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**Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of Seasoned Vegan LLC for an existing establishment located at 55 St. Nicholas Avenue, 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 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**, Seasoned Vegan LLC is applying for a Wine and Beer License for an existing establishment known as "Seasoned Vegan" located at 55 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, NY 10026 (SW corner of 113th Street); and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant's principals Brenda Beener and Aaron Beener appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on September 10, 2015 and presented the following information:

1. Brenda Beener and her son Aaron Beener are residents of the CB 10 District. They have been operating Seasoned Vegan for over one year.
2. Applicant has 6 years remaining on its lease for the premises.
3. The restaurant accommodates 49 patrons.
4. The restaurant is a full service vegan restaurant. The price points are appetizers from \$5.00 - \$12.00, entrees from \$11.00 - \$18.50, and smoothies from \$7.00 - \$9.00. Beer prices will be \$5.00 - \$9.00 and wine prices will be \$7.00 - \$9.00 per glass.

5. The restaurant will be open Monday – Thursday from 5:00 pm to midnight, Saturday from 11:00 am to 2:00 am and Sunday from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. The restaurant provides take-out and delivery service.
6. The restaurant will not provide any live music. It will provide recorded background music only.
7. The Applicant plans to employ approximately 33 people, including cooks, juicers, dishwashers, delivery persons, expeditors and managers. The applicant will attempt to provide full benefits to its employees.
8. The premises has handicapped and wheelchair accessible entranceways, interiors and restrooms.
9. The Applicant intends to continue its current policy of hiring employees from the District, and has employed over a dozen District residents during the past year.
10. The Applicant has been active in the local BID and other community activities at its location in Brooklyn, and the principals intend to establish similar connections in the Harlem community.

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has submitted letters of support from the Harlem Community Development Corporation, Harlem Park to Park, NYC Business Solutions and City National Bank, and a petition of support signed by 11 area businesses and 75 area residents and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee voted 10-yes, 0-no, and 0 abstentions to support this application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on October 7, 2015, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Seasoned Vegan LLC with a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstention.