



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Gianaris Calls for the Shutdown of Astoria Gentlemen's Club 'Aces'

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(Astoria, NY) – With re-occurring criminal activity and alarming reports revealing dozens of public safety concerns stemming from the gentlemen's club 'Aces,' Senator Michael Gianaris is calling for the closing of the establishment.

**Senator Michael Gianaris said,** “Aces is notorious for its ongoing troubling activity. Residents deserve to live in a community where they feel safe, with a robust quality of life. It’s time we get rid of this bad adult establishment once and for all and apply our resources towards protecting our schools, small businesses and families.”

Police reports indicate a disproportionate number of disturbing incidents come from this establishment including gang-related shootings, arrest and summonses. In May of 2016, a gang-related shooting took place outside of the nightclub requiring police attention to regularly monitor the business. Additionally, 252 “911” calls were placed to report incidents and criminal activity related to Aces in one year alone.

Aces, located at 32-10 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Long Island City failed to comply with its cabaret license in 2016. The gentlemen’s club also faced a temporary shutdown during that same year, relating to several licensing and paperwork issues.

Prior to the opening of Aces, ‘System’ operated as a club in the same location. Senator Gianaris prefers the location no longer be used to support establishments detrimental to the neighborhoods’ quality of life.

Attached is a written letter to the State Liquor Authority requesting the denial of the renewal of Aces’ cabaret license.

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