



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jose Peralta

NY1: State Senator Wants to Clean Up Roosevelt Ave by Limiting Liquor Licenses

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NY1: On Monday, State Senator Jose Peralta called on the New York State Liquor Authority to cease issuing liquor licenses to new nightclubs along Roosevelt Ave.

Peralta said the request was an effort to help "clean up" the street.

He also introduced legislation authorizing the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs to impose fines of up to \$10,000 for violations of cabaret licensing rules.

Peralta and business owners told NY1 that violence and noise complaints are on the rise in the area.

They added that restaurant owners have expressed concerns about the safety of their customers.

"At night, you can see the sex trafficking, you can see the prostitution, you can see the fake ID's, you can see the employment scams, you can see all the criminal activity that comes with Roosevelt Avenue. So, after many many years of abandonment, it's time to finally clean it up," Peralta said.

A spokesman with the New York State Liquor Authority responded to Peralta's comments in a statement that said the agency was "legally obligated to review applications for new businesses individually, weighing the merits of the application together with the recommendations of residents, community boards and elected officials. The SLA will continue our efforts, working with the NYPD, to aggressively crack down on licensees who abuse the privilege of holding a license and who negatively impact the quality of life in the neighborhoods in which they operate."

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