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Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of Vissidarte Company LLC, d/b/a “Alibi,” for a new establishment to be located at 2376 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10039.

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has jurisdiction to issue on-premises licenses according to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, and is responsible for enforcing those laws; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 10 reviews all new applications and offers guidance to the SLA about the potential impact of a license on public safety and quality of life in our District; and

WHEREAS, Community Boards, as part of their due diligence process, review an applicant’s ownership and funding; floor plans of the proposed location, food and beverage to be served, operational aspects of the restaurant/bar or lounge, price points, employee hiring processes, employee wages and benefits, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Vissidarte Company LLC is applying for a Liquor License for a new establishment to be known as “Alibi” located at 2376 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10039 (S/W Corner of 139th Street); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s principals, Mr. Thomas B. Moore and Mr. Gislain Lionel Legault, appeared before Community Board 10’s Economic Development Committee on January 14, 2016 and presented the following information:

1. Mr. Moore has had a long career as an attorney and a manager of non-profit organizations. Mr. Legault is a native of Gabon. He has lived in France where he earned a degree in human rights law. He owned and operated a bar/lounge in Gabon. Mr. Moore and Mr. Gabon are both residents of Harlem.
2. Applicant has obtained a 5-year lease with a 5-year option to renew for the premises.
3. The restaurant will accommodate 30 patrons.
4. The restaurant will be open from 5:00 pm to 2:00 am Monday to Thursday and 5:00 pm to 3:00 am Friday and Saturday. The restaurant will be closed on Sunday.

5. The establishment will serve finger foods priced at \$5.00. Prices for alcohol will be: cocktails, \$6.00 - \$13.00, wine, \$9.00 per glass and beer, \$5.00.
6. The restaurant will not provide any live music. It will provide recorded background music only.
7. The Applicant plans to employ 4 people (in addition to the two principals): 2 bartenders, a bar-back and one waitperson. The owners will act as General Managers.
8. The Applicant intends to hire employees from the District and it is working with local hiring agencies to identify suitable candidates.
9. The establishment's interior and restrooms will be disabled and wheelchair accessible. The entryway is currently not accessible and the Applicant will pursue methods of making the entryway disabled and wheelchair accessible; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has provided a Petition in support of the application signed by 24 neighboring residents, and letters of support from the Harlem Business Alliance and the Kings Court West 139th Street Block Association, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted 5-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstention to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on March 2, 2016, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Vissidarte Company LLC with a vote of 29 in favor, 2 opposed and 0 abstentions.