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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 February 19, 2026, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

**General Meal JP LLC 177 Lafayette St, Ste 100S 10013** (WBC–Restaurant) (*previously unlicensed*) (Application ID #NA-0240-25-119198)

- i. **Whereas**, the Applicant and the Applicant’s attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan’s (CB2M) SLA Licensing Committee #1 to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority (NYSLA) for a Restaurant Wine license to operate a Japanese restaurant specializing in ramen in the ground floor of a six (6)-story commercial building (ca. 1891, renovated 2011) on Lafayette Street between Broome and Grand Streets (Block #472/Lot #28), the building falling within NYC LPC’s SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District Extension and the designated Special SoHo NoHo Mixed Use District; and
- ii. **Whereas**, the ground floor premises, located between the 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> building column directly to the south of the street level elevator entry to the building, is approximately 1,700 sq. ft. (800 sq. ft. on the ground floor connected by an interior stairway to 900 sq. ft. in the basement with no patron use of the basement); there will be 12 tables with 33 seats and one (1) bar with six (6) seats for a total of 39 interior seats; the premises has one (1) door which will serve as patron ingress and egress and two (2) bathrooms; the store front infill being fixed without operable doors or windows that open out to the sidewalk; and
- iii. **Whereas**, the proposed hours of operation will be from 11 AM to 10 PM Sundays through Saturdays (7 days a week); music will be quiet background only consisting of music from iPod/CDs; there will be no dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, no scheduled performances or cover fees, no velvet ropes, no movable barriers; there is no outdoor seating included with the application and no plans to have outdoor seating in the future; and

- iv. **Whereas**, the premises, which has never previously been licensed for the service of alcohol was most recently operated as Flour Shop, a store selling cakes, and prior to that as a clothing store; and
- v. **Whereas**, the Applicant's Attorney first submitted a 30-day notice to CB2M in late April/2025 and was placed on the June/2025 SLA Committee agenda, requesting to lay the application over to July; the Applicant's Attorney appeared before CB2M's SLA Licensing Committee in July without the Applicant stating that the Applicant was a journalist and was travelling, they are seeking to open a ramen shop, they may open in the morning for breakfast but the concept was not finalized, the Attorney laying the application over until August in order for the Applicant to attend the meeting, affirming in writing to CB2M that the application would not be filed with the NYSLA until they appeared before CB2M, the Attorney again requesting to lay the application over in August as they were finalizing their plans, again affirming they would not file with the NYSLA until appearing before CB2M, the Attorney once again laying over/withdrawing the application in September, again affirming they would not file with the NYSLA until appearing before CB2M, the Attorney submitted a new 30-day notice to CB2M dated 1/7/2026 and was placed on the February/2026 SLA Committee agenda; and
- vi. **Whereas**, when the Applicant, Lu Wang, and her Attorney appeared before CB2M for a new restaurant wine license there was a lack of clarity regarding the application; the building being a large building with multiple ground floor retail shops, the Applicant being unclear as to which store front was hers stating she was taking over the photo lab, when asked if she would be on-site managing the premises she said a few days a week but that she had a manager who would be there on a daily basis, the manager not being a principal and not appearing before CB2M, the application as presented to CB2M said they would not employ a manager and did not provide a manager's name, the menu provided to CB2M as part of the instant application had the name Salmon Noodle on it, there being an existing restaurant on the ground floor of the building by that name, the Applicant explaining that they are Salmon Noodle, which is located next door to the photo lab, they were not expanding into the photo lab space, the Attorney then saying that it is a new business but they are trained by Salmon Noodle, the website for Salmon Noodle showing bottles of alcohol, the Attorney then saying he believed they were serving under a temporary license, despite the Attorney previously putting in writing to CB2M that they would not file the application with the NYSLA before coming to CB2M to present the application and affording CB2M the opportunity to make a recommendation to the NYSLA, both the Applicant and the Attorney seemingly unaware that the liquor license had been filed and unable to answer who filed the liquor license application or when, the Applicant unable to reach the manager to see who filed the liquor license application, the Attorney stating they would need more time to find out what happened with the application, CB2M asking that they lay the application over and return when they have sorted it out and can provide clarity on the application; and
- vii. **Whereas**, according to LAMP the application was received on 6/28/2025 and is under review, there being serious concerns that the Applicant seems unaware of basic aspects of the premises proposed to be licensed and that no one else has been named or has appeared that is familiar with the day-to-day operations or the application for a liquor license; the Attorney not having reached out to CB2M asking to lay over the application or to return to CB2M since appearing this month; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2M recommends denial of the Restaurant Wine application for **General Meal JP LLC 177 Lafayette St, Ste 100S 10013**; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should this application be considered by the NYSLA, CB2 respectfully requests that this item be calendared to appear before the Members of the Authority and requests that the NYSLA send this Applicant back to CB2M prior to the issuance of any proposed restaurant wine license in order for CB2M to gain clarity on the application itself and who is managing/in charge of the premises proposed to be licensed and for CB2M to have forwarded a recommendation to the NYSLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

**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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