

CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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Resolution: Support of the Liquor License Application of 175 Lenox Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Sushi Vino located at 175 Lenox Avenue, 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 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, 175 Lenox Restaurant LLC is applying for a Liquor License for a new establishment to be known as "Sushi Vino" located at 175 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10026 (SW corner of 119th Street); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant's principal, James Goldman, appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on March 12, 2015 and presented the following information:

- **1.** James Goldman and Syhed Azad Razack are the sole owners of 175 Lenox Restaurant LLC.
- **2.** Mr. Goldman will manage the restaurant. He has been in the restaurant business for over 25 years, having founded the Brother Jimmy's barbeque restaurants and recently owning a restaurant in St. Marten.
- **3.** Applicant's proposed new establishment will specialize in sushi and Japanese food. It will not have a waitstaff, but will operate in a "fast food" manner.
- **4.** Applicant has obtained a 15-year lease for the premises.

- **5.** The restaurant's main floor will be approximately 1,500 square feet and will accommodate 36 patrons at tables, 8 at a sushi bar and 26 patrons at the bar.
- **6.** The restaurant will be open seven days, from 11:00 pm to 1:00.
- **7.** The restaurant will not provide any live music or entertainment.
- **8.** The restaurant's price points will be \$3.00 \$8.00 for sushi and basic sushi rolls, \$8.00 \$12.00 for special rolls, and \$10.00 \$15.00 for salads and rice bowls. Beers \$3.00 \$4.00, wine \$11.00 \$33.00 per half bottle. Sushi Vino will also specialize in Japanese whiskey.
- 9. The Applicant plans to employ 10 20 people, including managers, chefs and cook staff, bussers and porters. The Applicant intends to hire from the Community and to use local agencies to accomplish this.
- **10.** The establishment's interior is being newly designed and will have handicapped and wheelchair accessible entryways, dining areas and bathrooms. The restaurant will be on one level.
- 11. The Applicant has met with the tenants' association of the establishment building and has obtained the association's consent to this application.

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on April 1, 2015, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the Liquor License application of 175 Lenox Restaurant LLC with a vote of **30** in favor, **6** opposed and **0** abstention.