NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDER TO CLOSE PREMISES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to section 255-45(B) of the Code of the City of Albany and the Declaration of a State of Emergency for the City of Albany related to gun violence in the City, signed by the Mayor of the City of Albany on July 23, 2021, "Cafe Hollywood," located at 275 Lark Street, Albany, New York, HAS BEEN DECLARED A PUBLIC NUISANCE by the Chief of Police of the City of Albany and YOU ARE ORDERED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO CLOSE SUCH PREMISES IMMEDIATELY.

Under section 255-43 (A) of the City Code, a public nuisance shall be deemed to exist whenever, within a period of six months, two or more violations of certain provisions of the New York State Penal Code result from incidents "occurring at or predicated at events, circumstances or activities occurring" at a particular premises.

When a public nuisance has been deemed to exist, the Chief of Police may, under City Code § 255-45(B), "order the closing of the premises to the extent necessary to abate the public nuisance."

The Chief of Police has deemed a public nuisance to exist at Cafe Hollywood, based on several violations of the penal law that have occurred there or that have occurred nearby because of incidents occurring at the premises in the past several months. Such incidents include a machete attack on June 5, 2021, which occurred as a result of a confrontation inside of the subject premises, and a shooting incident which occurred July 23, 2021.

Having determined that a public nuisance exists at the premises, and in order to abate such nuisance, the Chief of Police will order Cafe Hollywood to close immediately.

You have the right to a hearing before the Chief of Police within 30 days of service of this Notice.