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Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of Indigo Kitchen Harlem, LLC, d/b/a “Blujeen”, 2143 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10026.

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, quality of life and economic development in our neighborhoods; and

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

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2014, Manhattan Community Board 10 passed a Resolution approving and application of Indigo Kitchen Harlem, LLC for a Wine and Beer License for its establishment known as “Blujeen” located at 2143 Frederick Douglass Blvd. New York, NY 10026 (between 115th – 116th Streets); and

WHEREAS, in April 2015 the SLA granted the application for a Wine and Beer License and Applicant has been operating Blujeen since that time pursuant to said license; and

WHEREAS, Indigo Kitchen Harlem, LLC, is now applying for a full Liquor License for Blujeen; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s manager and chef, Lance Knowling, appeared before Community Board 10’s Economic Development Committee on November 12, 2015 and presented the following information:

1. Mr. Knowling has been managing Blujeen since April 2015. Mr. Knowling has worked in the restaurant industry for 22 years.
2. Blujeen serves “modern comfort food,” and will be open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week, and will serve brunch on weekends. Hour of operation are 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm on weekdays and Noon to Midnight on Friday, Saturday and Saturday.

3. Since opening, Blujeen has not had any SLA or other violations regarding its service of wine and beer and has had no incidents of police activity.
4. The restaurant's price points are: appetizers \$5.00 – \$14.00 and entrees \$15.00 - \$22.00.
5. Applicant has obtained a 5-year lease, with a 5-year option, for the premises.
6. The restaurant seats 40 patrons at tables, with 10 additional seats at the bar.
7. The restaurant's main entrance, interior space and bathrooms are wheelchair and disabled accessible.
8. The restaurant provides recorded background music only and does not offer live music or DJs.
9. Applicant is in the process of installing sound proofing in Blujeen at an estimated cost of \$30,000.
10. The Applicant plans to employ 10 workers: a chef, assistant chef, cooks, dishwashers, wait staff and bartenders. Applicant strives to hire its employees from the Community, and currently 75% of the employees reside in Harlem and 24% reside in the Bronx.
11. Applicant does not intent to alter its methods of operation, other than to serve liquor in addition to wine and beer.
12. Applicant is is member of Harlem Park 2 Park and has provided community assistance to Harlem United, the Community Food Bank and Columbia University, the Harlem Activities Educational Fund and Autism Speaks.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted a petition of support signed by neighboring residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted letters of support for this application from its next-door neighbor, Harlem Shambles, and St. Stephen Community A.M.E. Church, the applicant's landlord; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted without objection 10-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstentions to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on December 2, 2015 the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Indigo Kitchen Harlem, LLC with a vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstention.