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### Licenses & Permits Committee Wednesday October 7, 2015, 6:05 p.m. Board Office

#### \*\*\* Minutes \*\*\*

- Present: Holly Drakeford, Judith Febbraro, James Garcia, Joseph Goldbloom, Jewel Jones, Edwin Marcial, Celia Ramirez, Debbie Quinones, Ed Santos, Andre Vital, and Joshua Watkins
- Excused: Adem Brija, Brodie Enoch
- Absent: none
- Guests: Diane Collier, Matthew Washington, Adar Lounge, D'Amore Wine Bar, Leon Lai, Rufino Lopez, S.B Wolfson, Ruby Pagen, James Lam, Jules Feinman, Alex Garcia, Mareu Schwedt

#### 1. Call to Order

Committee chair James Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### 2. Liquor Licenses

##### a. Kallejon Corp. d/b/a El Kallejon

- New Application for full liquor license
- Restaurant located at 209 E. 117<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Kallejon Corp. d/b/a El Kallejon at 209 E. 117<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029 (the applicant) is seeking a new full liquor license for a restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before the Licenses & Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did provide all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the committee was informed that there were no documented 311 calls for noise on record for this premises; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation will be 3:00pm to 12:00am (Monday to Friday) and 1:00pm to 12:00am (Saturday and Sunday); and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public present to speak for the applicant;

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan approve the application of Kallejon Corp. d/b/a El Kallejon for a new full liquor license for a restaurant located at 209 E. 117<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029.

**Motion to approve by Judith Febbraro, seconded by Holly Drakeford and passed unanimously.**

b. D'Amore L&R LLC d/b/a D'Amore.

- Application for renewal and corporate change of Wine & Beer license (LL#1270510)
- Restaurant located at 118 E.116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, D'Amore L&R LLC (“the applicant”) is seeking the renewal of and corporate change for a wine and beer license for a restaurant located at 118 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015 to answer any concerns regarding this license or make a public interest statement, and the

WHEREAS, the applicant did provide all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the committee was informed that there were no documented 311 calls for noise on record for this premises; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 4:00pm to 12:00am (Tuesday to Friday), 11:00am to 11:00pm (Saturday), and 11:00am to 10:00pm (Sunday), they are closed on Monday; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public present to speak for the applicant

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan approve the application of D'Amore L&R LLC d/b/a D'Amore at 118 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029, for renewal of and corporate change for an existing wine and beer liquor license (LL#1270510) for a restaurant .

**Motion to approve by Debbie Quinones, seconded by Holly Drakeford and passed unanimously.**

c. Lily Food Management Inc. d/b/a La Preciosa China Restaurant

- Application for a renewal of full liquor license (LL#1197967)
- Restaurant located at 163 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Lily Food Management Inc. d/b/a La Preciosa China Restaurant, is applying for renewal of an existing full liquor license (#1197967) for restaurant located at 163 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before the Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 11 (CB11M) on October 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did provide all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the committee was informed that there were no documented 311 calls for noise on record for this premises; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 11:00am to 10:00pm (Monday to Sunday); and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public present to speak for the applicant;

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 approve the application Lily Food Management Inc. d/b/a La Preciosa China Restaurant for renewal of its existing full liquor license (LL#1197967) for a restaurant located at 163 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

**Motion to approve by Celia Ramirez, seconded by Jewel Jones and passed unanimously.**

d. MN Business Group Inc. d/b/a Adar Lounge

- Application for Renewal Full Liquor License (#1274006)
- Restaurant located at 1637 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, MN Business Group Inc. d/b/a Adar Lounge is applying for a Renewal Full Liquor license for a restaurant located at 1637 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before the Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 11 (CB11M) on October 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was responsive to the committees questions; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public that spoke against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 4:30pm to 12:00am (Monday), 4:30pm to 1:00am (Tuesday), 4:30pm to 2:00am (Wednesday to Saturday) and 4:30pm to 12:00am (Sunday); and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 approve the application of MN Business Group Inc. d/b/a Adar Lounge for a renewal of an existing full liquor license (#1274006) for a restaurant located at 1637 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10029

**Motion to approve by Judith Febbraro and seconded by Jewel Jones and passed unanimously.**

e. Solera Corporation d/b/a Solera

- Application for a NEW full liquor license (LL#1027031)
- Restaurant located at 1885 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10035

WHEREAS, Solera Corporation d/b/a Solera is applying for a New Full Liquor license for a restaurant located at 1885 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10035; and

WHEREAS, Applicant did appear before the License and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was responsive to the committees questions; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 12:00pm to 10:30pm (Monday to Sunday); and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak against the applicant; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan approves the new full liquor license (LL#1027031) for Solera Corporation d/b/a Solera at 1885 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10035.

**Motion to approve by Debbie Quinones and seconded by Holly Drakeford and passed unanimously.**

f. HengHeng Inc. d/b/a MALII

- Application for a NEW Wine and Beer Liquor License
- Restaurant located at 2028 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Applicant did appear before the Licenses and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 11:30am to 10:00pm (Monday to Sunday); and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak against the applicant; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan approve the NEW Wine and Beer liquor license for HengHeng Inc. d/b/a MALII (LL#N/A) New York, NY 10035

**Motion to approve by Ed Santos and seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed unanimously.**

g. East Harlem Cafe

- Application for new wine and beer liquor license (LL#N/A)
- Restaurant located at 1651 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Applicant did appear before the License and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was not provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 7:30am to 10:00pm (Monday to Friday), 8:30am to 10:00pm (Saturday) and 8:30am to 8:00pm (Sunday); and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak against the applicant; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan supports the application of East Harlem Café, a restaurant located at 1651 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029, on the condition that missing documentation is provided before C11's monthly meeting on October 20, 2015.

**Motion to approve with conditions by Celia Ramirez, seconded by Debbie Quinones and passed unanimously.**

h. Colina Bar Corp.

- Application for a Renewal full liquor license (#1272267)
- Restaurant located at 2263 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10035.

WHEREAS, Applicant did appear before the License and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 5:00pm to 4:00am (Tuesday to Sunday); and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak against the applicant; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan approves the Renewal Full Liquor license for New York, NY 10035

**Motion to approve by Edwin Marcial, seconded by Josh Watkins, Opposed Celia Ramirez, Abstained Holly Drakeford and Jewel Jones. Motion passed.**

i. Tropical Grill on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Corp d/b/a Tropical Grill Restaurant

- Application for New Wine and Beer License
- Restaurant located at 2419 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10035

WHEREAS, Applicant did not appear before the Licenses and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak for the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated they were going to withdraw the application on October 6, 2015 but did not send the withdrawal document; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan **opposes** the New Wine and Beer liquor license for the Tropical Grill on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Corp d/b/a Tropical Grill Restaurant at 2419 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10035.

**Motion to deny by Debbie Quinones, seconded by Joshua Watkins, passed unanimously.**

j. Il Gnocchi Restaurant Corp d/b/a Il Gnocchi Restaurant

- Application for renewal of wine and beer license #1273722
- Restaurant located at 118 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Applicant did appear before the Licenses and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11 having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was provided all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, there were members of the public to speak against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, numerous noise complaints have been lodged against this location; and

WHEREAS, the committee heard testimony from the public of numerous quality of life complaints against this establishment; and

WHEREAS, CB11 was informed by the 25<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the New York Police Department that this restaurant has been the site of recent violent altercation among patrons; and

WHEREAS, the committee was asked to send a letter to all agencies involved and to advocate beyond the SLA when it comes to establishments that create a public nuisance.

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan **opposes** the renewal of the wine and beer liquor license for Il Gnocchi Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Il Gnocchi Restaurant at 118 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street (LL#1273722) New York, NY 10035.

**Motion to deny by Celia Ramirez, seconded by Holly Drakeford and passed with one opposed (Vital).**

k. Urbano Isidoro d/b/a Urbano Spanish American Grocery

- Application for New Beer license.
- Grocery located at 182 E. 109<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Applicant did not appear before the Licenses and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on October 7, 2015, CB11 having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was not provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak for the applicant; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan **opposes** the New Beer license for Urbano Isidoro d/b/a Urbano Spanish American Grocery at 182 E. 109<sup>th</sup> Street (LL#1120981) New York, NY 10029.

**Motion to deny by Judith Febbraro, seconded by Celia Ramirez, motion passed unanimously.**

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

There was a discussion among the committee to be more proactive on process and notification, also to have more influence with the SLA regarding our decisions on establishments and wine and beer licenses that create a public nuisance.

5. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn by Ed Marcial, seconded by Joshua Watkins and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**