

Cabaret Law Abolished Freedom Of Expression Now!

Bar / Club Owners, and Patrons.

We are fighting to end the Cabaret Laws. Mayoral candidate Jimmy McMillan will do just that. As a candidate I do understand why these laws began, and for the same reason it's time for it to end.

Please Note#

Jazz took this city by storm in the 1920's. since the majority of jazz clubs at the time were African-American-owned, the city decided to invoke onerous regulations designed to outlaw the perceived danger of **wild, rhythmic**, improvisational music and inter-racial dancing. Hundreds of African-American-owners businesses were shut down. The original laws required cabaret licenses for:

1. HORNS
2. DRUMS
3. DANCING
4. AND MUSIC COMBOS WITH MORE THAN THREE (3) MUSICIANS

In addition, the performers themselves were required to obtain licenses. Billy Holiday, and the late Lenny Bruce, was both denied their Cabaret Licenses in their days because of there "morality".

The law was clearly designed to restrict expression.

Time has moved forward, but we in this City are standing still. This law should have never been a law. After a number of "BARS" and "CLUBS" been fined and padlocked simply because they allowed their patrons to dance. Enough is enough.

Change is coming to New York

VOTE: Jimmy McMillan for MAYOR on November 3rd, 2009