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Resolution: Support of the Wine and Beer Application of El Yassamine Inc., d/b/a Zoe Café, for Premises located at 201 West 121st Street, New York, NY 10027.

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has jurisdiction to issue on-premise licenses according to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) 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, applicant El Yassamine Inc. is applying for a Wine and Beer License for an existing establishment operating under the name Zoe Café located at 201 West 121st Street (NW Corner of Frederick Douglass Blvd.), New York, NY 10026; and

WHEREAS, Ousmane Keita and Wolfgang Pollok are the owners of OKCP LLC; and

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on April 11, 2013 and presented the following information;

1. Mr. Keita and Pollok are the owners of Bier International Frederick Douglass Boulevard where they hold a Wine and Beer License and an Outdoor Café License. The owners previously held a liquor license for 10 years at LG Lounge on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.
2. Frederick Café currently operates seven days a week from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, but the owners intend to extend the hours until 11:00 pm if they obtain a Wine and Beer license.

3. The establishment's total floor plan is 800 square feet. The Applicant holds a lease on the premises through November 2021.
4. Frederick Café serves light fare, including breads and pastries, fruit and yoghurt and sandwiches. Food items are priced from \$2.00 to \$8.00.
5. The restaurant will be handicapped accessible with a ground-level, barrier-free wheelchair accessible front entrance and seating area and wheelchair accessible restrooms.
6. Frederick Café does not provide entertainment and only provides light background music through a sound system. The owners have sound-proofed the ceiling and removed speakers from the ceiling.
7. The establishment employs 5 workers who are paid in excess of minimum wage. The Applicant hire qualified barristas or persons with food preparation and food handling experience. The applicant has an established record of hiring from the local community at their two establishments within this District.
8. The owners will hire licensed security personnel if needed, and they have hired licensed security guards in the past at their other establishments.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted a petition of support for his proposed restaurant signed by 46 residential neighbors and 6 neighboring business; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee on April 11, 2013 voted 14-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstentions to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on May 1, 2013 the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of OKCP LLC with a vote of **29** in favor, **8** opposed and **0** abstentions.