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Resolution: Support of a New Wine and Beer License Application for Chaiwali Corp., located at 274 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027.

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, Chaiwali Corp. is applying for a Wine and Beer License for an establishment to be located at 274 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027 (between 123rd – 124th Street, East side); and

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

1. Chaiwali Corp. is owned by Anita Trehan. Ms. Trehan has extensive experience and knowledge in the hospitality and travel industries.
2. The Applicant owns the building in which the establishment will be located. The restaurant will occupy the ground floor and second floor and Applicant will occupy the top two floors. There will be no other residents.
3. Chaiwali will be open seven days from 7:00 am to midnight and will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. The cuisine will be healthy, traditional Indian dishes, teas, coffee, wines and beer.
4. Prices will be moderate, with soups, salads and sandwiches priced at \$3.00 - \$8.00; dinner appetizers from \$5.00 - \$9.00, dinner small plates from \$8.00 - \$14.00 and large plates from \$15.00 - \$23.00. Wines will be \$8.00 - \$10.00 per glass and \$35.0 - \$40.00 per bottle.

5. The restaurant will have two floors of approximately 980 square feet each. The restaurant will accommodate a combined total of 70 customers.
6. The restaurant will also have service in a backyard patio. The patio will have a metal roof to limit noise transmission and will not have any music.
7. The restaurant's main floor will have a handicapped and wheelchair accessible entryway and bathroom. The second floor is accessible by a stairway and is presently not handicapped accessible.
8. The restaurant will provide primarily soft background music, with occasional live acoustic music at weekend jazz.
9. Applicant intends to hire approximately 10 employees per shift, including 4 kitchen workers, 4 waitstaff and 2 others. Compensation will be at least competitive with industry standards.
10. Applicant intends to work with local agencies and use other outreach methods to hire employees from the Harlem Community.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted letters of support and a petition of support signed by 10 nearby residents and businesses; 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 Chaiwali Corp. with a vote of 20 in favor, 12 opposed and 1 abstentions.