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**Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of GFE Café Associates for “Savann”, located at 2280 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, New York, NY 10027.**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has 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, 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**, GFE Café Associates is applying for a Liquor License for an establishment to be known as “Savann” located at 2280 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, New York, NY 10027; and

**WHEREAS**, Galit Ozbek is the sole owner of GFE Café Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ozbek appeared on the Applicant’s behalf before Community Board 10’s Economic Development Committee on February 14, 2013 and presented the following information;

1. Mr. Ozbek is the former owner of the former Savann Restaurant on Amsterdam Avenue and 80th Street.
2. The proposed new establishment will be a casual restaurant serving authentic Mediterranean cuisine.
3. There will be no entertainment or live music. There will be light background music only.

4. The restaurant is expected to create 12 – 15 new employment opportunities, and the Applicant will work with Workforce 1 to assist in hiring local community residents.
5. The restaurant's price points will be \$6.00 - \$9.00 for salads and appetizers, \$7.00 - \$9.00 for sandwiches, and \$14.00 - \$20.00 for entrees.
6. The restaurant will consist of a dining section and a bar section, with a total of 2,500 square feet. The dining area will seat 70 patrons and there will be 6 seats at the bar.
7. The restaurant will be open seven days a week from 10:00 am to 12:00 midnight.
8. The restaurant will be handicapped accessible with a ground-level, wheelchair accessible front entrance and two wheelchair accessible bathrooms.

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has submitted a petition of support for his proposed restaurant signed by 20 neighboring residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee on January 10, 2013 voted 10-yes, 0-no, and 2-abstentions to support this application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on March 6, 2013 the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Mr. Galit Ozbek with a vote of 21 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstention.