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

Gastronaut Restaurant LLC 210 W 10th St 10014 (OP–Restaurant)

- i. **Whereas**, the Applicant and the Applicant's Attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's (CB2M) SLA Licensing Committee #2 to present an application for an On-Premises Restaurant liquor license to operate a Slavic restaurant with Japanese influences on the ground floor of six (6)-story, tenement-style residential building (circa 1911) on West 10th Street between Bleecker and West 4th Streets (Block #619/Lot #56), the building falling within NYC LPC's designated Greenwich Village Historic District; and
- ii. **Whereas**, the premises is approximately 1,180 sq. ft. with 730 sq. ft. on the ground floor and 450 sq. ft. in the basement, the basement being accessed by a sidewalk hatch with no patron use of the basement; there will eight (8) tables and 16 seats, one (1) window counter with three (3) seats and one (1) bar with 12 seats for a total seated patron occupancy of 31 persons; there is one (1) entry which will serve as patron ingress and egress and one (1) bathroom; the store front infill being fixed with no operable doors or windows that open out to the sidewalk, there are operable windows in the rear of the premises; there is no sidewalk or roadway café included with the application and no plans to have any seating on the exterior of the premises; and
- iii. **Whereas**, the hours of operation sought are 4 PM to 1 AM Sundays through Wednesdays and 4 PM to 2 AM Thursdays through Saturdays; music will be quiet background only consisting of music from iPod/CDs/streaming services; 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**, prior to 2018, the premises proposed to be licensed operated as two separate dry retail spaces (a dry cleaners in the western storefront and a café in the eastern storefront) with neither storefront being licensed for the service of alcohol; the previous licensee at the location, Sushi on West 10th Street LLC dba Sushi on Jones, opening a reservation-only Omakase restaurant, closing hours of 11 PM, with a Tavern Wine license (Lic ID #0267-21-116562) in 2018, and then expanding to the adjacent storefront in approximately 2022 and upgrading to an On-Premises liquor license around that time (Lic ID #0340-23-138120), the method of operation remaining the same with the restaurant typically closing at 10 PM; and
- v. **Whereas**, the local block association, the West Village Residents Association (WVRA), appeared before the committee and submitted written testimony with concerns about the instant application, the speaker representing both WVRA and speaking as a resident on the block; WVRA very much appreciated the lack of any outdoor seating, this being a residential block with many ground floor apartments, the sidewalk and roadway both being relatively narrow with a bus stop in front of the premises proposed to be licensed; however, WVRA had strong objections to the late night hours, the proposed menu being a lot of small plates, the 1 AM and 2 AM closing creating more of a late night bar environment than a restaurant, the principal himself actually called the premises a “bar” when saying he was going to move into the upstairs apartment “above the bar,” the method of operation and hours being vastly different from the previous reservation-only Omakase restaurant, the instant application adding negative quality of life impacts to the many ground floor residents on the block with the creation of at least 17 additional late night hours from the previous licensee at the location, the hours being inappropriate for this residential block; and
- vi. **Whereas**, after hearing the public testimony, the Applicant agreed to reduce the hours until 12 AM Sundays to Wednesdays and 1 AM Thursdays through Saturdays; the 1 AM closing remaining late for a residential block with many ground floor residents, the method of operation – not being primarily a reservation-only establishment, with smaller dishes, with essentially half the seating in the premises being at the bar – combined with the late hours poses serious concerns that the late night exiting of patrons will be a significant negative quality of life impact to the residents of the block; and
- ix. **Whereas**, this application being subject to the 500 Foot Rule requiring the Applicant to demonstrate that the public interest and public convenience would be served by the granting of a liquor license at this location where there already are a significant number of licensed establishments in Community Board 2 and in the immediate area, there being **100 active licensed premises** and 5 pending licenses listed on LAMP within 750 feet of the subject premises, the block being residential with many ground floor apartments, the late night hours of operation creating a significant negative quality of life impact to those residents; following the SLA Committee meeting, the Applicant was presented with the option of a supportive recommendation from CB2M if they would agree to close at 12 AM each night in order to mitigate the late night impacts to the residents, the Applicant could not agree to the midnight closing; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2M recommends **denial** of the On-Premises Restaurant liquor license application for **Gastronaut Restaurant LLC 210 W 10th St 10014**; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should this application be considered by the NYSLA, CB2M respectfully requests that this item be calendared to appear before the Members of the Authority.

Vote: Unanimous, 33 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
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