

Katherine Diaz,
Chairperson



Ebenezer Smith,
District Manager

February 13, 2024

Hon. Lily M. Fan
Chairperson
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Bija 203 Inc. dba Taller Cocina – Method of Operation Change (**CORRECTED**)

Dear Chairperson Fan:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023, with a vote of 26 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention, Community Board 12, Manhattan, passed a resolution of **No Objection** to the New York State Liquor Authority for a Method of Operation Change to the License for Bija 203 Inc. dba Taller Cocina.

Whereas, Bija 203 Inc. dba Taller Cocina – 416 West 203rd Street - (bet. 9th and 10th Avenue) New York, NY 10034, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application to change its Method of Operations to the On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee met on March 8th, 2023, to hear comments from the community and the precinct regarding this establishment's request to change its Method of Operations; and

Whereas, the operator requested to change the method of operation from 2:00 am closure to staying open seven days per week until 4:00 am in order to increase revenue and not to be forced to lay off employees; and

Whereas, members of the committees, who frequent the establishment, shared positive experiences about the venue for its fine service and great food; and

Whereas, the Community Board, having met on September 22nd, 2020, **did not object** to this establishment's New On-Premises Liquor License; and

Whereas, the establishment has never received a summon or penalty from the NYSLA; and

Whereas, the owner was present to answer questions and concerns. The applicant submitted: the questionnaire, picture of the public sign, and copy of the license, as required by the Community Board; and

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Whereas, the establishment's method of operation includes DJ, Juke Box, Karaoke, Live and recorded music; and

Whereas, the venue operates with 17 tables, 44 chairs, and 10 bar stools, with a total legal capacity of 74 persons. Hours of operation Monday to Saturday from 4 pm to 4 am, and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 am; and

Whereas, the restaurant is on the street level of a 1 (one) story Commercial use building; and

Whereas, the 34th Precinct was not present at the meeting. Committee members congratulated the owner for their fine operation; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board 12, Manhattan, **Does Not Object** to the New York State Liquor Authority to the Change of Operation to the On-Premises Liquor License of Bija 203 Inc. dba Taller Cocina.

Sincerely,

Katherine Diaz
Chairperson

cc: Hon. Edgar De Leon, Commissioner
Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough
President
Hon. Jumaane Williams, Public Advocate
Hon. Brad Lander, Comptroller
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman

Hon. Cordell Cleare, State Senator
Hon. Robert Jackson, State Senator
Hon. Carmen De La Rosa, Council Member
Hon. Shaun Abreu, Council Member
Hon. Alfred Taylor, Assembly Member
Hon. Manny De Los Santos, Assembly Member