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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:

Restaurant Associates, LLC 550 Washington St, 1st–4th Floors, 4th Floor Terrace (OP–Catering Facility) (*Renotification, appearance waived*)

- i. **Whereas**, this is renotification of an application heard in [April/2023](#) for a new On-Premises Catering Liquor License on multiple floors (1–4 and terrace, 6, 9 & 12) of a recently built twelve story office building that will be occupied by Google LLC, the building taking up a city block on Washington Street but also facing Houston Street and the West Side Highway across from Pier 40 in Hudson Square; this renotification is for floors 1–4 and associated 4th floor terrace; and
- ii. **Whereas**, the catering facilities will be ancillary to the business operated by Google, and there will be no outside promoters, with the all events being sponsored by Google, and despite there being multiple, large exterior spaces on different floors of the building facing the North, South and West, the service of alcohol beverages will be confined to the interior only, and there will be no exterior service bars or points of service of alcoholic beverages to any exterior location; and
- iii. **Whereas**, the hours of operation for the service of alcohol will be from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM every day/evening, Sunday to Saturday; there will be no exterior music or speakers used in conjunction with the service of alcohol, music on the interior will be quiet background only; there will be no DJ's, no promoted events, no live music or scheduled performances, no cover fees, and no televisions; and,
- iv. **Whereas** the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a Stipulations Agreement with Community Board 2, Manhattan which will be incorporated into the “Method of Operation” of the Catering On-Premises License, with those stipulations as follows:

1. The premises will offer catering services for the offices of Google LLC during daytime working hours.
2. The hours of operation will be from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM every day, Sunday to Saturday.
3. The Premises will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern, or Sports Bar or allow any portion of the premises to be operated in that manner.
4. Service of alcoholic beverages will be conducted from the interior of building only. Alcoholic consumption will be permitted at/to exterior locations on the 4th floor but the service of alcohol from any exterior areas of the building will be prohibited; there will be no bars, stand-up or service in any exterior areas of the building. No sidewalk or roadbed seating.
5. The Applicant will play quiet ambient recorded background music only; no exterior music—no music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
6. It will comply with the NYC Department of Buildings Regulations & and keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
7. It will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food and and drink specials; it will not have “boozy brunches” or serve pitchers of beer.
8. There will be no bottle service or the sale of alcohol in bottle form, except for the sale of bottles of beer, cider, and wine products purchased from the grocery area for consumption outside of the store.
9. It will not have any of the following: dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where a cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, or security personnel/doorman.
10. It will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
11. Will appear before CB2, Man. for alteration to license prior to submitting plans for permanent sidewalk or roadbed seating.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends denial of the application for a new On-Premises Catering Liquor License to **Restaurant Associates Inc, floors 1-4 and Terrace, 550 Washington St 10014** unless the statements presented by the Applicant are accurate and complete and that the conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant remain incorporated into the “Method of Operation” of the SLA Catering On-Premises 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



Susan Kent, Chair

SLA Licensing 1 and 2 Committees
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, Congressman
Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, NY State Senator
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Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY State Assembly
Hon. Grace Lee, State Assembly Member
Hon. Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
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Community Board 2 Liquor License Stipulations

The original signed and notarized form must be returned to the CB2 office by Thursday, February 27, 2025

I, Jennifer McConnell, as a qualified representative of Restaurant Associates LLC, floors 1-4, 6, 9 & 12 located at 550 Washington Street New York, New York 10014 agree to the following stipulations:

Application Type: [] OP Restaurant/Tavern [] RW [] TW [] Alteration [x] Other: Catering License

[x] Premise will be advertised and operated as Commercial Office Space of Google LLC.

[x] Hours of operation:

Sunday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Monday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Saturday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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

- [x] Will operate catering services for offices of Google LLC during daytime working hours.
[x] Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
[x] Service of alcoholic beverages will be conducted from the interior of building only. Alcoholic consumption will be permitted to exterior locations on the 4th, 6th and 12th floors but the service of alcohol from any exterior areas of the building will be prohibited; there will be no bars, stand-up or service in any exterior areas of the building. No sidewalk or roadbed seating.
[x] No exterior music. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
[x] Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and will keep current at all times required Permits and Certificates.
[x] Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food and drink specials. Will not have "boozy brunches." No pitchers of beer.
[x] There will be no "bottle service" or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of beer or wine products.
Will not have: [x] Dancing [x] DJs [x] Live Music [x] Promoted Events [x] Any event where cover fee is charged
[x] Scheduled Performances [x] Velvet ropes or metal barricades [x] Security Personnel/Doorman.
[x] Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
[x] Will appear before CB2, Man. for alteration to license prior to submitting plans for permanent sidewalk or roadbed seating.

Residents may contact the Manager/Owner at the following phone number. Any complaints will be addressed immediately

Name: Richard Bender Phone Number: 315-406-1071

Signed [Signature] Jennifer McConnell 2/27/25
Print Name Dated
Sworn to this 27 day of February 2025 [Signature]
Notary Public

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

