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Resolution: Support of new full liquor license for Maison Harlem, LLC located at 341 St. Nicholas Avenue.

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; community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC, consisting of owners Samuel Thiam and Romain Bonnans, is applying for a full liquor license for Maison Harlem located at 341 St. Nicholas Avenue.

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC presented to the Economic Development Committee on April 12th and presented the following information;

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC proposes to offer a full spectrum of contemporary dishes with a primary emphasis on provincial French cuisine and a selection of wines, beer and cocktails;

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC floor plans include a kitchen consisting of approximately 320 square feet; a rear dining area consisting of approximately 450 sq. ft. (capacity 28 patrons) and front dining room / bar area consisting of approximately 350 sq. feet (capacity 12 patrons for dining area / capacity 12 at the bar area) with a total capacity of 74 patrons and staff within 1,800 square feet, and will initially serve dinner, and will eventually include breakfast and lunch;

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC will initially be open for dinner with the operating hours of Sunday through Thursday 4 pm to 12 am; Friday and Saturday 4 pm to 2 am; once breakfast and lunch are offered, hours of operation will be Monday 8 am to Thursday 12 am; Friday and Saturday 8 am to 2 am;

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC will play background recorded music only and will not have live music; and

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC price point will be: breakfast \$3-\$8; lunch \$5-\$12; Entrees \$12 to \$22 average \$17; dessert \$5 to \$9; Wine by the glass \$8 to \$15 and Wine by the bottle \$22 to \$80 average \$30; and

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC will create approximately 12 new employment opportunities and will work with Seedco, a Work Force One job developer contractor to hire local talent as well as using independent efforts; and

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC will pay compensation commensurate with job title and experience- positions will be based on experience and scope of work; wait staff will be paid minimum wage plus tips; health benefits will not be offered;

WHEREAS, Maison Harlem, LLC has produced evidence of community support via support letters from surrounding neighbors, including residents of 341 St. Nicholas Avenue, and local businesses;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee on April 12th, voted 13-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstentions to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at a regularly scheduled Manhattan Community Board 10 General Board meeting on May 2, 2012, the Board unanimously voted to approve the full liquor license application of Maison Harlem, LLC located at 341 St. Nicholas Avenue with a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, with no abstentions.