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Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of Fizzle Tov LLC for “Gin Fizz” to be Located at 308 Lenox Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10027.

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 neighborhoods; 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, Fizzle Tov LLC is applying for a Liquor License for an proposed establishment to known as “Gin Fizz” located at 308 Lenox Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10027 (between 125 - 126th St., east side); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 10’s Economic Development Committee on December 10, 2015 and presented the following information:

1. The Applicant’s establishment Gin Fizz operates on the second floor of the subject premises. The restaurant Chez Lucienne is operated on the ground floor of the premises
2. Gin Fizz is a cocktail lounge and jazz music venue. Patrons can order food from the ground floor restaurant Chez Lucienne.
3. The Applicant’s principal, Mr. Alain Chevreux has managed Chez Lucienne since its inception. Chez Lucienne is controlled by an entity that is owned by Mr. Chevreux’s wife Nadine Chevreux. Mr. Chevreux also owns an interest in the licensed establishment La Marina on Dyckman Street and the Hudson River. Mr. Chevreux previously owned the French bistro Chazal on East 26th Street.

4. None of Mr. Bernstein's existing restaurants in the CB 10 District have been the subject of complaints or violations regarding alcohol service, noise, public safety or quality of life.
5. Applicant's current lease runs until 2024.
6. The restaurant will accommodate 38 seated patrons and 12 patrons at the bar.
7. Gin Fizz is open Tuesday to Thursday from 8:00 pm to 3:00 am, and Friday -- Saturday from 8:00 pm to 4:00 am. Gin Fizz is closed on Mondays.
8. The Applicant employs approximately 12 people: 2 managers, 3 waiters, 2 bussers and 2 bartenders. The majority of the establishment's staff are Harlem residents and applicant intends to continue to focus on hiring employees from the Community
9. The premises are not disabled and wheelchair accessible because it is located on the second floor and is accessible only via a stairway. The building owner has rejected the Applicant's request to have an elevator installed or to consider other means of making the second floor disabled accessible. The building owner has stated that she does not have funds available to make any such renovations and that she is planning to sell the building. If the building is sole, the Applicant intends to request that the new owner undertake appropriate alterations.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted a letter of support from the Corner Social, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted petitions of support signed by adjoining residents, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted 7-yes, 2-no, and 0 abstentions to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on January 6, 2016, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Fizzle Tov LLC with a vote of 23 in favor, 6 opposed and 0 abstention.