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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 April 23, 2026, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Center for Emerging Culture Inc and September Hospitality Management Inc dba Lightning Society 45 Howard St aka 427 Broadway, floors 2, 3 10013 (WBC–Catering Establishment)

Whereas, prior to this month’s Community Board 2, Manhattan’s (CB2M) SLA #1 Licensing Committee Meeting on April 7, 2026, the Applicant requested **to lay over** this application to May/2026 and will resubmit the application for consideration at a future CB2M SLA Licensing Committee meeting prior to any filings with the NYSLA should they proceed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2M 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 and September Hospitality Management Inc dba Lightning Society 45 Howard St aka 427 Broadway, floors 2, 3 10013** **until** the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2M’s SLA Licensing Committee and CB2M has forwarded a recommendation to the NYSLA and requests that the NYSLA send this Applicant back to CB2M 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, 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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cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, Congressman
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NY State Senator
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Hon. Grace Lee, State Assembly Member
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