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April 23, 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 April 17, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Center for Goods LLC and Howard Fine LLC dba Roman and Williams Guild NY and La Mercerie Cafe and Bakery 53 Howard St 10013 (OP–Restaurant) (Alteration: Dining Out NYC–Roadway)

- i. **Whereas**, the Applicant will submit an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for an Alteration to the existing On-Premises Liquor License (Lic. ID #0340-21-120392) to add roadway seating consisting of 56 seats in total as part of the Dining Out NYC program to their licensed premises; and
- ii. **Whereas**, the instant application also includes the necessity of an FDNY waiver to the 15' emergency lane requirement of NYC DOT's Dining Out NYC rules, these waivers creating serious life safety concerns for the impacted residents, with CB2, Man. having heard from numerous block associations that they are adamantly opposed to any roadbed seating which requires an FDNY waiver; and
- iii. **Whereas**, the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a supplementary Stipulations Agreement with CB2, Man. to address the new Dining Out NYC program seating that they agreed to submit to the NYSLA and agreed would be attached and incorporated into the existing method of operation of their On-Premises Liquor License in addition to any other existing stipulations, with those supplementary stipulations as follows:
 1. Dining Out NYC roadbed seating will substantially conform to submitted diagram and have no more than 4 tables and 8 seats on Howard Street between Mercer Street and Broadway and 24 tables and 48 seats on Mercer Street between Howard and Canal Streets.
 2. Hours of operation for the Dining Out NYC roadbed seating will be from 10 AM to 10 PM Saturdays and Sundays and 11:30 AM to 10 PM Mondays through Fridays. No

patrons will remain outside after stated closing time and all tables and chairs will be secured.

3. All outdoor patrons will be seated and any waitstaff will serve only from within the Dining Out NYC sidewalk café and/or Dining Out NYC roadway café boundaries. There will be no waitstaff service over any barriers or outside the areas indicated as patron areas on submitted diagrams.
 4. There will be no host stands, bus or service stations on the sidewalk or in the roadbed.
 5. There will be no exterior music, speakers, TVs or any other sound reproduction devices in the outdoor area.
 6. There will be no speakers or TVs inside the premises pointing outside through any doors or windows.
 7. Will follow all rules and regulations of the Dining Out NYC program including clear path requirements.
 8. All other stipulations agreed to and executed with Community Board 2, Man. remain in effect.
- iv. **Whereas**, the Applicant had originally included sidewalk seating within the property line as part of the instant application, the sidewalk seating being within the property line being questioned by the local block association (Broadway Residents Coalition) as well as CB2, Man., the Applicant asking to gain further clarity on the sidewalk measurements and return to CBs Man.'s SLA #2 Committee in April, prior to that meeting removing the sidewalk seating from the application, agreeing to the 10 PM closing for the roadway seating and affirming they will return to CB2, Man. for the sidewalk seating once they have applied through the DOT Dining Out NYC program; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Man. recommends **denial** of the application for the alteration to the existing On-Premises Liquor License for **Center for Goods LLC and Howard Fine LLC dba Roman and Williams Guild NY and La Mercerie Cafe and Bakery 53 Howard St 10013**, to add seating under the Dining Out NYC program **unless** the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and supplementary stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are added to the existing NYSLA Liquor License.

Vote: Unanimous, 35 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



Valerie De La Rosa, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, Congressman
Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, NY State Senator
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY State Assembly
Hon. Grace Lee, State Assembly Member
Hon. Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
Hon. Michael Levine, Man. Borough President
Hon. Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Speaker
Hon. Christopher Marte, NYC Council Member
Hon. Carlina Rivera, NYC Council Member
Thomas Donohue, Deputy Commissioner of Licensing, NY State Liquor Authority



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**Community Board 2 Addendum to Existing Liquor License Stipulations:
 Alteration to include use of Municipal Property for Dining Out NYC Sidewalk or Roadway Cafe**

The original signed and notarized form must be returned to the CB2 office by Friday April 11, 2025.
 If not returned 24 hours prior to CB2s full board meeting, the application will be denied.

I, Robin Standefer as a qualified representative of
Center for Goods LLC and Howard Fine LLC dba Roman and Williams Guild NY; La Mercerie Café and Bakery
 located at: **53 Howard Street, NY, NY 10013**
 agrees to the following stipulations:

Currently held Liquor License Class: Lic. ID #0340-21-120392

On Premise Liquor Restaurant Wine Tavern Wine Other _____

Alteration to License to add:

Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Cafe Dining Out NYC Roadway

Roadway café will substantially conform to submitted diagram and have no more than:

- 4 tables and 8 seats on Howard Street
- 24 tables and 48 seats on Mercer Street

Hours of operation for Dining Out NYC sidewalk and roadway seating:*

Sunday: 10 AM to 10 PM	Thursday: 11:30 AM to 10 PM
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Residents may contact the Manager/Owner at the following phone number. Any complaints will be addressed immediately

Name: Robin Standefer Phone Number: 212 625 3808

x Robin Standefer Robin Standefer 4/8/2025
 Signed _____ Print Name _____ Dated _____
 Sworn to this 8 day of April 2025 Marisa Intile

 Notary Public

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

MARISA INTILE
 Notary Public, State of New York
 No. 01IN5051777
 Qualified in Westchester County
 Commission Expires Nov. 13, 2025



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