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Resolution: Support of the Wine and Beer License Application of Astor Row Café LLC, for Astor Row Café located at 404 Malcolm X Blvd., New York, NY 10037.

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has jurisdiction to issue on-premises licenses according to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, and is responsible for enforcing those laws; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 10 reviews all new applications and offers guidance to the SLA about the potential impact of a license on public safety and quality of life in our District; and

WHEREAS, Community Boards, as part of their due diligence process, review an applicant's ownership and funding; floor plans of the proposed location, food and beverage to be served, operational aspects of the restaurant/bar or lounge, price points, employee hiring processes, employee wages and benefits, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Astor Row Café LLC is applying for a Wine and Beer License for the existing establishment known as "Astor Row Cafe" located at 404 Malcolm X Blvd., New York, NY 10037 (between 130-131st Streets, east side); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant's principal, Mr. Ramon Mercedes, appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on January 14, 2016 and presented the following information:

1. Mr. Mercedes has operated Astor Row Café as a coffee shop since February 2015.
2. Applicant has obtained a 5-year lease with a 2-year option to renew for the premises.
3. The establishment will accommodate 50 patrons at 11 tables with 5 seats at the bar.
4. The establishment will be open Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 1:00 am and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am to 1:00 am.
5. The establishment serves pastries, small plates, soups, salads, burgers and entrees priced at \$2.50 to \$12.00.

6. The restaurant will not provide any live music. It will provide recorded background music only.
7. The Applicant presently employ 12 people, including 2 cooks and 10 baristas. The Applicant plans to hire additional staff if it obtains its wine and beer license.
8. The Applicant has a record of hiring employees from the District, including interns from programs sponsored by the Abyssinian Church.
9. The Applicant works closely with Harlem Grown, purchasing greens from Harlem Grown and providing waste materials for composting. The Applicant allows local artists to display and promote their work in the restaurant.
10. The establishment's entryway, interior and restrooms are disabled and wheelchair accessible; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has provided a Petition in support of the application signed by 47 neighboring residents, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted 5-yes, 1-no, and 0-abstentions to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on February 3, 2016, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Astor Row Café LLC with a vote of 28 in favor, 3 opposed and 0 abstention.