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## Senator Gianaris Presses New York State Supreme Court on ACES' Decision

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(Astoria, NY) – Senator Michael Gianaris urged the New York State Supreme Court to render its decision and shut down the adult nightclub ‘Aces’ once and for all. This comes on the heels of the April 5th court hearing, in which lawyers representing Aces’ failed to appear. The case is now pending and the community is anxiously waiting to hear the decision.

Senator Michael Gianaris said, “Aces is a menace in our neighborhood that poses a danger to our community. It would be in everyone’s best interest for this establishment to be closed, and I hope the judge agrees.”

Prior to the court hearing, the State Liquor Authority agreed with the community's request to revoke Aces’ cabaret license, which a judge temporarily reinstated. On March 16th, Senator Gianaris stood with community leaders to call on the New York State Supreme Court to heed the community’s demand to close the adult nightclub and affirm the State Liquor Authority’s decision to revoke its cabaret license.

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

Aces, located at 32-10 37th 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.

Attached is a photo from Senator Gianaris’ previous press conference.

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