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RESOLUTION Manhattan Community Board 10

RESOLUTION: To approve the Health & Fitness Citywide Text Amendment to reduce barriers for gyms, spas, and licensed massage therapists to open and operate businesses.

WHEREAS, New York City Department of City Planning (*hereafter known as "DCP"*) is seeking approval of the Health & Fitness Citywide Text Amendment (*hereafter known as "Health & Fitness Text Amendment"*) application, N210382ZRY, that will reduce barriers for gyms, spas, and licensed massage therapists to open and operate businesses; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s zoning regulations were created to address illicit, commercial activity in health clubs and massage parlors, the special permit verified the legitimacy of the operator using criminal background checks; and

WHEREAS, gyms, spas and massage therapy are now considered desirable community amenities; and

WHEREAS, a BSA special permit is required to open and operate most exercise and health-related businesses, restricts their location and can be costly and lengthy for small establishments; and

WHEREAS, removing the special permit requirement will help smaller independent businesses, assist with economic recovery from the pandemic in general, and add health amenities to neighborhoods throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, during the Land Use Committee meeting to review and discuss the Health & Fitness Text Amendment, the full board voted unanimously to approve and support.



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Manhattan Community Board 10 **APPROVES** application N210406ZRY, the Citywide Hotel Special Permit Text Amendment. During the June 17, 2021 General Board Meeting, the board voted **29 Yes 0 No 0 Abstention and 0 Recusal.**