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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 December 18, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Sweet Hospitality Group, LLC 432-434 Lafayette St 10003 (OP–Legitimate theater)
(previously unlicensed)

- i. Whereas**, the Applicant and the Applicant’s attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan’s (CB2M) SLA Committee #1 in [November/2025](#) to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for an On-Premises Legitimate Theatre License to operate as a concessionaire for The Astor Place Theatre in the first floor, basement and cellar of two adjoining buildings located on Lafayette Street between Astor Place and East 4th Street, the first being 434 Lafayette (Block #545/Lot #37) which is a 5-story mixed-use building (ca. 1833) and the second being 432 Lafayette Street (Block #545/Lot #38) which is a 3.5 story mixed-use building (ca. 1833), the buildings falling within NYC LPC’s designated NoHo Historic District and the Special SoHo-NoHo Mixed Use District; and
- ii. Whereas**, the resolution, which CB2M unanimously recommended approval of in November/2025, mis-stated the license class as WBC–Legitimate Theatre instead of OP–Legitimate Theatre though the item was correctly listed on the November/2025 SLA Licensing Committee meeting agenda as On-Premises–Legitimate Theatre and evaluated as such, this resolution is to correct the license class; and
- iii. Whereas**, the premises is roughly 13,939 sq. ft., the cellar being approximately 6, 490 sq. ft. and being used for office, dressing rooms, food prep with no patron use, the basement being approximately 4,674 sq. ft. where the lobby, theatre, bar and patron bathrooms are located and the first floor being 2,775 sq. ft. and being used as balcony seating and office area, the three floors being connected by an interior staircase; six (6) tables and ten (10) seats in the lobby area and approximately 280 seats in the theatre; there is one (1) doorway serving and patron ingress and egress, three (3) emergency exits and five (5) bathrooms; the storefront infill being fixed with no operable doors or windows that open out to the sidewalk; there is no outdoor seating included with this application; and
- iv. Whereas**, the hours of operation will be 11 AM to 12 AM Sundays through Saturdays (7 days a week), music will be recorded background music only aside from theatrical performances, there will be one (1) TV operating in “closed caption” mode only (no sound), there will be no dancing, DJs, no promoted

events, no velvet ropes or metal barricades; patrons will be permitted to bring food and drinks to their seats; and

- v. **Whereas**, the premises is previously unlicensed and has operated as The Astor Place Theatre since 1968; and
- vi. **Whereas**, the instant application originally included the use of the first floor courtyard associated with 432 Lafayette Street, there being no evidence that the courtyard is legally allowed to be used for eating and drinking raising serious life safety concerns, additionally the courtyard is surrounded by residential units with windows facing into the courtyard, the Applicant having done no outreach to any of those residents; the Applicant removing the courtyard area from the instant application stating they will return for it if they are able to obtain the proper permits; and
- vii. **Whereas**, the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a Stipulations Agreement with CB2M that they agreed to submit to the NYSLA and agreed would be incorporated into the “method of operation” of their liquor license, with those stipulations being as follows:
 - 1. Applicant will operate as the concessionaire for The Astor Place Theatre with less than a full service kitchen but will serve food during all hours of operation.
 - 2. The hours of operation will be 11 AM to 12 AM Sundays through Saturdays (7 days a week). No patrons will remain after stated closing time.
 - 3. The premise will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
 - 4. Will not operate a backyard garden, courtyard or any other outdoor area for commercial purposes including any sidewalk café and/or roadbed seating.
 - 5. Will play recorded background music at conversational levels aside from activities that are part of a theatrical performance.
 - 6. Will have no more than one (1) television no larger than 65". There will be no projectors and TV will operate in “closed caption” mode only without sound.
 - 7. Will close all doors and windows at all times, allowing only for patron ingress and egress.
 - 8. Will not have patron occupancy/service to any portion of the cellar of licensed premises (the theatre is in the basement).
 - 9. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows or open facades.
 - 10. Will not make changes to the existing façade, there are no changes to signage or awning.
 - 11. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and keep current at all times required Permits and Certificates.
 - 12. There will be no “bottle service” or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of beer or wine products.
 - 13. Will not have dancing, DJs or live music aside from as part of a theatrical performance.
 - 14. Will not have any of the following: promoted events, any event for which a cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or barricades, or doormen/security personnel.
 - 15. Will not add more principals as presented to CB2M with greater than 20% share of business prior to submission of original application to the NYSLA.
 - 16. Will appear before CB2M prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
- viii. **Whereas**, this application being subject to the 500 Foot Rule requiring the Applicant to demonstrate that the public interest would be served by the granting of the on-premises liquor license at this location, there being **26 active licensed premises** within 750 ft. and 2 pending licenses according to LAMP, the Applicant having removed the outdoor courtyard from the instant application thereby eliminating the significant public interest concerns regarding the impacts to the surrounding residents of up to 70 persons intermittently eating and drinking in the unenclosed, exterior courtyard between the hours of 11 AM to 12 AM daily, those residents having bedroom and kitchen windows adjacent to and above the courtyard, the license being for the interior theatre premises only, the agreed upon hours and stipulations being reasonable, the public interest being established albeit subject to the Applicant and Licensee abiding by those agreed upon stipulations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2M recommends denial of the Theatre Wine application for **Sweet Hospitality Group, LLC 432-434 Lafayette St 10003** unless the statements of the applicant as presented to CB2M are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the applicant relating to the above-stated stipulations are incorporated into the “method of operation” of the NYSLA liquor license.

Vote: Unanimous, 39 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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