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**Resolution: Support of a New Liquor License Application for Mess Hall LLC d/b/a Mess Hall, located at 2194 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10027.**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has the jurisdiction to issue on-premise 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**, Manhattan Community Board 10, as part of its due diligence process, reviews an applicant's proposed methods of operations for the subject restaurant/bar or lounge, price points, employee hiring processes, employee wages and benefits, and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Mess Hall LLC is applying for a Liquor License for an establishment to be known as Mess Hall, located at 2194 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10027, between 118 - 119 Streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on November 13, 2017 and presented the following information;

1. The principals of Mess Hall, LLC are Mr. Aaron Baird and Ms. Karen Cantor. Mr. Baird currently is an owner of Lenox Coffee on West 129<sup>th</sup> Street (which is the holder of a Wine and Beer License), and Ms. Cantor currently is an owner of The Chipped Cup, a coffee shop on Broadway and West 149<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. The Applicant will operate a restaurant pub-style restaurant featuring food selections such as salads, sandwiches and burgers. Price points for food will be between \$8.00 - \$10.00. The principals have also leased the next-door commercial space where they will operate a coffee shop to be known as "Bearded Lady Espresso."
3. The Applicant has secured a 10-year lease with a 5-year renewal option for the premises.

4. The restaurant's hours will be 4:00 pm to 2:00 am on weekdays and 4:00 pm to 4:00 am on weekends.
5. The restaurant will have an indoor area of 700 square feet and a small back yard area. It will accommodate 30 customers indoors and 18 customers in the yard.
6. The restaurant will be handicapped accessible. The entryway is at street level, and all doorways and rest rooms will be wheelchair accessible.
7. The restaurant will provide recorded background music and occasional live jazz.
8. Applicant intends to hire 12 employees at the outset. Compensation will be: 2 Bar Managers/Bartenders @ \$10 per hour; 2 Servers/Secondary Bartenders @ \$5 per hour plus tips; 2 Bartending Waitstaff @ \$5 per hour plus tips; 4 Prep/Cook Staff @ \$7.25 per hour and 2 Runners/Bussers @\$7.25 per hour. Beers will be priced at approximately \$6.50 and cocktails priced at \$8.00 to \$10.00.
9. Staff will be trained in alcohol service procedures and bar staff will be required to obtain *ServSafe* alcohol certification. Staff will be required to take NYC's Food Protection Course and will be trained to maintain a clean environment.
10. Applicant intends to hire employees from the Harlem Community. At the principals other two Harlem establishments 100% of the current employees reside in Harlem and from within Ennis Frances Houses itself. Applicant has already collected resumes from local residents and will work with Abyssinian Development Corporation and the Wadley School to locate qualified local employees.

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has submitted a petitions of support signed by numerous neighboring residents, including most of those residing within the subject building of Ennis Frances Houses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has submitted five letters of support from community organizations and neighboring businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee on November 13, 2013 voted 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstention to support this application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on December 4, 2013, Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Mess Hall LLC with a vote of 20 in favor, 5 opposed and 0 abstention.