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Resolution: Support of a New Liquor License Application for Harlem Nights, Ltd., located at 2361 Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Blvd., New York, NY 10030.

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) has the jurisdiction to issue on-premise 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 neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 10, as part of its due diligence process, reviews an applicant's proposed methods of operations for the subject restaurant/bar or lounge, price points, employee hiring processes, employee wages and benefits, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Harlem Nights, Ltd. is applying for a Liquor License for an establishment to be located at 2361 Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Blvd., New York, NY 10030 (NE corner of 138th Street); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on April 9, 2015 and presented the following information;

1. Harlem Nights, Ltd. is an S-Corporation solely owned by Claud Fatu. Mr. Fatu is a resident of Harlem, residing across the street from the proposed establishment. Mr. Fatu has extensive experience working in restaurants after serving 6 years in the US military.
2. The proposed establishment is the location of the former Epiphany bar. Applicant has obtained a 10-year lease and has significantly renovated the space. As required by the lease, Applicant has dropped and sound-proofed the ceiling.
3. Harlem Nights will be open seven days from 2:00 pm to 2:00 am from Sunday to Thursday and 2:00 pm to 4:00 am on Friday and Saturday.
4. The establishment will not have a full kitchen, but will use electric cooking equipment to prepare light bar snacks such as hot dogs, sandwiches, dumplings, guacamole, chips and desert.

5. Food, cocktails and beer will be moderately priced.
6. The restaurant's main floor will be approximately 900 square feet and will accommodate 44 customers seated at tables and 11 customers seated at the bar.
7. The establishment's entrance will be handicapped and wheelchair accessible. The bathrooms, however, will be located on the basement level and will be accessible by stairway only. Applicant has indicated that he will explore a cost-effective means to address the accessibility question.
8. The restaurant will provide primarily music using an iPod or jukebox and may have DJs for special events.
9. Applicant intends to hire approximately 8 employees, including 2 managers, 3 bartenders, 1 security guard and 1 maintenance person. Compensation will be at least competitive with industry standards.
10. The premises have a security camera system and the Applicant intends to hire full-time, licensed security personnel.
11. Applicant intends to work with local agencies and use other outreach methods to hire employees from the Harlem Community.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has met with and obtained expressions of support from Assemblyman Keith Wright's office and has a petition of support signed by 43 nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee on April 9, 2015 voted 8-yes, 0-no, and 0-abstention to support this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on May 6, 2015, Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of Harlem Nights, Ltd. with a vote of 17 in favor, 13 opposed and 2 abstentions.