

Valerie De La Rosa, *Chair*
Eugene Yoo, *First Vice Chair*
Donna Raftery, *Second Vice Chair*



Antony Wong, *Treasurer*
Emma Smith, *Secretary*
Drishaan Jain, *Assistant Secretary*
Mark Diller, *District Manager*

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2, MANHATTAN

3 WASHINGTON SQUARE VILLAGE

NEW YORK, NY 10012-1899

www.manhattancb2.org

P: 212-979-2272 F: 212-254-5102 E: info@manhattancb2.org

Greenwich Village ♦ Little Italy ♦ SoHo ♦ NoHo ♦ Hudson Square ♦ Chinatown ♦ Gansevoort Market

June 24, 2026

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 June 18, 2026, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

7. **Cafe Galerie Galerie LLC dba The Art Bar fka The Galerie Cafe 168 Thompson St, cellar 10012** (Lic ID #NA-0267-26-113617) (WBC–Tavern) (*previously unlicensed*)
 - i. **Whereas**, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan’s (CB2M) SLA Licensing Committee #2 to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority (NYSLA) for a Tavern Wine license to operate an art gallery, local gathering place serving coffee, pastries, charcuterie along with beer and wine in the cellar of a five (5)-story mixed-use building (c. 1900) on Thompson Street between Bleecker and Houston Street (Block #525/Lot #34), the building falling within NYC LPC’s designated South Village Historic District; and
 - ii. **Whereas**, cellar premises is approximately 900 sq. ft. and is accessed via a stairway from the street level; there will be four (4) tables with 14 seats and no bars for a total seated patron occupancy of 14 persons and a legal occupancy of 40; the premises has one (1) door which will serve as patron ingress and egress and one patron (1) bathroom; the store front infill being fixed without operable doors or windows that open out to the street; there is no outdoor seating included with the application and no plans to have outdoor seating in the future; and
 - iii. **Whereas**, the proposed hours of operation will be from 12 PM to 8 PM Sundays, 5 PM to 9 PM Mondays through Thursdays, 5 PM to 10 PM Fridays and 12 PM to 10 PM Saturdays; music will be quiet background only consisting of music from iPod/CDs/streaming services; there will be no dancing, no DJs, no live music, no promoted events, no scheduled performances or cover fees, no velvet ropes, no movable barriers and no security or doormen; all beer and wine will be served / available for purchase in single serve containers only, there is no wait staff – the Applicant stating their security/doorman is trained for the service of alcohol; and

- iv. **Whereas**, the premises, which has never previously been licensed for the service of alcohol, has been previously used as a medical office by the principal who is a physician and is currently used as an art gallery and coffee bar, the instant application being to add beer and wine to the offerings; and
- v. **Whereas**, there already are a significant number of licensed establishments in both CB2M and in the immediate area, there being **101 active licensed premises** and an additional 8 pending licenses within 750 feet of the premises proposed to be licensed according to LAMP, this application being for the service of Beer and Wine only and thus not subject to the 500 Foot Rule; the hours and method of operation being reasonable; and
- vi. **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 attached and incorporated into the “method of operation” of the new Tavern Wine license, with those stipulations as follows:
 - 1. Will be advertised and operated as an art gallery serving coffee, pastries, charcuterie along with beer and wine with less than a full kitchen.
 - 2. The hours of operation will be 12 PM to 8 PM Sundays, 5 PM to 9 PM Mondays through Thursdays, 5 PM to 10 PM Fridays and 12 PM to 10 PM Saturdays All patrons will be cleared and no patrons will remain after stated closing time.
 - 3. 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 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 only, inclusive of any private parties or events. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
 - 6. Will not have televisions aside from any TV or projector used as part of an art installation.
 - 7. Will close all doors and windows at all times, allowing only for patron ingress and egress.
 - 8. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows or open facades.
 - 9. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning and will comply with all NYC Landmark Preservation Commission regulations.
 - 10. All alcohol will be sold in single serve containers only.
 - 11. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and keep current at all times required Permits and Certificates.
 - 12. Will not have: dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades.
 - 13. 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.
 - 14. Will appear before CB2M prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2M recommends **denial** of the application for a new Tavern Wine license for **Cafe Galerie Galerie LLC dba The Art Bar fka The Galerie Cafe 168 Thompson St, cellar 10012** **unless** the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the “method of operation” of the NYSLA liquor license.

Vote: Unanimous, 36 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

VDLR/em

cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, Congressman
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY State Assembly
Hon. Grace Lee, State Assembly Member
Hon. Michael Levine, NYC Comptroller
Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Man. Borough President
Hon. Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Member
Hon. Christopher Marte, NYC Council Member
Hon. Harvey Epstein, NYC Council Member
Thomas Donohue, Deputy Commissioner of Licensing, NY State Liquor Authority



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2, MANHATTAN

3 WASHINGTON SQUARE VILLAGE

NEW YORK, NY 10012-1899

www.manhattancb2.org

P: 212-979-2272 F: 212-254-5102 E: info@manhattancb2.org

Greenwich Village • Little Italy • SoHo • NoHo • Hudson Square • Chinatown • Gansevoort Market

Community Board 2 Liquor License Stipulations

**The original signed and notarized form must be returned to the CB2 office by Friday, June 12, 2026.
If not returned 24 hours prior to CB2s full board meeting, the application will be denied.**

I, **Doug Shottenstein** as a qualified representative of **Café Galerie LLC dba The Art Bar** located at **168 Thompson Street, New York, NY 10012** agree to the following stipulations:

Application Type: ☐ OP Restaurant/Tavern ☐ RW ☒ TW ☐ Alteration ☐ Other:

☒ Premise will be advertised and operated as a art gallery serving coffee, pastries, charcuterie along with beer and wine.

☒ Hours of operation:

Sunday:	12 PM	to	8 PM	Thursday:	5 PM	to	9 PM
Monday:	5 PM	to	9 PM	Friday:	5 PM	to	10 PM
Tuesday:	5 PM	to	9 PM	Saturday:	12 PM	to	10 PM
Wednesday:	5 PM	to	9 PM				

(Premises will open no later than stated opening time and **NO** patrons will remain after stated closing time.)

☒ Will operate with less than a full service kitchen but will serve food during all hours of operation.

☒ Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.

☒ Will not operate a backyard garden or any other outdoor area for commercial purposes including any sidewalk café and/or roadbed seating.

☒ Will play recorded background music at conversational levels only, inclusive of any private parties or events. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.

☒ Will not have televisions aside from any TV or projector used as part of an art installation.

☒ Will close all doors and windows at all times, allowing only for patron ingress and egress.

☒ Will not install or have French doors, operable windows or open facades.

☒ Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning and will comply with all NYC Landmark Preservation Commission regulations.

☒ All alcohol will be sold in single serve containers only.

☒ Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and will keep current at all times required Permits and Certificates.

Will not have: ☒ Dancing ☒ DJs ☒ Live Music ☒ Promoted Events ☒ Any event where cover fee is charged

☒ Scheduled Performances ☒ Velvet ropes or metal barricades

☒ Will not add more principals as presented to CB2 with greater than 20% share of business prior to submission of original application to the NYSLA.

☒ Will appear before CB2, Man. prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.

Residents may contact the Manager/Owner at the following phone number. Any complaints will be addressed immediately

Name: Doug Schottenstein Phone Number: 212 397 4735

Signed Doug Schottenstein Print Name Doug Schottenstein Dated 6/17/26

Sworn to this 18th day of June 2026

[Signature] Notary Public

CB2 and Applicant/Licensee request that the SLA add these stipulations to the method of operation/conditions of license

GLORIA Y CIFUENTES SARMIENTO
 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
 Registration No. 01CI0020747
 Qualified in New York County
 Commission Expires February 05, 2028