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Resolution: Support of Renewal of the Wine and Beer License Application of Painting Lounge LLC for the establishment located at 15 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10026.

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 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, Painting Lounge LLC is applying for renewal of its Wine and Beer License for the Painting Lounge located at 15 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10026 (between Fifth Avenue and Lenox/Malcolm X Blvd., north side); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on April 23, 2019 and presented the following information:

1. Painting Lounge LLC is solely owned by Kevin Tarasuk. Mr. Tarasuk holds three other Wine and Beer licenses at Painting Lounge establishments located respectively on West 14th Street and West 38th Street in Manhattan and Union Avenue in Brooklyn.
2. The Painting Lounge establishments are known as "paint and sip" businesses where customers take painting lessons in small groups in a studio. Customers are permitted to bring their own wine or beer. The applicant has not and does not currently intend to sell alcohol at the premises.
3. The establishment will not have a kitchen, but serves heated meals such as Stoffer's Swedish Meatballs, Lasagna, Mac and Cheese, etc. The establishment will have a "bar" where the food will be served, but there will be no seating at the bar.

4. Applicant has obtained a 10-year lease for the premises, with eight years remaining on the list. The premises are 1,600 square feet with a certificate of occupancy of 48 patrons.
5. The fee for a standard 2-hour class is \$50, but the Applicant often runs sales where classes are discounted by 20 – 40%. For customer-arranged private classes of a certain size the fee is reduced to \$35. The Applicant has worked with schools such as Promise Academy, Harlem Children's Zone and Title 1 public schools across the city for as little as \$15 per student
6. The establishment is open from 1 pm to 12 midnight. The last class usually starts at 9 pm. Painting classes typically run from 2 – 4 hours.
7. The establishment requires that children under the age of 16 be accompanied by a guardian. Consumption of wine or beer is limited to patrons over the age of 21. Employees are trained to check photo IDs, monitor customer alcohol consumption and identify any instances of excessive consumption or patrons who appear to have consumed excessive alcohol prior to arriving. Disorderly or intoxicated patrons are required to leave the premises and will be required to call for a driver or taxi.
8. The restaurant does not provide any live music.
9. The Applicant employs 30 part-time art instructors who split their time between the art studios. Six to eight employees live in the Harlem Community.
10. The Applicant will strive to hire residents from the local community. The Applicant has already identified several teachers and managers who live in Harlem.
11. The Applicant plans to make the premises available for fundraisers and other uses by Community organizations, including field trips from local elementary and high schools.
12. The establishment's entry, interior and restrooms disabled and wheelchair accessible; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant originally provided petitions of support signed by over 200 residents of Harlem, which includes over 40 signatures from residents of the block on which the establishment will be located.

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted 6-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstentions to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on May 1, 2019, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Wine and Beer License application of Painting Lounge LLC with a vote of 22 in favor, 10 opposed and 3 abstentions.