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Resolution: Support of the Wine and Beer License Application of Soha 118 Food Ventures, LLC, d/b/a “Harlem Pizza Co.”, located at 135 West 116th Street, 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, Soha 118 Food Ventures, LLC is applying for a Wine and Beer License for the existing establishment known as Harlem Pizza Co. located at 135 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10026 (between Lenox Avenue and Adam Clayton Powell Blvd., north side); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s principals, Mr. Alper Uyanik and Ms. Jeannie Uyanik, appeared before Community Board 10’s Economic Development Committee on December 11, 2014 and presented the following information:

1. Soha 118 Food Ventures, LLC is owned by Ms. Jeannie Uyanik, who has 10 years experience in the hospitality industry. Mr. Uyanik also has many years experience in the restaurant business. The principals are residents of our District.
2. Harlem Pizza Co. will serve pizzas, calzones, paninis and salads. It will also provide delivery service in the neighborhood.
3. Price points are \$9.00 for salads, \$11.00 to \$18.00 for customized pizzas, and \$8.00 to \$12.00 for paninis.
4. Applicant has obtained a 10-year lease for the premises.

5. The premises are approximately 650 square feet and will accommodate 16 patrons.
6. The restaurant will be open seven days, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm Monday to Saturday and 11:00 am to 8:00 pm on Sunday.
7. The restaurant will not provide any live music or entertainment, other than recorded background music.
8. The Applicant plans to employ 7 people who will be paid \$8.00 to \$12.00 per hour. The head chef will be paid a base salary based on experience. The two current employees are Harlem residents, and the Applicant intends to continue to hire from the Community.
9. The establishment has handicapped and wheelchair accessible entryways, dining areas and bathrooms.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted letters of support from neighboring residents, business owners and the nearby Canaan Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted 8-yes, 2-no, and 1-abstention to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on January 7, 2015 the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Soha 118 Food Ventures, LLC with a vote of 24 in favor, 5 opposed and 0 abstention.