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Mr. Dane E. Christian, Acting Director Licensing Issuance Division NY State Liquor Authority 317 Lenox Avenue New York, New York 10027

Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

1. Ballato's Rest. Corp., 55 E. Houston St. (Mott and Mulberry), NYC.

Whereas, the applicant re-appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an upgrade from a Beer and Wine license to an On Premise license for an Italian restaurant located in a 1038 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located on East Houston between Mott and Mulberry Streets with 39 table seats, no bar and a maximum legal capacity of 74 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there are no plans to change the existing operation; the applicant stated the hours are Monday – Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Saturday from 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Sunday from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; there is no sidewalk café and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been operating with a Beer and Wine license for several years; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **approval** of the proposed upgrade to an On Premise license for **Ballato's Rest. Corp., 55 E. Houston St.**



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

2. Altamarea Group, LLC, 218 Lafayette St. (Spring and Kenmare), NYC.

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an On Premise license in a commercial building on Lafayette between Spring and Kenmare Streets for a 1,800 s.f. Italian restaurant with 82 table seats, 1 bar with 12 seats, and a maximum legal capacity of 116 persons pending the issuance of a revised Certificate of Occupancy and Public Assembly Permit; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Seven Days a Week from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant is currently operating other highly-regarded, successful establishments throughout Manhattan; and, several letters of recommendation were submitted by members of community, including members of other Community Boards; and,

Whereas, the location has a history with problematic operators previous and unrelated to this applicant; and, the Committee acknowledges that this applicant would be a vast improvement with its experience, professionalism and regard for its neighbors; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to the following set of stipulations:

1. The applicant has agreed to obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents, including a revised Certificate of Occupancy and Public Assembly Permit.

- 2. The applicant has agreed to not consider extending its hours until after 1-year in operation.
- 3. The applicant has agreed to close French Doors and/or windows at all times.
- 4. The applicant has agreed to prohibit live music and DJs at all times.
- 5. The applicant has agreed to never seek a DCA Sidewalk Café license.
- 6. The applicant has agreed to operate as a Restaurant only.
- 7. The applicant has agreed to make the General Manager of the restaurant accessible at all times in the event issues shall arise.
- 8. The applicant has agreed to community outreach initiatives in order to establish good will with its neighbors.

Whereas, several members of the community appeared in favor of the applicant; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express a few concerns stemming from previous operators; and, strongly requested that this Committee incorporate the stipulations in order to address their concerns; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** of an On Premise license for **Altamarea Group, LLC, 218 Lafayette St., unless** those conditions agreed to by applicant relating to and outlined in the sixth "whereas" clauses are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license.



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

3. Villa Pacri LLC, d/b/a Villa Pacri, 55-59 Gansevoort St. (9th Avenue and Washington), NYC

Whereas, the applicant re-appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for On Premise licenses for an upscale café, restaurant and lounge collectively 10,000 s.f. in a commercial building located on Gansevoort between 9h Avenue and Washington Street with 238 table seats, 2 bars with 13 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 428 persons; and

Whereas, the applicant has stated there will be a sidewalk café application in the upcoming future but no backyard garden; and, music will be background on the first two floors and DJ only in the basement; and

Whereas, the applicant has expressed their intent to operate under 3 DBAs ("Doing Business As") with 3 separate ENTRANCES; and

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the 3 distinct areas are:

- Ground Floor Café hours are Sunday –Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.

- 2nd Floor Restaurant hours are Monday – Friday from 5:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 a.m.

- Basement Lounge hours are Seven Days a Week from 8:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.

Whereas, the SLA Licensing Committee acknowledges that this neighborhood is heavily saturated with liquor licensed establishments and, therefore, strongly urges the State Liquor Authority to incorporate these operating hours into their licensed method of operation, if granted; and,

Whereas, the applicant has reached out to members of the community prior to presenting this application; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to the following set of stipulations:

- 1. The applicant has agreed to waive its rights to seek a DCA Cabaret license.
- 2. The applicant has agreed to provide hired, professional security at all times during evening hours.
- 3. The applicant has agreed to prohibit the use of promoters.
- 4. The applicant has agreed to not have velvet ropes in front of its entrances.
- 5. The applicant has agreed to close the ground floor windows and doors by 10:00 p.m. daily.
- 6. The applicant has agreed to abide by the regulations associated with all New York City Departments and safety organizations and will obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express their concerns with a large establishment in a saturated area; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared in support of the applicant; and, letters of recommendation were submitted to this Committee; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** to the proposed On Premise license for **Villa Pacri LLC**, **d/b/a Villa Pacri**, **55-59 Gansevoort St.**, **unless** ALL conditions agreed to by applicant relating to the fifth (pertaining to their operating hours) and eighth "whereas" clauses are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends the SLA to verify that the proposed establishment does not violate the rules and regulations of the ABC Law by operating under 3 DBAs with 3 separate ENTRANCES; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA conduct a 500-foot rule hearing with the applicant and members of the community to determine if licensing this establishment serves the public interest.



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

4. Bistro Shop Downtown, LLC, 118 Greenwich Ave. (7th and 8th Avenues), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for a transfer of an existing On Premise license in a mixed use building on Greenwich Avenue between 7th and 8th Avenues for a 1,300 s.f. French restaurant with 86 table seats, 1 bar with 10 seats, and a maximum legal capacity of 110 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Seven Days a Week from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.; the applicant will seek a sidewalk café in the future but will not operate a backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents, including but not limited to a Public Assembly Permit; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** of the proposed transfer of an On Premise license for **Bistro Shop Downtown, LLC, 118 Greenwich Ave, unless** the condition agreed to by applicant relating to the fourth "whereas" clause above are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license.



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At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

5. Iridium Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Bread, 20 Spring Street (Elizabeth and Mott), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an upgrade from a Beer and Wine license to an On Premise license for a restaurant located in a 3000 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located on Spring between Elizabeth and Mott Streets with 84 table seats, 1 bar with 3 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 84 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there will be slight changes to the existing operation by reducing its operating hours; the applicant stated hours of operation will be Sunday – Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Thursday – Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.; there is a sidewalk café and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been operating with a Beer and Wine license successfully for 9 years; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to make best efforts to collaborate with neighboring bar and restaurant owners in order to control the crowds on this residential block; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **approval** of the proposed upgrade to an On Premise license for **Iridium Restaurant Corp.** d/b/a Bread, 20 Spring Street.



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At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

6. Astor Center, Inc., 23 E. 4th St. (at Lafayette), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an alteration of an existing Catering license for a wine and spirits establishment located in a 5,218 s.f. premise in a commercial building located on the corner of East 4th and Lafayette Streets with 1 bar and no bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 281 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.; there will not be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to implement the following operating practices for this establishment:

- 1. Serving hours will be limited to Monday Thursday from 8:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m.
- 2. Sound Amplification will be in compliance with DEP interior public assembly standards and acceptable decibel levels in neighboring residential interiors. The applicant will install sound insulation as needed to prevent sound generated through building structural materials to more distant neighboring residential interiors.

- 3. Capacity will be 12 persons in the Kitchen, 36 persons in the Culinary Theater and 36 in the Dining Room.
- 4. During all guest hours, the applicant will have a designated Floor Manager who will be charged with running all classes and events consistent the operating practices.
- 5. Smokers will be directed to the Lafayette Street sidewalk in front of the building, around the corner from East 4th Street.
- 6. Require all renters to execute an Event Use Agreement.

Whereas, a member of the community appeared in support; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **approval** of the proposed alteration to the Catering license for **Astor Center, Inc., 23 E. 4th St.**



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At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

7. LLC to be formed d/b/a T.B.D. 415 W. 13th St. (9th Avenue and Washington), NYC

Whereas, the applicant re-appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for On Premise licenses for an upscale restaurant and Jazz lounge collectively 8,000 s.f. in a commercial building located on West 13th between 9th Avenue and Washington Street with 359 table seats, 2 bars with 16 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 405 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the establishment are Seven Days a Week from 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be live Jazz and background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to the following set of stipulations:

- 1. The applicant has agreed to operate as a Restaurant and Jazz lounge only, providing food and menu items at all times up until 1-hour prior to closing.
- 2. The applicant has agreed to live Jazz and background music ONLY in the establishment and will prohibit the use of DJs at all times.
- 3. The applicant has agreed to waive its rights to seek a DCA Cabaret license.
- 4. The applicant has agreed to operate under a single DBA for the Restaurant and Jazz Lounge.
- 5. The applicant has agreed to operate and maintain the establishment under Blue Note Management ONLY.

6. The applicant has agreed to abide by the regulations associated with all New York City Departments and safety organizations and will obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents; and,

Whereas, the SLA Licensing Committee acknowledges that this neighborhood is heavily saturated with licensed establishments and, therefore, strongly urges the State Liquor Authority to incorporate these stipulations into their duly licensed method of operation, if granted; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared in support of the applicant; and, letters of recommendation were submitted to this Committee; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** to the proposed On Premise license for **LLC** to be formed d/b/a **T.B.D.** 415 W. 13th St., unless ALL conditions agreed to by applicant relating to the fourth "whereas" clause are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA On Premise license; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends that the SLA conduct a 500-foot rule hearing with the applicant and members of the community to determine if licensing this establishment serves the public interest.



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

8. Lignoranti, LLC, 24 Prince St. (Mott and Elizabeth), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for a transfer of an existing On Premise license for a 1,500 s.f. restaurant (with a 400 s.f. backyard garden) located in a mixed use building on Prince between Mott and Elizabeth Streets with 76 table seats and 2 bars with 16 bar seats; and a maximum legal capacity of 95 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the establishment are Sunday – Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. and Thursday – Saturday from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be live and background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to abide by the regulations associated with all New York City Departments and safety organizations and will obtain all required certificates, permits and related documents; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express concerns with the proposed transfer; citing concerns with the late night hours on a highly residential area; and strong concerns with the large backyard garden facing several residential apartments; a high density of existing liquor licenses; and,

Whereas, the applicant submitted a petition with over 34 signature in support; and,

Whereas, CB#2, Man. had previously approved at this location in May 2005 by resolution an application by Prince 23, LLC, for a 135-seat restaurant with a total capacity of 150 with the stated hours of operation fromm 11 a.m. to midnight 7 days a a week for the 1st floor and basement only, and DJ and background music only. It did not include use of the back yard garden; and

Whereas, the previous establishment seemingly was not operating within their approved Method of Operations in regards to hours and has, to our understanding, never completed all the requirements to secure all proper City building permits and certifications and specifically has failed to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for the basement of this location reflecting Restaurant Use and Occupancy; and,

Whereas, the current Certificate of Occupancy for this location is for Restaurant Use with the occupancy of 70 people on the 1st floor and in the basement for storage and boiler room only with no occupancy; and

Whereas, this Committee expressed strong concerns with the proposed transfer; citing issues with the basement lounge and 35 seat backyard garden in an 8 floor tenement building and the proposed late operating hours; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** of the proposed transfer of an On Premise license for **Lignoranti, LLC, 24 Prince St.**



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9. The Cellar of Amelie d/b/a Amelie, 220 Lafayette St. (Spring and Kenmare), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an existing beer and wine license for a 1,700 s.f. restaurant located in a commercial building on Lafayette between Spring and Kenmare Streets with 32 table seats and 1 bar with 11 bar seats; and a maximum legal capacity of 60 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation for the establishment are Monday – Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. and Sunday from 12:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be background only; and,

Whereas, several members of the community appeared to express concerns with the proposed license; citing concerns with over saturation on this residential block; and,

Whereas, the applicant submitted over 20 letters of support; and,

Whereas, this Committee expressed concerns with the proposed conversion of a garage space into a newly licensed establishment in highly saturated, residential area; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **denial** of the proposed beer and wine license for **The Cellar of Amelie d/b/a Amelie, 220 Lafayette St.**



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

10. Mussel Madness, LLC, d/b/a Flex Mussels, 154 W. 13th St. (6th and 7th Avenues), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an On Premise license in a mixed use building on West 13^{th} between 6^{th} and 7^{th} Avenues for a 2,000 s.f. for a restaurant with 42 table seats, 1 bar with 6 bar seats, and a maximum legal capacity of 100 persons; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated the hours of operation are Sunday – Thursday from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.; there won't be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the landlord appeared in support while describing her high standards in selecting this restaurateur; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of an On Premise license for Mussel Madness, LLC, d/b/a Flex Mussels, 154 W. 13th St.



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

11. Smorgas Chef West Village, LLC, 283 W. 12th St. (at West 4th), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an alteration to an existing On Premise license for a restaurant located in 1,510 s.f. (850 s.f. in the ground floor and 660 s.f. in the basement) premise in a mixed use building located on the corner of West 12th and West 4th Streets with 50 table seats and 1 bar with 11 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 61 persons; to add 14 tables with 28 seats in an unenclosed sidewalk cafe; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there are no plans to change the previously approved operation; the applicant stated the restaurant hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. and Sunday from 12:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been approved by the sidewalks committee of Community Board 2, Manhattan; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **approval** of the proposed alteration to an On Premise license for **Smorgas Chef West Village, LLC, 283 W. 12th St.**



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

12. L'Atre Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a L'Aile Ou La Cuisse, 314 Bleecker St. (at Grove Street), NYC

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

Whereas, this application is for an alteration to an existing On Premise license for a French restaurant located in 3,300 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located on the corner of Bleecker and Grove Streets with 78 table seats and 2 bars (1 stand up and 1 service) with 11 bar seats and a maximum legal capacity of 74 persons; to add 2 tables with 4 seats in an unenclosed sidewalk cafe; and,

Whereas, the applicant stated there are no plans to change the previously approved operation; the applicant stated the restaurant hours are Seven Days a Week from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.; music is background only; and,

Whereas, the applicant has been approved by the sidewalks committee of Community Board 2, Manhattan; and,

Whereas, no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the proposed alteration to an On Premise license for L'Atre Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a L'Aile Ou La Cuisse, 314 Bleecker St.



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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on February 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

13. Saigon Market, LLC, 91-93 University Pl., NYC 10003

Whereas, the applicant failed to appear before the committee or request a layover of consideration of the application to the next hearing; and,

Whereas, this application is for an On Premise liquor license; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends denial of an On Premise liquor license to Saigon Market, LLC, 91-93 University Pl., NYC and requests that the SLA send this applicant back to CB#2, Man. should this application proceed 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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Jo Hamilton, Chair Community Board #2, Manhattan

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Raymond Lee, Chair SLA Licensing Committee Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman Hon. Thomas Duane, NY State Senator Hon. Deborah Glick, Assembly Member Hon. Scott Stringer, Man. Borough President Hon. Christine Quinn, Council Speaker Hon. Margaret Chin, Council Member Hon. Rosie Mendez, Council Member Sandy Myers, CB2 liaison, Man. Borough President's office Lolita Jackson, Manhattan Director, Commissioner, CAU Applicant