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February 28th, 2017

Hon. Vincent G. Bradley
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Sushi Vida Inc. dba MamaSushi

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of [26] in favor, [3] opposed, [0] abstain **not objecting** to the renewal application of On-Premises Liquor license for Sushi Vida Inc. dba MamaSushi – 237 Dyckman St, New York, NY 10034 by the NYS Liquor Authority

Whereas, Sushi Vida Inc. dba MamaSushi – 237 Dyckman St, (corner of Seaman Ave) New York, NY 10034, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on February 8, 2017 to hear comments from the community and the precinct regarding the establishment's renewal application; and

Whereas, the restaurant operates with 42 tables, 92 chairs and 10 bar stools indoors and a sidewalk café with 24 tables and 48 chairs. Hours of operation Monday – Wednesday 12PM to 1AM, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 12PM to 4AM, and Thursday 12PM to 3AM; and

Whereas, per the owner, the restaurant's legal capacity is 113 persons and the establishment's method of operation includes DJ, Karaoke and background music; and

Whereas, the restaurant is on the street level of a six (6) story residential building with 74 units (R7-2 with C1-4 commercial overlay and no on-site parking), and is within 500 feet of three (3) or more On-Premises Liquor licenses; and

Whereas, Moving Forward Unidos, a local community organization and the Lower Seaman Tenants Association commended MamaSushi as this was originally a problematic venue. It has transformed into a true restaurant and does not disturb neighbors living above and in close proximity to the establishment. The organizations commended the restaurant for hosting community events and would like to see this type of relationship between the owner and its neighbors continue; and

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Whereas, the owner is always available to address neighbor's concerns and the neighbors are very happy with improvements the establishment made including showing residents the soundproofing installation; therefore, be it

Resolved that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Does Not Object** to this renewal application of On-Premises Liquor License by the New York State Liquor Authority

Sincerely



Shahab Udeen A. Ali, Esq.
Chairperson

cc:	Hon. Greeley T. Ford, Commissioner	Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman
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Re: El Gran Valle IV Restaurant Inc.

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of [22] in favor, [7] opposed, [0] abstain **not objecting** to the renewal application of Restaurant Wine License for El Gran Valle IV Restaurant Inc. – 1944 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10032 by the NYS Liquor Authority

Whereas, El Gran Valle IV Restaurant Inc. – 1944 Amsterdam Ave, (bet. W 156 & W 157 St.'s) New York, NY 10032, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on February 8, 2017 to hear comments from the community and the precinct regarding the establishment's renewal application; and

Whereas, the restaurant operates with 8 tables and 26 chairs, hours of operation Sunday to Thursday 7AM to 12AM and Friday & Saturday 7AM to 1AM; and

Whereas, per the establishment's representative, the restaurant's legal capacity is 30 persons and the method of operation includes recorded music; and

Whereas, the restaurant is on street level of a six (6) story residential building with 22 units (R7-2 with C2-4 Commercial Overlay); and

Whereas, Community Board 12 Manhattan members received a complaint from one of the residents in the building above the restaurant for excessive noise from speakers facing the street, DJ, and hookah smoking in the establishment; and

Whereas, the current owner uses a DJ and advertises karaoke which is not declared on his license application (New York State Liquor Authority Standard Notice Form p.# 2 q.# 15). Applicant claims that he addressed the noise issues; and

Whereas, applicant confirmed that Karaoke and DJ are not part of the establishment's Method of Operation per the New York State Liquor Authority Standard Notice Form application. Considering the problems presented to the Committee, relying solely on the applicant's statement that there is no DJ or karaoke now in use is not reassuring; and

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Whereas, there are concerns for neighbors living around the establishment and that the owner does not know what is occurring in the establishment is disturbing; and

Whereas, the applicant previously agreed to stipulations that included a sound limiter but did not install one; and

Whereas, the owner did not demonstrate to the community that he follows the stipulations he agreed to in his previous review; and

Whereas, the applicant agreed to the following stipulations in writing:

- No DJ
- No Karaoke
- No live music
- Installation of soundproofing
- Proof of installation of sound governor; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Does Not Object** to this renewal application of Restaurant Wine License with the specified stipulations by the New York State Liquor Authority

Sincerely,



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Re: La Essencia Restaurant Inc.

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of [27] in favor, [2] opposed, [0] abstain **not objecting** to the renewal application of Restaurant Wine License for La Essencia Restaurant Inc. – 5085 Broadway, New York, NY 10034 by the NYS Liquor Authority

Whereas, La Essencia Restaurant Inc. – 5085 Broadway, (bet W 216th & W 218th Sts.) New York, NY 10034, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on February 8, 2017 to hear comments from the community and the precinct regarding the establishment's renewal application; and

Whereas, the restaurant operates with 8 tables, 16 chairs and 6 counter seats, hours of operation Monday to Sunday 8AM to 2AM; and


Whereas, per the establishment's representative, the restaurant's legal capacity is 70 persons and the method of operation includes recorded background music; and

Whereas, the restaurant is on street level of a five (5) story residential building with 23 unites (C8-3); and

Whereas, the owner or manager will be on site during hours of operation; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Does Not Object** to this renewal application for Restaurant Wine License by the New York State Liquor Authority

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Re: Anchor Heights LLC dba Anchor Wine Bar

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of [23] in favor, [5] opposed, [1] abstain **not objecting** to the Class Change application from Restaurant Wine to On-Premises Liquor license for Anchor Heights LLC dba Anchor Wine Bar – 575 W 207th St, New York, NY 10034 by the NYS Liquor Authority

Whereas, Anchor Heights LLC dba Anchor Wine Bar – 575 W 207th St, (corner of Vermilyea Ave) New York, NY 10034, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for Class Change from Restaurant Wine to On – Premises Liquor license; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on February 8, 2017 to hear comments from the community and the precinct regarding the establishment's Class Change application; and

Whereas, the restaurant operates with 11 tables and 47 chairs, hours of operation Sunday to Thursday 10AM to 1AM, Friday & Saturday 10AM to 2AM; and

Whereas, per the establishment's representative, the restaurant's legal capacity is 70 persons and the method of operation includes recorded music; and

Whereas, the restaurant is on street level of a five (5) story residential building with 32 units (R7-2 with Commercial Overlay C1-4 with no on-site parking) and is within 500 feet of three (3) or more On-Premises Liquor licenses; and

Whereas, the 34th Precinct stated that there is currently no history of violence and/or enforcement at the location. But this license is fairly new. The type of crowd that is attracted to a location with a full liquor license tends to be different than just beer and wine. There is already a high concentration of full liquor license establishments on that highly congested block. Double parking and extended hours may be an issue. Security concerns are always high with a full liquor license establishment; and

Whereas, the owner or manager will be on site during hours of operation and its Department Of Health Restaurant Grade as of December 15, 2016 is "A"; and

Whereas, the applicant agreed to meet with the 34th Precinct to address their potential concerns; and

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Whereas, Moving Forward Unidos, a local community organization, stated that this establishment is an asset to the neighborhood, no noise complaints from residents; and

Whereas, Inwood Preservation, another local community organization, stated that this is a small place and a real restaurant; and

Whereas, Community Board member Osi Kaminer stated that it is a small restaurant and has been in business for 6 months with no issues. The establishment has proved that it is a legitimate restaurant; and

Whereas, Community Board member Gerard Dengel stated that this is a nice civilized place; and

Whereas, the owner stated that they would address any concerns from residents whenever they arise; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Does Not Object** to this Class Change application from Restaurant Wine to On-Premises Liquor License by the New York State Liquor Authority

Sincerely,



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Re: Sazon Y Mas Restaurant & Bar Inc.

Dear Chairman Bradley:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of [29] in favor, [0] opposed, [0] abstain **objecting** to the Class Change application from Restaurant Wine to Eating Place Beer for Sazon Y Mas Restaurant & Bar Inc. – 4193 Broadway New York, NY 10033 by the NYS Liquor Authority

Whereas, Sazon Y Mas Restaurant & Bar Inc. – 4193 Broadway (corner of 178th Street) New York, NY 10033, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for Class Change from Restaurant Wine to Eating Place Beer license; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on February 8, 2017 to hear comments from the community and the precinct regarding the establishment's Class Change application but the owner or representative were not present to answer questions; and

Whereas, the owner did not submit a request to withdraw the application review nor did he contact the Community Board office to advise of such action via phone or electronic messaging; and

Whereas, in his application, the owner stated that his establishment is not within 500 feet of any other On – Premises Liquor license establishments (Advanced Notice Form q. # 19). However, the SLA GIA map detected four (4) such licenses; and

Whereas, the owner may or may not have submitted a Class Change application to the New York State Liquor Authority for review of the license (#1296893) prior to Community Board 12's review of the application; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan **Recommends Denial** of the Class Change application from Restaurant Wine to Eating Place Beer license by the New York State Liquor Authority

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