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Melanie La Rocca
Commissioner
New York City Department of Buildings
280 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner La Rocca:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Brent Waligory, who resides at 205 West 54th Street, 10B, within my Assembly District, who contacted my office to express concern about an illuminated sign on the Ameritania Hotel at 230 West 54th Street that shines directly into his apartment.

My office contacted the New York City Department of Building (DOB) and requested an inspection of the LED sign. At that time, DOB instructed my staff that pursuant to NYC Zoning Resolution 32-644 there are no restrictions on lighting and/or illuminated signage in C6-7 Zoning District, where the aforementioned sign is located. ZR32-644 dates back to June 21st, 1973. A more recent regulation effective February 27th, 2001, Zoning Resolution Article III, Chapter 2, Surface Area and Illumination Provisions 32-64, which applies in Zoning Districts C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7 and C8 and would include the Ameritania Hotel sign, dictates that an illuminated sign must not project or reflect on residences.

Since the 2001 Zoning Resolution supersedes the 1973 law previously cited by DOB, I urge DOB to re-inspect the area and take appropriate remedial action. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact my district office at (212) 873-6368 and ask to speak to Caitlyn Letterii.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Rosenthal
Member of Assembly- District 67