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July 23, 2019

Director Licensing Issuance Division NY State Liquor Authority 317 Lenox Avenue New York, New York 10027

Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

1. K&K Grand Corp., d/b/a SoHo Thai, 141 Grand St. 10013 (OP – Restaurant | Corporate Transfer)

**i.** Whereas, applicant appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for a corporate change to the existing restaurant wine license (SN 1278344) for their Thai cuisine restaurant located in a M1-5B zoned for-story, mixed-use 1920 building on Grand Street between Lafayette and Crosby Streets (block #233/ lot #12) in the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission designated SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District; and,

**ii.** Whereas, the interior 1-story premises are 1,350 sq. ft., and has a total of 15 tables with 46 seats and one service bar (no seats); and applicant has Letter of No Objection to use the space as a food and drinking establishment from the NYC Department of Buildings; and,

**iii.** Whereas, the applicant signed and notarized a new stipulations agreement with CB2, Man. incorporating these commitments and previous stipulations, which includes the following:

- 1. Premise will be advertised and operated as a Thai cuisine restaurant.
- 2. The hours of operation will be: 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m Sunday-Thursday, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m Friday and Saturday. No patrons will remain after stated closing time.
- 3. Will operate full service restaurant, specifically a Thai restaurant, with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.
- 4. Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.

- 5. Will not have televisions.
- 6. Will not operate a backyard garden or <u>any</u> outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including licensed sidewalk café).
- 7. Will not have sidewalk café now or in the future.
- 8. Will play quiet ambient, recorded background music only. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences anytime.
- 9. Will close <u>all</u> doors & windows at 9 p.m. every night <u>and</u> anytime there is amplified music, live music or a DJ.
- 10. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows, or open façades.
- 11. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning.
- 12. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 13. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food & drink specials. Will not have "boozy brunches." No pitchers of beer.
- 14. There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine products.
- 15. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 16. Will not have: Dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, security personnel/door staff.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the Restaurant Wine license for K&K Grand Corp., d/b/a SoHo Thai, 141 Grand St. 10013, <u>unless</u> the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA License.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

2. Marie Adrienne, LLC d/b/a The Ship, 158 Lafayette St. 10013 (OP – Cocktail Bar/Tavern | Alteration)

**i.** Whereas, applicant and attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for an alteration to the existing on premise license (SN 1301319) for their cocktail lounge located in a M1-5B zoned five-story 1915 commercial building on Lafayette Street between Grand and Howard Streets (block #233/lot #17); and,

**ii.** Whereas, the interior two-story premises is 2,730 sq. ft., with 980 sq. ft. on the ground floor and 1,750 sq. ft., no floor plan was provided for the ground floor; and is said to have 13 tables with 56 seats and one (1) bar with seven (7) seats, for a total of 63 seats, but this could not be verified by the floor plans provided, which, though incomplete, appear to show differently; and, there is no sidewalk café; and total occupancy is 137; and applicant has a Certificate of Occupancy and necessary Public Assembly Permit; and,

**iii.** Whereas, applicant is seeking an alteration to extend the operating hours from the current 5 PM to 1 AM on school nights (Sunday-Thursday) and 6PM to 3 AM on weekends (Friday & Saturday) to a proposed 5 PM to 4 AM, seven (7) days a week; and, further, to add DJs to the method of operation; and,

**iv.** Whereas, applicant voluntarily confessed that since taking control of operations, he has routinely violated his existing stipulation not to have DJs or entertainment level music; and, said stipulation that was integral to the asserted character and method of operation that persuaded the Community Board to support the granting of a license in the first place; and,

v. Whereas, under questioning it also emerged that the applicant has been violating current licensed serving hours, providing private party events with alcohol service before the stipulated 5 PM opening hour; the applicant having advertised such events on the Internet and then described in detail to the committee what was characterized by the applicant as "a number" of such events; and,

vi. Whereas, applicant also asserted that the establishment regularly accommodated crowds of sizes that proved, upon referencing of the Certificate of Occupancy, in excess of maximum legally allowed numbers of persons, creating legitimate concerns about public safety; and,

vii. Whereas, the applicant proactively denied any financial hardship resulting from current hours and instead asserted that his motivation for seeking later hours was to accommodate large numbers of current patrons at last call and the large number of potential late night patrons being forced to leave other drinking establishments when they close; and further asserted a public benefit resulting from his removal from the street of inebriated people leaving other serving establishments via their arrival at his premises; and, Internet searches of social media tools did not support his contention that his establishment was crowded at current closing hours; and,

**viii. Whereas,** the current hours are late for the neighborhood and were only supported by CB2, Man. as part of a package concept of a low-key, high-end, soft music, conversation focused experience where people sipped responsibly; and, such a method of operation having been proposed by applicants (the previous owners) with an established track record of integrity, responsible, professional operations, and community responsiveness; and, 4AM hours are not consistent with this concept; and, both DJs and entertainment level music are anathema to the previously presented concept; and,

**ix. Whereas,** the current applicant's record in the community could not be more different; applicant is a principle with significant ownership of the "No Fun Bar" (SN 1254662) at 161 Ludlow Street, a premises notorious for its detrimental quality of life impact on local residents and businesses, and its hostile relationship with community groups; that has been reported in the press as having "a brawl breaking out in front of the bar," and being "part of" creating a street atmosphere of "drunken crowds and crime on weekend nights," in the vicinity; and, the media reported in May 2018 that a 25-year old patron died in hospital shortly after collapsing on the premises from too much alcohol and alleged cocaine use; and,

**x. Whereas,** the applicant did not volunteer their ownership in "No Fun Bar," and when asked, first minimized it and denied being a principal, and, upon being presented with State Liquor Authority documents to the contrary disputed their accuracy and then gave conflicting and shifting accounts of what percentage of the business he currently owned before asserting that, notwithstanding being a principal in the "No Fun Bar," he should not be held responsible for the way it operated or met its legal obligations under the NYS liquor law because he was not involved in day-to-day management; and,

**xi.** Whereas, the applicant did not engage in any noticeable community outreach or engagement before appearing; and, representatives from local community resident associations appeared before the committee to oppose the granting of the alteration because they felt the proposed 4AM close was much too late for the neighborhood and would lead to a serious deterioration of the quality of life; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the on-premises license for **Marie Adrienne**, LLC d/b/a The Ship, 158 Lafayette St. 10013, on its application seeking an on-premise liquor license; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should this application be considered by the SLA, CB2, Man, respectfully requests that this item be Calendared to appear before the Full Board of the SLA.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

**3. 153 Elizabeth Street Hotel, LLC d/b/a Nolitan Hotel, 30 Kenmare St. 10012** (On Premise – Hotel/Restaurant | Alteration to license to add exterior rooftop lounge)

**i.** Whereas, applicant and attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for an alteration to their existing On Premise liquor license (SN 1232135) to allow service in a rooftop lounge located atop a C6-1 zoned 9-story, 2011 hotel building on Elizabeth Street between Kenmare and Broome Streets (block #479/lot #29—Building is also known as 30 Kenmare Street) in the NYC Department of Planning designated Special Little Italy District; and,

**ii.** Whereas, the proposed rooftop premises are 1,871 sq. ft., with 2,000 sq. ft., and would have a total of 25 tables with 96 seats and one service bar (NO seats, service only); and the proposed occupancy is 120; and applicant does not currently have a valid Certificate of Occupancy or Public Assembly Permit for the space, but intends to file for same; and, there was no evidence to suggest obtaining that such permits could be difficult; and,

**iii. Whereas,** meeting with the Bowery alliance of Neighbors, applicant sought hours closing at 11PM, seating through reservations only, a limit of one special event per month, and professional certification that background music "will not escape the rooftop area," and to end music at 10PM; and, applicant further offered to reduce patron capacity to 80 seats from the planned 96; and,

**iv. Whereas,** applicant further committed to a number of stipulations standard and customary for restaurants and hotels in CB2, Man. such as eschewing promoted events, scheduled performance, live music, DJs, pub crawls, sidewalk queueing, no outdoor heaters, etc.; and,

v. Whereas, applicant affirms that they undertook a professional community outreach effort, including meetings with local elected officials and four local community organizations representing residents and businesses, and presented form letters from 29 people, most of them from the immediate neighborhood, attesting to their good character and supporting in general terms the idea of a rooftop bar at 153 Elizabeth Street; and, a petition with 270 unverified signatures, mostly from the surrounding or adjoining neighborhoods, supporting the license application was also presented; and,

vi. Whereas, notwithstanding applicant's assertions, a number of local residents, some prominent in the neighborhood, appeared at the meeting to dispute the substance of applicant's community outreach effort and expressed strong opposition to the application; and, asserted that large numbers of local parents would have appeared in opposition if the hearing had not been held during the summer recess and prime vacation time; and,

vii. Whereas, applicant plans to install a professional sound amplification system with an extensive network of 16 speakers on the rooftop premises, creating the ability to generate quite a large volume of sound; and, when questioned about the specific nature of their commitment to prevent sound from "escaping the rooftop area," applicants representatives explained that they did expect sound to be audible in nearby residents, but to be no louder than other sources of noise such as the street traffic; and,

**viii. Whereas,** members of the community expressed skepticism that sounds coming from an open rooftop could be contained in any event—stating that they can currently hear noise from an existing hotel rooftop bar some ten blocks away; and, applicant's confidence that sound impact on nearby residences would negligible was further belied by applicant's intent to put a 6' glass partition wall along one side of the roof to shield patrons traffic noise; and, in response to community concerns, applicant offered to forgo music altogether on the rooftop; and,

**ix. Whereas,** a brand new residential tower has recently been completed at 152 Elizabeth, across the narrow street from the proposed rooftop premises and is increasingly occupied, and applicant stated that they had reached out only to the tower developer but not the new residents or new owners who have purchased units and expect to move in over the next few months; and,

**x. Whereas,** directly adjacent to the proposed premises to the South and West are Old Law tenements mostly with unimproved, single pane windows, that neighbors said was mostly occupied by vulnerable populations of non-English speaking citizens; and those tenements have windows that face the back courtyard shared with the hotel and are likely to hear noise flowing down from the rooftop premises; and,

**xi.** Whereas, suggestions that noise impacts for neighbors could be mitigated by extending the proposed 6' glass partition all the way around the space was not taken up by the applicant; and, in any event, neighbors and the committee were skeptical that such a measure would be adequate to protect neighbors from the noise; and,

**xii.** Whereas, the rooftop has no kitchen facilities and the only access to the roof top space is through either of two public elevators, and applicant proposes to use these elevators, shared by and accessible to guests and the public for moving food prepared on the ground floor up to the roof top restaurant, and garbage down the same way; and, such arrangements appear to be impractical and raise a number of food safety and hygiene concerns and increase the risk that, as a result of such difficulties, the roof top space will evolve to be more focused on alcohol and less on food; and,

**xiii. Whereas,** the applicant stipulated to CB2, Man. in July 2009 that "they would not seek a rooftop On Premise license;" and, CB support of an On Premise license for the hotel, the lobby lounge, and the second floor—as well as subsequent support for licensing of their sidewalk café—was contingent on this commitment; and,

**xiv. Whereas,** the committee heard from a number of sources that the applicant routinely violates the current stipulations on their sidewalk café, habitually expanding the foot print beyond the legally authorized despite the long effort the community put into trying to ensure that such encroachment didn't happen on the narrow street; and,

**xv. Whereas,** the committee heard in person testimony opposing the application from seven local residents who primarily expressed concerns about noise; and, testimony in support of the application from one local resident and one commuter who works in the nearby, who both felt that the proposed rooftop addition would quickly become a desirable destination location, bringing more patrons to the neighborhood; and, the committee found all the community members civil, helpful, and credible;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the on-premises license for **153 Elizabeth Street Hotel, LLC d/b/a Nolitan Hotel, 30 Kenmare St. 10012,** on its application seeking an on-premise liquor license; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should this application be considered by the SLA, CB#2, Man, respectfully requests that this item be Calendared to appear before the Full Board of the SLA.

Vote: Passed, with 34 Board members in favor, and 1 recusal (M. Metzger).



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

#### 4. Le An Hospitality, Inc. d/b/a Sage Collective, 398 Broome St. 10013 (Tavern Wine – Café)

**i.** Whereas, applicant appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for a new tavern wine license for their Tea Café located in a <u>previously unlicensed</u> space in a C6 zoned 11-story, 1913 dormitory building on Broome Street between Mulberry Street and Cleveland Place (block #481/lot #1; building is alternately known as: 398-400 Broome St., 1-11 Cleveland Pl., and 100 Kenmare St.) in the NYC Department of Planning designated Special Little Italy District; and,

**ii.** Whereas, the interior 1-story premises is 1,920 sq. ft., and has a total of 18 tables with 40 seats and one (1) bar 10<sup>th</sup> 13 seats, for a total of 53 interior seats; there is no sidewalk café; and applicant has a Certificate of Occupancy allowing this usage from the NYC Dept. of Buildings; and,

**iii.** Whereas, the applicant signed and notarized a new stipulations agreement with CB2, Man. incorporating these commitments and previous stipulations, which includes the following:

- 1. Premise will be advertised and operated as a Tea Café with craft beer and wine.
- 2. The hours of operation will be: 9AM to 12AM Sunday–Thursday, 9AM to 1AM Friday–Saturday. Premises will open no later than stated opening time and <u>no</u> patrons will remain after stated closing time.
- 3. Will operate full service restaurant, specifically a Tea Café, with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.

- 4. Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
- 5. Will not have televisions.
- 6. Will not operate a backyard garden or <u>any</u> outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including licensed sidewalk café)
- 7. Will not have sidewalk café now or in the future.
- 8. Will play quiet ambient recorded background music only. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences anytime.
- 9. Will close <u>all</u> doors & windows at 9 p.m. every night <u>and</u> anytime there is amplified music, live music or a DJ.
- 10. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows, or open façades.
- 11. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning.
- 12. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 13. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food & drink specials. Will not have "boozy brunches." No pitchers of beer.
- 14. There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine products.
- 15. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 16. Will not have: Dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, security personnel/door staff.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the Restaurant Wine license for Le An Hospitality, Inc. d/b/a Sage Collective, 398 Broome St. 10013, <u>unless</u> the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA License.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

#### 5. Petaling Corp. d/b/a Nyonya, 199 Grand St. 10013 (RW – Restaurant)

**i.** Whereas, applicant appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for a restaurant wine license (SN 1298688) for their family operated Malaysian cuisine restaurant located in a C6 zoned seven-story 1900 commercial building on Grand Street between Mulberry and Mott Streets (block #237/lot #14) in the NYC LPC designated South Village Historic District; and,

**ii.** Whereas, the interior two-story premises is 3,900 sq. ft., with 2,900 sq. ft. on the ground floor and an additional 1,000 square feet in the basement, and the basement is staff only without patron access; and there are 35 tables with 122 seats and no bar, for a total of 122 interior seats; there is no sidewalk café; and applicant has a valid Certificate of Occupancy from the NYC Department of Buildings; and,

**iii.** Whereas, the applicant signed and notarized a new stipulations agreement with CB2, Man. incorporating these commitments and previous stipulations, which includes the following:

- 1. Premise will be advertised and operated as a Malaysian cuisine restaurant.
- 2. The hours of operation will be: 11AM to 11:30 PM Sunday–Thursday; 11AM to 12AM Friday–Saturday. Premises will open no later than stated opening time and <u>no</u> patrons will remain after stated closing time.
- 3. Will operate full service restaurant, specifically a Malaysian cuisine restaurant, with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.

- 4. Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
- 5. Will not have televisions.
- 6. Will not operate a backyard garden or <u>any</u> outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including licensed sidewalk café)
- 7. Will not have sidewalk café now or in the future.
- 8. Will play quiet ambient recorded background music only. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences anytime.
- 9. Will close <u>all</u> doors & windows at 9 p.m. every night <u>and</u> anytime there is amplified music, live music or a DJ.
- 10. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows, or open façades.
- 11. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning.
- 12. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 13. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food & drink specials. Will not have "boozy brunches." No pitchers of beer.
- 14. There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine products.
- 15. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 16. Will not have: Dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, security personnel/door staff.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the Restaurant Wine license for **Petaling Corp. d/b/a Nyonya, 199 Grand St. 10013, <u>unless</u> the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA License.** 



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At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

# 6. Dobra Café Sotto, Inc., d/b/a Despana Fine Foods & Tapas Café, 408 Broome St. 10013 (RW – Café)

**i.** Whereas, applicant's corporate representative and attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for a new restaurant license to facilitate new ownership from the same family of an existing, previously licensed (SN 1254391), Tapas Café within a Fine Food Store located in a C6 zoned seven-story, 1900 mixed-use building on Broome Street between Cleveland Place and Lafayette Streets (block #482/lot #7501) in the NYC Planning designated SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District; and,

**ii. Whereas,** the two-story premises include a ground floor of 2,200 sq. ft., as well as a staff only basement inaccessible to patrons; there are with 4 tables with 28 seats and there is no bar; there is no sidewalk café; and applicant has a valid Certificate of Occupancy; and,

**iii. Whereas,** the applicant signed and notarized a new stipulations agreement with CB2, Man., which includes the following:

- 1. Premise will be advertised and operated as a Fine Food Store and Tapa Café.
- The hours of operation will be: 12 p.m to 6 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Premises will open no later than stated opening time and no patrons will remain after stated closing time.
- 3. Will operate full service restaurant, specifically a Tapas Café within a Fine Food store, with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.

- 4. Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
- 5. Will not have televisions.
- 6. Will not operate a backyard garden or <u>any</u> outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including licensed sidewalk café)
- 7. Will not have sidewalk café now or in the future.
- 8. Will play quiet ambient recorded background music only. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences anytime.
- 9. Will close <u>all</u> doors & windows at 9 p.m. every night <u>and</u> anytime there is amplified music, live music or a DJ.
- 10. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows, or open façades.
- 11. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning.
- 12. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 13. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food & drink specials. Will not have "boozy brunches." No pitchers of beer.
- 14. There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine products.
- 15. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 16. Will not have: Dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, security personnel/door staff.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the Restaurant Wine license for **Dobra Café Sotto, Inc., d/b/a Despana Fine Foods & Tapas Café, 408 Broome St. 10013, <u>unless</u> the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA License.** 



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

#### 7. Caffe Valdino, Inc., d/b/a V Bar, 225 Sullivan St. 10012 (Upgrade to On Premise — Bar)

**i.** Whereas, The applicant and his attorney appeared before CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee for the purpose of seeking to upgrade its existing restaurant wine license (SN 1029155) to an On Premise license for their small mid-block café and wine bar located in a R7-2 residentially zoned 5-story 1900 multi-dwelling Old Law Tenement building on Sullivan Street between West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Bleecker Street (block #539/lot #9), in the NYC LPC designated South Village Historic District: and,

**ii.** Whereas, the premises consist of a 500 sq. ft. ground floor and a 500 sq. ft. basement; and the basement is used for storage and has not patron access; and, there are 3 tables with 16 seats, and one (1) bar with 9 seats, for a total of 25 seats; and, there is no sidewalk café; and, applicant asserted a valid Certificate of Occupancy but did not provide a copy to the committee as requested in the application questionnaire; and,

**iii.** Whereas, the applicant said they had been doing business at their current location for 19 years; and, V-Bar has a loyal following in the neighborhood and the wider city related to its European-style charm and bohemian character; and, applicant submitted petitions with 94 unverified signatures, mostly appearing to come from the immediate surrounding community; in support of their application; and the applicant is recognized by the committee as an important asset to the Greenwich Village community; and,

**iv. Whereas,** the committee heard from a representative of the Bleeker Area Merchants and Residents Association (BAMRA), which supported the application conditionally if the applicant replaced the existing street vault door with new double doors fitted with guard rails and committed to ensuring it

would not be left open unattended; and, also appearing in support was a longtime commuter patron of V-Bar and an employee of V-Bar, both of whom attested to the uniqueness and value of the café/bar; and, the committee also heard from a neighbor who lives across from the premises and was representing 11 other neighbors who had signed a petition shortly before the meeting opposing the application on the grounds that "V-Bar frequently keeps its front doors and windows open well past 10:00 PM" allowing "the sound of loud patrons and music" to be a "nuisance;" and, further, "leaves their cellar doors open and unguarded for hours at a time, day and night, which presents a danger to pedestrians;" and,

v. Whereas, the applicant sought closing hours of 2AM Sunday—Thursday and 4AM Friday—Saturday, but offered to stipulate instead to 1AM Sunday—Wednesday and 2AM Thursday—Friday; and offered to close windows by 9 PM each evening; but asserted that windows were already closed by 10PM each evening, a statement contradicted by both neighbors and the direct observations of committee members; and,

vi. Whereas, the premises are located midblock on a narrow residential block in a historic landmarked district; and there has never been an on premise license at this location at any point in the past; and the building is surrounded by residences and the focus of frequent current complaints about late night noise; and, there are a number of on premises licenses on the cross streets of West 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bleecker that the premises lies between, and addition of an on premise license at this location is likely to have the effect of stretching the often noisy and rowdy character of those cross streets into the quiet residential atmosphere of Sullivan Street; and,

vii. Whereas, applicant previously sought an upgrade in 2017, with CB2 voting to recommend denial when applicant declined to address community concerns about the safety of the street hatch, the late evening noise from the wide opening windows of the store infill, and the late night hours, and the paucity of the food offerings in the kitchen-less premises—despite strong committee efforts to find a path to approval; and, applicant has not been proactive in addressing those community concerns or seeking to engage with neighbors' concerns on these issues in the months since; and

**viii. Whereas,** applicant asserts a maximum legal occupancy of 74 and a proposed occupancy of 25 including staff, but has seating for 25 patrons, not including staff; and, in any event, the current Certificate of Occupancy obtained through public record search of the NYC Department of Buildings gives the maximum legal occupancy as only 15, raising public safety concerns in the absence of a revised C.O or a Letter of No Objection from the NYC Department of Buildings, neither of which were provided by applicant; and,

**ix. Whereas**, the only access to the basement storage is through a street vault hatch on the narrow sidewalk and it is the habit of the applicant to leave the hatch open nearly continuously through the business day to facilitate staff access to supplies; created public safety concerns in a neighborhood of busy and distracted pedestrians, as well as local residents with mobility issues; and, applicant was willing to stipulate to replacing landmarked vault hatch with safer, more modern design if possible; and,

**x. Whereas,** applicant's stated reasons for seeking an upgrade were speculative: lease renewal was approaching and he wanted to see what was possible before he made plans; and, establishment of an On Premises license in such a rare and prime mid-residential-block location would increase the value of the space, potentially undermining the current business model of V-bar and increasing the chances of a licensed premises with a very different character in the future; and,

**xi. Whereas,** the committee desires to sustain V-Bar presence in our community in its current business model, albeit while making its operations safe to pedestrians and less disruptive to neighbors; and, believes that an upgrade would alter the business model and the character of Sullivan Street to the detriment of the community;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the on-premises license for **Caffe Valdino, Inc., d/b/a V Bar, 225 Sullivan St. 10012,** on its application seeking an on-premise liquor license; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should this application be considered by the SLA, CB2, Man, respectfully requests that this item be Calendared to appear before the Full Board of the SLA.

Vote: Passed, with 34 Board members in favor, and 1 in opposition (R. Sanz).



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

8. Root Nolita, LLC d/b/a ShooShoo Nolita, 371 Broome St. – Basement 10013 (On Premise – Bar/Tavern)

**i.** Whereas, applicant and attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for a new on-premises license for their "Bar/tavern featuring Mediterranean dishes and specialty cocktails" located in a C6 zoned six-story 1900 mixed-use walk-up apartment building on Broome Street between Mulberry and Mott Streets (block #471/lot #43 – Building is also known as 173 Mott Street) in the NYC Department of Planning designated Special Little Italy District; and,

**ii.** Whereas, the interior basement premises is 1,100 sq. ft.; and there are 3 tables with 12 seats and 1 bar with 10 seats, and 12 "lounge seats," for total of 34 seats; there is no sidewalk café; and applicant has a Letter of No Objection for this usage from the NYC Department of Buildings; and,

**iii. Whereas,** the premises will be operated by the owner of the premises directly above and have a similar menu; and a disc jockey and occasional live music, and music will be higher than background levels, but not audible in the street, and live music will not occur more than twice a week at most, and all DJs and live music will stop by 11 p.m.; and,

**iv.** Whereas, in response to concerns raised by community members prior to the meeting, applicant had reduced their hours from their initial request and made other assurances and stipulations to assuage neighbors; and, the committee heard from two members of the community, both of whom expressed

concerns about the closing hours and preferred closing hours or 11PM weeknights and 12PM weekends; and, one further said opposed an On Premise license at all as inappropriate for the space; and,

v. Whereas, the applicant signed and notarized a new stipulations agreement with CB2, Man., which includes the following:

- 1. Premise will be advertised and operated as a Tavern featuring Mediterranean dishes and specialty cocktails.
- 2. The hours of operation will be: 10 a.m to 12 a.m Sunday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Premises will open no later than stated opening time and <u>no</u> patrons will remain after stated closing time.
- 3. Will operate full service restaurant, specifically a Mediterranean Tavern and Cocktail Bar, with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.
- 4. Will not operate as a Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
- 5. Will not have televisions.
- 6. Will not operate a backyard garden or <u>any</u> outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including licensed sidewalk café).
- 7. Will not have sidewalk café now or in the future.
- 8. Will close <u>all</u> doors & windows at 9 p.m. every night <u>and</u> anytime there is amplified music, live music or a DJ.
- 9. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows, or open façades.
- 10. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning.
- 11. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 12. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food & drink specials. Will not have "boozy brunches." No pitchers of beer.
- 13. There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine products.
- 14. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 15. Will not have: Dancing, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, security personnel/door staff.
- 16. Live music no more frequent than twice a week.
- 17. Live music to end by 11 p.m.
- 18. Music will not intrude into the street.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the Restaurant Wine license for Root Nolita, LLC d/b/a ShooShoo Nolita, 371 Broome St. – Basement 10013, <u>unless</u> the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA License.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9. Broome Street Food and Drink, LLC d/b/a Black Tap, 529 Broome St. (Store C-104 Upstairs) 10013 (Upgrade to On Premise – Restaurant)

**i.** Whereas, applicant and attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application to upgrade their existing restaurant wine license to an on-premise liquor license for their "classic luncheonette" located in a M1-5B zoned six-story 1900 mixed-use building on Broome Street between Sullivan and Thompson Streets (block #476/lot #19) in the Nolita neighborhood; and,

**ii.** Whereas, the interior one-story premises are 930 sq. ft.; and there are 5 tables with 20 seats and 1 bar with 15 seats, for total of 35 seats; there is no sidewalk café; and applicant has a Letter of No Objection from the NYC Department of Buildings for the usage; and,

**iii. Whereas,** the applicant currently is licensed separately for the basement space at this address, and seeks license the ground floor space now in part to facilitate disabled patrons who cannot access the basement; and,

iv. Whereas, the applicant signed and notarized a new stipulations agreement with CB2, Man., which includes the following:

Premise will be advertised and operated as a classic luncheonette.

- 1. The hours of operation will be: 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday; 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Premises will open no later than stated opening time and <u>no</u> patrons will remain after stated closing time.
- 2. Will operate full service restaurant, specifically a classic luncheonette, with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.
- 3. Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
- 4. Will have no more than 3 televisions, each not more than 40".
- 5. Will not operate a backyard garden or <u>any</u> outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including licensed sidewalk café).
- 6. Will not have sidewalk café now or in the future.
- 7. Will play quiet ambient recorded background music only. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences anytime.
- 8. Will close <u>all</u> doors & windows at 9 p.m. every night <u>and</u> anytime there is amplified music, live music or a DJ.
- 9. Will not install or have French doors or open façades.
- 10. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning.
- 11. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 12. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food & drink specials. Will not have "boozy brunches." No pitchers of beer.
- 13. There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine products.
- 14. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 15. Will not have: Dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, security personnel/door staff.
- 16. Will ensure ADA compliance/disabled access (subject to approval of permits).
- 17. Can continue use of existing operable windows, as long as closed by 9PM each evening.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the Restaurant Wine license for **Broome Street Food and Drink, LLC d/b/a Black Tap, 529 Broome St. (Store C-104 Upstairs) 10013, <u>unless</u> the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA License.** 



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

#### THE FOLLOWING ARE RESOLUTIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS THAT WERE LAID OVER, WITHDRAWN, OR DID NOT APPEAR BEFORE THEIR REQESTED HEARING:

**10. Gino Sorbillo, LLC d/b/a Gino Sorbillo, 334 Bowery St. 10012** (RW – Pizzeria/Restaurant | corporate structure change)

**Whereas**, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee #1 Meeting on July 9th, 2019, the Applicant requested to **withdraw** this application for a license and they will resubmit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, class change, alteration, transfer, upgrade, or other changes to the existing license for **Gino Sorbillo, LLC d/b/a Gino Sorbillo, 334 Bowery St. 10012** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

11. 151 Bleecker, LLC d/b/a Red Lion, 151 Bleecker St. 10012 (OP – Bar/Tavern with live music and sidewalk café)

**Whereas**, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee #1 Meeting on July 9th, 2019, the Applicant requested to **withdraw** this application for a license and they will resubmit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, class change, alteration, transfer, upgrade, or other changes to the existing license for **151 Bleecker, LLC d/b/a Red Lion, 151 Bleecker St. 10012** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

**12.** Bloomingdale's, Inc., d/b/a Forty Carrots, 504 Broadway 10012 (On Premise Alteration — to extend and expand license foot print from current café to all six floors of retail department store and add bars)

**Whereas**, during their appearance before CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee #1 Meeting on July 9th, 2019, but before the committee had taken any vote, the Applicant requested <u>to layover</u> this application to August/2019 and requested to adjourn and submit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, class change, alteration, transfer, upgrade, or other changes to the existing license for **Bloomingdale's, Inc., d/b/a Forty Carrots, 504 Broadway 10012** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

13. Brkn Ccnt, LLC d/b/a Broken Coconut, 15 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. 10003 (RW – Restaurant with Sidewalk Cafe)

**Whereas**, after their appearance before CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee #1 Meeting on July 9th, 2019, but before the committee had taken any vote, the Applicant requested to <u>withdraw</u> this application for a license and they will resubmit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, class change, alteration, transfer, upgrade, or other changes to the existing license for **Brkn Cent, LLC d/b/a Broken Coconut, 15 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. 10003** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

14. **558 Broadway, LLC d/b/a Museum of Ice Cream, 558 Broadway 10012** (On Premise – Bar/Tavern with live music)

**Whereas**, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee #1 Meeting on July 9th, 2019, the Applicant requested to **withdraw** this application for a license and they will resubmit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, class change, alteration, transfer, upgrade, or other changes to the existing license for **558 Broadway, LLC d/b/a Museum of Ice Cream, 558 Broadway 10012** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

15. Compass Group USA, Inc. d/b/a N/A, 60 Washington Square South, 10th Fl., 10012 (OP – Catering Facility for Private Events Only)

**i.** Whereas, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Committee #2 to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for the transfer to it of an existing On-Premise License currently held by Aramark Educational Services, LLC to enable the Applicant to provide alcoholic beverages as part of the catering services it has contracted to provide to New York University (NYU);

**ii.** Whereas, the catering facility will be operated under new management but will continue to function as an in-house provider of food and drink services for private, invitation-only events hosted by NYU on university premises; and

**iii. Whereas,** the Applicant will provide catering services at the instruction of NYU for on-site university-sponsored events scheduled between the hours of 7:00 AM to 12:00 AM seven (7) days a week; and

**iv.** Whereas, the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a Stipulations Agreement with Community Board 2, Manhattan which will be incorporated into the Method of Operation of the on-premise license, with those stipulations as follows:

- 1. The Applicant will operate a full-service catering facility on the NYU premises.
- 2. The Applicant's hours of operation will be 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM seven (7) days a week.

- 3. Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of the premises to be operated in that manner.
- 4. Will not operate a backyard garden or any outdoor area for commercial purposes.
- 5. Will play quiet ambient recorded background music only; no music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
- 6. Will not install or utilize French doors, operable windows or open facades.
- 7. Will comply with the NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 8. There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine and beer products.
- 9. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 10. Will not have any of the following: dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where a cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, or velvet ropes or metal barricades.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the transfer of the oppremises license to **Compass Group USA**, **Inc.**, **60 Washington Square South**, **10th Fl. 10012** <u>unless</u> the statements presented by the Applicant are accurate and complete, and that the above-stated conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On-Premise License.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

#### 16. Riomar Corp., d/b/a Kana, 324 Spring Street 10013 (OP – Corporate Change)

**i.** Whereas, the Applicant and its attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Committee #2 to present an application for a corporate change to an existing On-Premise License to continue to operate a full-service restaurant serving Spanish cuisine (tapas) in a C6-2A zoned four-story, mixed-use building constructed in 1900 on Spring St. between Greenwich and Washington Sts. (Block #595/Lot #72); and

**ii.** Whereas, the restaurant will operate under new ownership but will continue to function as a fullservice restaurant which will continue to serve lunch and dinner in a licensed premises of approximately 1000 sq. ft., with the interior space having 17 tables with 37 seats and one (1) stand-up bar with 12 seats, and the unenclosed sidewalk café having four (4) tables and 13 seats, for a total of 62 seats in the premises; there is one (1) entrance/exit and two (2) restrooms; and

**iii. Whereas,** the Applicant's agreed-to interior hours of operation are 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM on Sundays, 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM Mondays through Thursdays, and 4:00 PM to 4:00 AM Fridays and Saturdays, with the sidewalk café closing at 9:00 PM Sundays through Thursdays and at 10:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays; music will be quiet background only; there will be no DJ's, no promoted events, no live music or scheduled performances, no cover fees, and no more than two (2) TV's of no more than 40" in size; and

**iv.** Whereas, although this application has already been approved by the SLA, the Applicant has shown good faith with the community by appearing before the SLA committee and agreeing to certain stipulations and has had notarized a Stipulations Agreement with Community Board 2, Manhattan which will be incorporated into the Method of Operation of the on-premise license, with those stipulations as follows:

- 1. The premises will be advertised and operated as a full-service restaurant serving Spanish cuisine (tapas).
- 2. The hours of operation will be from 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM on Sundays, from 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM Mondays through Thursdays and from 4:00 PM to 4:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays; the sidewalk cafe will close at 9 PM Sundays through Thursdays and at 10:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays.
- 3. The premises will not operate as a lounge, tavern or sports bar or allow any portion of the premises to be operated in such a manner.
- 4. The premises will have no more than two (2) televisions no larger than 40 inches in size.
- 5. Will not operate a backyard garden or any outdoor area for commercial purposes, except for the licensed sidewalk café.
- 6. The premises will play quiet ambient, recorded background music only; no music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
- 7. Will close all doors and windows by 10:00 PM every night.
- 8. Will comply with the NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
- 9. There will be no pitchers of beer and no all you can eat/drink specials or "boozy brunches".
- 10. There will be no bottle service or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of wine products.
- 11. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- 12. Will not have any of the following: dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where a cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, or security personnel/doormen (except for Friday & Saturday nights).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> of the corporate change application for an existing on-premise liquor license to **Riomar Corp.**, **d/b/a Kana**, **324 Spring Street 10013** <u>unless</u> the statements of the Applicant are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant relating to the above-stated stipulations are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the Restaurant On-Premise License.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

17. Adina, LLC d/b/a Babu Ji Restaurant, 22 E. 13th Street 10003 (OP – Alteration to Add New Service Bar)

**i.** Whereas, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Committee #2 to present an application for an alteration to an existing On-Premise License to add a service bar to its full-service restaurant serving Indian cuisine in a C6-1 zoned four-story, mixed-use building constructed in 1920 on E. 13th St. between Fifth and Sixth Aves. (Block #570/Lot #16); and

**ii.** Whereas, aside from the addition of a service bar the restaurant in all respects will continue to operate as a full-service restaurant in a licensed premises of approximately 1,148 sq., the ground floor being approximately 889 sq. ft. and the basement being approximately 259 sq. ft.; with the new service bar replacing one (1) table with four (4) seats, there will now be 29 tables with 76 seats and one (1) stand-up bar with 10 seats indoors, and two (2) tables with six (6) seats in the outdoor patio/deck area that exists within the property line, for a total of 92 seats in the premises; there remains one (1) entrance/exit and two (2) restrooms; and

**iii. Whereas,** the Applicant's agreed-to interior hours of operation will remain 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM on Sundays, 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM Mondays through Wednesdays, and 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM Thursdays through Saturdays; the Applicant will continue to abide by the stipulations it agreed-to in October 2018 permitting quiet background music only and prohibiting, among other things: DJ's, promoted events, live music or scheduled performances, cover fees, and TV's; and

iv. Whereas, a resident, who has resided for the past 15 years directly behind the Applicant's premises at  $15\frac{1}{2}$  E. 12th Street, Apt. 1, spoke against recommending approval of this Application due to the Applicant's failure to remedy a long-existing noise problem that she stated had gotten even worse in the past six months to the point that she is now unable to hear conversations within her apartment even with her windows closed; and

v. Whereas, the Resident presented a copy of a Stipulations Agreement agreed-to by The Mess 13th, LLC, the Applicant's predecessor at 22 E. 13th St., and incorporated into the Method of Operations of its On-Premise License, which license was subsequently transferred to the Applicant and requires it, among other things, to use its best efforts to soundproof the premises and to hire a certified acoustical consultant to ensure that any exterior equipment installed and operated will not violate NYC Noise Code guidelines for residential areas; and

vi. Whereas, the Applicant expressed resentment with the Resident's complaint, rejecting the claim that the situation could be improved; the Applicant further claimed that according to professionals previously hired, all exterior equipment currently in use was operating properly; and

vii. Whereas, it is unclear whether the Applicant is in compliance with the conditions of its On-Premise License, if in-fact it has used its best efforts to remediate the noise problem identified by the complainant and is not in violation of the NYC Noise Code.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> for Adina, LLC d/b/a Babu Ji Restaurant, 22 E. 13th Street 10003 on its application seeking an alteration to its On-Premise License to add a service bar until it can be determined that he is in compliance with all of its previously agreed stipulations and noise abatement agreements as it relates to the Restaurant's mechanical systems; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should this application be considered by the SLA, CB2, Man. respectfully requests that this item be calendared to appear before the Full Board of the SLA.



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Director Licensing Issuance Division NY State Liquor Authority 317 Lenox Avenue New York, New York 10027

Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

18. A Not for Profit Entity to be formed by SoHo Works, d/b/a SoHo Works, 415 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Floors, 10014 (CW – Co-working Offices)

**i.** Whereas, the Applicant and its Attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing committee to present an application for a Club Wine License to operate a co-working office space on the seventh and eighth floors of an M1-5 zoned five-story mixed use building constructed in 1900 on W. 13th St. between Washington St. and Ninth Ave. (Block #646/Lot #7501), which building is located within NYC LPC's Gansevoort Market Historic District; and

**ii.** Whereas, the premises is approximately 5,500 sq. ft. on each floor, for a total of 11,000 sq. ft., with access between the floors by both elevator and stairs; there will be 60 tables with 183 seats, and two (2) stand-up bars with a total of 12 seats, for a total of 195 seats; the premises has two (2) entrances, four (4) exits, and ten (10) restrooms; and

**iii. Whereas,** the proposed hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 12:00 AM Mondays through Saturdays and 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM Saturdays and Sundays; the Applicant has stated that there will be no promoted events, no scheduled performances, no cover fees and no TV's, but anticipates allowing private parties; and

**iv.** Whereas, the Applicant presented to the SLA Committee a certificate of occupancy that identified the Permissible Use and Occupancy for the seventh and eighth spaces as being Use Group 6A, but did not specifically permit eating and drinking in this location which has never been licensed previously for the service of alcohol or operated in the manner being proposed; there will be a menu with sandwiches, bakery items, soups and salads but there will be no full-service kitchen and no exterior areas in which alcohol will be served; and

v. Whereas, the Applicant is seeking to operate a for-profit business providing co-working spaces for monthly fee-paying clients but is applying for a Club Wine License, which NYS ABC law makes available exclusively for a "club," defined by the statute as "an organization of persons incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the not-for-profit corporation law . . . which does not traffic in alcoholic beverages for profit and is operated solely for a recreational, social, patriotic, political, benevolent or athletic purpose **but not for pecuniary gain** . . . (NYS ABC Law § 3(9), [bold added]); and

vi. Whereas, the Applicant intends to register the entity it will form as a not-for-profit under NYS Not-For-Profit Corporation law, but by its own characterization of the business seeks to operate it as a for-profit operation for the pecuniary benefit of its owner and not as a true "Not-for-Profit" entity as defined as "(1) . . . exclusively for a purpose or purposes, not for **pecuniary profit or financial gain**, for which a corporation may be formed under this chapter . . . and (2) no part of the assets, income or profit of which is distributable to, or enures to the benefit of, it members, directors or officers except to the extent permitted under this statute." NYS NFP Corp. Law § 103(5) [bold added]), and as such it cannot be said with clarity that the premises to be licensed here "[will] not traffic in alcoholic beverages for profit and is operated . . . not for pecuniary gain." [NYS ABC Law § 3(9)]; and

vii. Whereas, the Applicant has acknowledged the proposed occupancy use is not currently permitted and that it will seek a change in occupancy for both the seventh and eighth floor premises to allow the use it intends, there remain unresolved questions as to whether 1) whether eating and drinking is permissible in the manner being proposed, 2) the service of alcohol is consistent with traditional use and occupancy of office space, 3) the proposal that eating and drinking use/occupancy is accessory when the design for the premises which features a large central lounge space and several other spaces designed with lounge-type configurations, when NYC Zoning Law defines "accessory use" as "a use which is **clearly** incidental to, and **customarily found** in connection with, the principal use." (NYC Zoning Reso. Art. 1 Ch. 2 § 12-10 [bold added]), there being no precedent for recognizing the service of alcohol as an incidental and customary accessory use to office space; and

**viii. Whereas,** the Applicant had appeared before the SLA Committee last month with an application for a Club Wine License for space on the third and fifth floors of 875 Washington St. to be used for the same purpose, for which application the SLA Committee recommended denial because it presented the same problems as those connected with the application now under review; and

**ix.** Whereas, 1) the immediate area having been greatly impacted over the last 15 years from a significant increase in alcohol licensing, which has resulted in unanticipated negative consequences due to a failure to properly vet and limit such operations, will only be further burdened by the addition of another

license, this time in an 11,000 sq. ft. location, a size traditionally appropriate for office uses only, **2**) the method of operation being proposed is not yet recognized by NYS law, **3**) there being no legislation for licensing such a large premise on multiple upper floors of an office building as proposed and no real guidance from the NYS Liquor Authority permitting such a license, 4) the proposed reasoning from the Applicant being inconsistent with a plain reading of existing NYS ABC and Not-For-Profit Corporation law and 5) neither Applicant nor his Attorney provided a coherent path to achieve the changes necessary to allow eating and drinking in the designated office space; and,

**x.** Whereas, CB2, Man. remains open to the advent of co-working spaces, especially in light of changing times where co-working office space provides a new market for self-employed professionals and those who have non-traditional work situations, and further understands the need and purpose for licensing for-profit businesses, but to permit the Applicant in this case — whom it is reasonable to expect is only the first of numerous like operations that will appear in the future — to operate under a classification inconsistent with its true purpose represents a dangerous precedent, when what is needed are new laws/regulations providing specific guidance that will address the permissibility of alcohol service in a for-profit operation of the type presented in this application.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. recommends <u>denial</u> for a not-for- profit entity to be formed by **SoHo Works**, d/b/a SoHo Works, 415 W. 13th Street, 7th and 8th Floors, 10014 on its application seeking a new Club Wine License; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should this application be considered by the SLA, CB2, Man. respectfully requests that this item be calendared to appear before the Full Board of the SLA.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

#### THE FOLLOWING ARE RESOLUTIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS THAT WERE LAID OVER, WITHDRAWN, OR DID NOT APPEAR BEFORE THEIR REQUESTED HEARING:

19. Entity to be formed by William Bishop, d/b/a N/A, 333 Sixth Ave. 10014 (RW – did not appear)

**Whereas**, at this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on July 11, 2019 the Applicant <u>failed to appear</u> and provided no further information regarding this application to CB2 Manhattan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to the existing license for Entity to be formed by William Bishop, d/b/a N/A, 333 Sixth Ave. 10014 <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

# 20. Restaurant Associates, LLC d/b/a N/A, 100 Ave. of the Americas, <u>Floors 2-16</u> 10013 (OP – Catering Facility: Private Events Only) (New OP – laid over)

**Whereas**, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on July 11, 2019 the Applicant requested <u>to layover</u> this application to August/2019 and requested to adjourn and submit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that B2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to the existing license for **Restaurant Associates**, LLC d/b/a N/A, 100 Ave. of the Americas, <u>Floors 2-16</u> 10013 (OP – Catering Facility: Private Events Only) <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

## 21. Restaurant Associates, LLC d/b/a N/A, 100 Ave. of the Americas, <u>Floors 15-23</u> 10013 (OP – Catering Facility: Private Events Only) (New OP – laid over)

**Whereas**, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on July 11, 2019 the Applicant requested <u>to layover</u> this application to July/2019 and requested to adjourn and submit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to the existing license for **Restaurant Associates**, LLC d/b/a N/A, 100 Ave. of the Americas, <u>Floors 15-23</u> 10013 (OP – Catering Facility: Private Events Only) <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

22. Bruschetta Bar 1, LLC d/b/a Bruschetta Bar, 94-96 Christopher St. 10014 (New On Premise license for Restaurant with outdoor patio/deck- failed to appear)

**Whereas**, at this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on July 11, 2019 the Applicant <u>failed to appear</u> and provided no further information regarding this application to CB2 Manhattan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to the existing license for **Bruschetta Bar 1, LLC d/b/a Bruschetta Bar, 94-96 Christopher St. 10014** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

23. Entity to be formed by Roberto Passon, d/b/a Ariccia, 14 Bedford St. 10014 (New Restaurant Wine – Laid over at Meeting)

**Whereas**, at this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on July 11, 2019 the Applicant requested to layover this application to July/2019 and requested to adjourn and submit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to the existing license for **Entity to be formed by Roberto Passon, d/b/a Ariccia, 14 Bedford St. 10014** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

#### 24. Entity to be formed by Elena Liao, d/b/a N/A, 32 Jones St. 10014 (New OP – laid over)

**Whereas**, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on July 11, 2019 the Applicant requested <u>to layover</u> this application to July/2019 and requested to adjourn and submit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to the existing license for **Entity to be formed by Elena Liao**, d/b/a N/A, 32 Jones St. 10014 <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

25. Sushi Nakazawa, LLC d/b/a Sushi Nakazawa, 23 Commerce St. 10014 (RW – Alteration to add adjacent storefront)

**Whereas**, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on July 11, 2019 the Applicant requested <u>to layover</u> this application to August/2019 and requested to adjourn and submit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the SLA should they proceed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA <u>deny</u> any type of proposed on premise liquor license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to the existing license for **Sushi Nakazawa**, **LLC d/b/a Sushi Nakazawa**, **23 Commerce St. 10014** <u>until</u> the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Cormack Flynn, Chair SLA Licensing 1 Committee Community Board #2, Manhattan

Robert Ely, Chair SLA Licensing 2 Committee Community Board #2, Manhattan

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Carter Booth, Chair Community Board #2, Manhattan

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