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**Resolution: Support of the Wine and Beer License Application of Podo Inc. for a new establishment to be located at 350 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027.**

**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**, Podo Inc. is applying for a Liquor License for a new establishment to be called **Yuzu** located at 350 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027 (between 127<sup>th</sup> – 128<sup>th</sup> Streets, east side); and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant's principals, Oh Young Kwon and Tomoyuki Hayashi, appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on February 12, 2015 and presented the following information:

1. Oh Young Kwon and Tomoyuki Hayashi are the sole owners of Podo Inc.
2. The Applicant intends to operate a Japanese/Sushi restaurant serving beer, wine and sake (Japanese wine).
3. Applicant has obtained a 10-year lease for the premises.
4. The establishment will accommodate 36 patrons in total, with 24 seated at tables and 11 seats at a sushi bar.
5. The restaurant will be open seven days, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm.

6. The restaurant will not provide any live entertainment and will only provide recorded background music.
7. The restaurant's price points will be \$5.00 - \$17.00 for appetizers; sashimi, sushi and rolls from \$4.00 - \$12.00; beer from \$5.00 - \$6.00, sake from \$8.00 - \$12.00 per glass and \$60.00 - \$80.00 per bottle; and wine \$10.00 per glass and \$40.00 - \$80.00 per bottle.
8. The Applicant plans to employ 9 people, including 2 sushi chefs, 2 kitchen workers and 4 waitstaff.
9. Applicant intends to hire its employees from the Community and will work with Upper Manhattan Workforce 1 in this regard. Applicant hopes to train local employees in the art of sushi preparation.
10. The establishment will have handicapped and wheelchair accessible entryways, and bathrooms.

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has submitted a petition of support signed by 8 neighbors and area businesses;

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee voted 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstentions to support this application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on April 1, 2015, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Podo Inc. with a vote of **31** in favor, **5** opposed and **0** abstention.