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**Resolution: Support of a new Wine and Beer License for Lenox Coffee LLC, d/b/a Lenox Coffee, located at 60 West 129<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027.**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has the jurisdiction to issue on-premise licenses according to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) 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 neighborhoods; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Lenox Coffee LLC is applying for a Wine and Beer License for an existing establishment known as Lenox Coffee, located at 60 West 129<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027; and

**WHEREAS**, Lenox Coffee LLC is owned by Aaron Baird and Jeffrey Green; and

**WHEREAS**, Lenox Coffee LLC appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on November 8, 2012 and presented the following information;

1. Lenox Coffee has been operating since December 2011, serving primarily coffee, teas, pastries and baked goods. The proprietors plan to begin serving sandwiches and other food items in the near future.
2. Many of Lenox Coffee's customers had requested that Lenox Coffee serve wine and beer, and the proprietors believe that doing so can complement and enhance Lenox Coffee's present relaxed atmosphere without creating a typical "bar" atmosphere.

3. Lenox Coffee's floor plans include 540 square feet on the ground floor level of 100 West 124<sup>th</sup> Street, with a seating capacity of approximately 30 patrons.
4. Lenox Coffee is currently open seven days a week, with hours of Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. If granted a wine and beer license, Lenox Coffee would extend its hours until 12:00 am.
5. Lenox Coffee's current menu features prices ranging from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for various coffees and teas, and from \$2.00 to \$5.75 for various baked goods, yogurt and granola.
6. Lenox Coffee holds periodic events at which musicians perform acoustic music. Other events feature various other creative artistic performances and art openings.
7. Lenox Coffee currently employs eight employees. All of Lenox Coffee's current and former employees are/have been residents of Harlem. Employees are extensively trained in barista/coffee services and customer service.

**WHEREAS**, Lenox Coffee LLC has produced evidence of community support via a petition expressing support signed by over 700 Harlem residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee on November 8, 2012 voted 9-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstentions to support this application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on December 5, 2012 the Manhattan Community Board 10 supports the Wine and Beer License application of Lenox Coffee LLC with a vote of 22 in favor, 9 opposed and 0 abstentions.