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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 July 24, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

iCook Bowery Inc. dba Sanmiwago, 90-92 Bowery aka 151-155 Hester St. 10013 (OP– Restaurant) (Class Change) (Lic ID # 0240-24-133639)

- i. Whereas**, the Applicant and the Applicant’s attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan’s SLA Licensing Committee #1 for an On-Premises Restaurant Liquor License to continue to operate a restaurant focusing on dumplings, noodles and Chinese and Taiwanese food on the ground floor of a seven (7)-story mixed-use building (circa 1915) on the northwest corner of Bowery and Hester Street (Block #239/Lot #38), the entry being on Hester Street, the building falling within the Special Little Italy District; and
- ii. Whereas**, the ground floor storefront is approximately 1,000 sq. ft., there are nine (9) tables and 18 seats and no bars for a total seated patron occupancy of 18 persons; there is one (1) patron entry which serves as patron ingress and egress, one staff entry which serves as staff ingress and egress and one (1) patron bathroom; the store front infill being fixed with no operable doors or windows that open out to the sidewalk; there will be no outdoor seating; and
- iii. Whereas**, the hours of operation will continue to be from 10:00 AM to 2 AM Sundays through Saturdays (7 days a week) with the service of alcohol ending at 12 AM nightly; there is no music; there will be no dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, no scheduled performances or cover fees, no velvet ropes, no movable barriers and no security personnel/doormen; and
- iv. Whereas**, the Applicant originally came before CB2, Man. in [December/2023](#) for their restaurant wine license which was issued in Fall/2024, the storefront premises having been previously unlicensed, the Applicant having opened and been operating at the location since

2021 without a liquor license, prior to that the premises was operated as Golden King Bakery since at least 2009; and

- v. **Whereas**, the Applicant has had their current restaurant wine license for less than a year, the method of operation for the premises is that of a quick-service dumpling and noodle shop with tea, bubble teas, sodas and a limited beer and wine selection with only 18 seats, the Applicant providing only four (4) signatures of support and those were from the building in which they are located which has 34 residential units, the signatures of support are from units on the other side of this large, mostly residential building, the expectation being with so many residents in the building the Applicant should be able to show significantly more support for the application, the establishment being known as a place to quickly get good quality, reasonably priced noodle and dumpling dishes and not having the method of operation where diners would linger over a meal or cocktail; the immediate area having numerous restaurants and bars with full liquor licenses, there being 27 active full liquor licenses within 750 feet of the premises; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Man. recommends **denial** of the of the application for a new On-Premises Restaurant Liquor License for **iCook Bowery Inc. dba Sanmiwago, 90-92 Bowery aka 151-155 Hester St. 10013**; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should this application be considered by the NYSLA, CB2, Man. respectfully requests that this item be calendared to appear before the Full Board of the NYSLA before any license, temporary or otherwise is issued to this Applicant.

Vote: Passed, 36 Board Members in favor, 1 against (R. Sanz).

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
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