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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 May 22, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Center for Emerging Culture Inc 45 Howard St 10013 (OP–Restaurant)

Whereas, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA #1 Licensing Committee Meeting on May 6, 2025, the Applicant requested **to lay over** this application to June/2025 and will resubmit the application for consideration at a future CB2 SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the NYSLA should they proceed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the NYSLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, change in method of operation, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **Center for Emerging Culture Inc 45 Howard St 10013** **until** the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the NYSLA and requests that the NYSLA send this Applicant back to CB2 should this application proceed directly to the NYSLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous, 43 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 Kavanaugh, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY State Assembly
Hon. Grace Lee, State Assembly Member
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