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Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of GFE Café Associates for “Savann”, located at 2280 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, 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, GFE Café Associates is applying for a Liquor License for an establishment to be known as “Savann” located at 2280 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, New York, NY 10027; and

WHEREAS, Galit Ozbek is the sole owner of GFE Café Associates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ozbek appeared on the Applicant’s behalf before Community Board 10’s Economic Development Committee on February 14, 2013 and presented the following information;

1. Mr. Ozbek is the former owner of the former Savann Restaurant on Amsterdam Avenue and 80th Street.
2. The proposed new establishment will be a casual restaurant serving authentic Mediterranean cuisine.
3. There will be no entertainment or live music. There will be light background music only.

4. The restaurant is expected to create 12 – 15 new employment opportunities, and the Applicant will work with Workforce 1 to assist in hiring local community residents.
5. The restaurant's price points will be \$6.00 - \$9.00 for salads and appetizers, \$7.00 - \$9.00 for sandwiches, and \$14.00 - \$20.00 for entrees.
6. The restaurant will consist of a dining section and a bar section, with a total of 2,500 square feet. The dining area will seat 70 patrons and there will be 6 seats at the bar.
7. The restaurant will be open seven days a week from 10:00 am to 12:00 midnight.
8. The restaurant will be handicapped accessible with a ground-level, wheelchair accessible front entrance and two wheelchair accessible bathrooms.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted a petition of support for his proposed restaurant signed by 20 neighboring residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee on January 10, 2013 voted 10-yes, 0-no, and 2-abstentions to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on March 6, 2013 the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Mr. Galit Ozbek with a vote of 21 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstention.