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March 25, 2025

Director
Licensing Issuance Division
NY State Liquor Authority 163 W. 125th Street
New York, New York 10027

Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on March 20, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

**AW Hospitality LLC, dba Drai's Supper Club, 244 West 14th Street 10014 (OP–Restaurant)
(Change in Method of Operation)**

- i. **Whereas**, the Applicant and the Applicant's attorney appeared in [January/2025](#) before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Committees #2 to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for a Change in Method of Operation to an On-Premises Liquor License to operate a full service, high-end French restaurant and caviar lounge in the ground floor and basement of a C6-2A-zoned, 2-story commercial building (c. 1920) on West 14th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues (Bock #618/Lot #10); and
- ii. **Whereas**, an investor who was disclosed at that January/2025 CB2, Man. meeting, Dustin Drai, is going to be added as a principal to the application, the stipulation agreement signed in January/2025 has been amended as follows **with the bold type being the change on stipulation 20**:
 1. Premise will be advertised and operated as a full-service French restaurant with a caviar lounge in the cellar with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.
 2. The hours of operation will be from are 12:00 PM to 12:00 AM Sundays through Tuesdays and 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM Wednesdays through Saturdays. No patrons will remain after stated closing time.
 3. Will not operate as a Club, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
 4. Will not have televisions.
 5. Will not operate a backyard garden or any other outdoor area for commercial purposes including any sidewalk café and/or roadbed seating now or in the future.

6. Will play recorded background music at conversational levels only and may have live acoustic music, primarily piano (no brass instruments, percussion, microphones or amplification) at background levels on the ground floor. The cellar will have recorded background music only with the exception of private parties in the basement which may have DJs or acoustic live music (no brass instruments, percussion, microphones or amplification). Will install and calibrate sound limiter to ensure that no music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
7. Will have not more than 24 private parties per year.
8. Will do a sound test involving the residents to ensure soundproofing is sufficient so as to prevent music and bass from being heard in residential homes, particularly when there may be DJs.
9. Will not have televisions.
10. Will close all doors and windows at all times, allowing only for patron ingress and egress.
11. Will use an electronic reservation system capable of online messaging to interact with customers remotely, as needed, to prevent crowds from queuing/gathering/waiting to enter on sidewalk.
12. Will ensure emergency egress from cellar to the common hallway is an alarmed door to prevent patron and employee access aside from in case of emergency.
13. There will be no use of rear yard by patrons or staff. Door to rear yard will be closed and alarmed at all times.
14. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows or open façades.
15. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning.
16. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and keep current at all times required Permits and Certificates.
17. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food and drink specials. Will not have “boozy brunches.” No pitchers of beer.
18. There will be no “bottle service” or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of wine products.
19. Will not have: dancing, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades.
20. Will not add more principals as presented to CB2 with greater than 20% share of business prior to submission of original application to the NYSLA **other than Dustin Drai**.
21. Will appear before CB2, Man. prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends **denial** of the application for a new On-Premises Restaurant Liquor License in the name of **AW Hospitality LLC, dba Drai’s Supper Club, 244 West 14th Street 10014** **unless** the statements presented by the Applicant are accurate and complete and that the conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant are incorporated into the “Method of Operation” of the NYSLA Liquor License in order to create public interest for the issuance of this liquor license.

Vote: Unanimous, 41 Board Members in favor.

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

Sincerely,



Donna Raftery, Chair
SLA Licensing 1 and 2 Committees
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Susan Kent, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, Congressman
Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, NY State Senator
Hon. Brian Kavanaugh, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY State Assembly
Hon. Grace Lee, State Assembly Member
Hon. Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
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Hon. Christopher Marte, NYC Council Member
Hon. Carlina Rivera, NYC Council Member
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THIERNO M ARIBOT
 Notary Public, State of New Jersey
 My Commission Expires May 8, 2028

Community Board 2 Liquor License Stipulations

**The original signed and notarized form must be returned to the CB2 office by Friday, March 15, 2025.
 If not returned 24 hours prior to CB2s full board meeting, the application will be denied.**

I, **Kevin Hooshangi** as a qualified representative of **AW Hospitality LLC dba Drai's Supper Club** located at **244 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10014** agree to the following stipulations:

Application Type: OP Restaurant RW TW Alteration Other:
 Premise will be advertised and operated as high end French restaurant
 Hours of operation:

Sunday:	12 PM	to	12 AM	Thursday:	12 PM	to	2 AM
Monday:	12 PM	to	12 AM	Friday:	12 PM	to	2 AM
Tuesday:	12 PM	to	12 AM	Saturday:	12 PM	to	2 AM
Wednesday:	12 PM	to	2 AM				

(Premises will open no later than stated opening time and **NO** patrons will remain after stated closing time.)

- Will operate a full-service French restaurant with a caviar lounge in the cellar with the kitchen open and full menu items available until closing every night.
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Residents may contact the Manager/Owner at the following phone number. Any complaints will be addressed immediately

Name: Kevin Hooshangi Phone Number: 9174882126

Signed [Signature] Print Name Kevin Hooshangi Dated 3/27/2025
 Sworn to this 27th day of March 2025 Thierno M. Aribot Notary Public [Signature]

CB2 and Applicant/Licensee request that the SLA add these stipulations to the method of operation/conditions of license