President