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Resolution: Support of the Wine and Beer License Application of Podo Inc. for a new establishment to be located at 350 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027.

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, Podo Inc. is applying for a Liquor License for a new establishment to be called **Yuzu** located at 350 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027 (between 127th – 128th Streets, east side); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant's principals, Oh Young Kwon and Tomoyuki Hayashi, appeared before Community Board 10's Economic Development Committee on February 12, 2015 and presented the following information:

1. Oh Young Kwon and Tomoyuki Hayashi are the sole owners of Podo Inc.
2. The Applicant intends to operate a Japanese/Sushi restaurant serving beer, wine and sake (Japanese wine).
3. Applicant has obtained a 10-year lease for the premises.
4. The establishment will accommodate 36 patrons in total, with 24 seated at tables and 11 seats at a sushi bar.
5. The restaurant will be open seven days, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm.

6. The restaurant will not provide any live entertainment and will only provide recorded background music.
7. The restaurant's price points will be \$5.00 - \$17.00 for appetizers; sashimi, sushi and rolls from \$4.00 - \$12.00; beer from \$5.00 - \$6.00, sake from \$8.00 - \$12.00 per glass and \$60.00 - \$80.00 per bottle; and wine \$10.00 per glass and \$40.00 - \$80.00 per bottle.
8. The Applicant plans to employ 9 people, including 2 sushi chefs, 2 kitchen workers and 4 waitstaff.
9. Applicant intends to hire its employees from the Community and will work with Upper Manhattan Workforce 1 in this regard. Applicant hopes to train local employees in the art of sushi preparation.
10. The establishment will have handicapped and wheelchair accessible entryways, and bathrooms.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted a petition of support signed by 8 neighbors and area businesses;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee voted 8-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 Podo Inc. with a vote of **31** in favor, **5** opposed and **0** abstention.