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Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of YouDigJazz LLC for a new establishment to be located at 2267 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd., 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, YouDigJazz LLC is applying for a Liquor License for a new establishment to be called **Cassandra's Jazz Club & Gallery** located at 2267 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10027 (between 132nd – 133rd Streets, west side); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant's principals, Dr. L. Dwight Dickerson and his wife Cassandra Storey-Dickerson, appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on February 12, 2015 and presented the following information:

1. Dr. and Mrs. Dickerson are the sole owners of YouDigJazz LLC.
2. Dr. and Mrs. Dickerson reside in Harlem, two blocks from the proposed premises. They have a long history of professional involvement with jazz music and booking.
3. Applicant's proposed new establishment will be located in the premises formerly occupied by PJ's. Bar food will be prepared off-premises.
4. Applicant has obtained a 5-year lease with a 5-year option for the premises.
5. The establishment will accommodate 69 patrons.

6. The restaurant will be open six days, from 5:00 pm to 1:00 am Monday to Saturday. Closed on Sunday.
7. The restaurant will provide any live jazz performances by musicians from the Community and the NYC area. There will be no DJs.
8. The restaurant's price points will be \$7.00 - \$10.00 for food, \$6.00 - \$9.00 for beer and \$8.00 - \$10.00 for cocktails.
9. The Applicant plans to employ 12 people, including the principals. Jazz musicians will be contracted on a nightly or weekly basis. Applicant intends to hire entirely from the Community.
10. Applicant will pay a General Manager and an Assistant General Manager \$54,000 annually, a Music Director \$42,000 annually and a Director of Security \$32,000 annually. Bartenders, wait staff, janitors and security personnel will earn \$14,000 - \$20,000 annually.
11. The restaurant will have an ADT camera and security system installed and they will hire off-duty police as security. Applicant has had discussions with the 32nd Precinct regarding security issues.
12. The establishment will have handicapped and wheelchair accessible entryways, and bathrooms.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted letters of support from the Harlem Community Development Corporation and from six local businesses, and a petition of support signed by 54 neighbors and area residents; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted 7-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstention to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on March 4, 2015, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of YouDigJazz LLC with a vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.