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Ratification of Ltr. of Support re: Risk Takerz, LLC, 121 LaSalle Street, NYC 10027

October 13, 2026

New York State Office of Cannabis Management

1220 Washington Avenue
Harriman State Office Campus
Albany, NY 12226

Attention: Licensing Division

RE: APPLICANT: Risk Takerz, LLC
ADDRESS: 121 LaSalle Street, New York, NY 10027
LICENSE: Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License

Dear Cannabis Management Authority Representative:

Due to time constraints, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9), through its Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Full Board, voted to approve the following Letter of Support (LOS) regarding **Risk Takerz, LLC (OCM License No. OCM-CAURDP-2025-00027), located at 121 LaSalle Street, New York, NY 10027**. The LOS passed with 12 members in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions, with 17 members present.

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) received notification of the above-referenced cannabis application for an Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License.

The Co-Chairs of the MCB9 Cannabis Task Force invited Mr. Benjamin Charles, the applicant and Mr. Richard J. Washington, Esq, his attorney to attend the regularly scheduled **Executive Board Meeting, held on October 8, 2026**, where there would be a continued discussion regarding their application. An invitation was also extended to local residents to provide them with an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and state objections. Several letters and emails have been submitted to MCB9, which are attached. Some of the items presented by residents were:

- Concerns about security and loitering,
- Increased foot/car traffic, and
- Proximity to a school and mental health facility.

The proposed location complies with the Office of Cannabis Management siting requirements. Mr. Washington answered all questions directly and shared that Mr. Charles is committed to being a responsible neighbor by engaging in continued dialogue with the local residents. The applicant is a life-long resident of the community and represents the very reason for why the cannabis laws were changed in the first place.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the MCB9 office team and speak with Eutha Prince, Office Manager at (646) 355- 3172.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor Edwards".

Victor Edwards

Chair

cc: Hon. Zohran Mamdani, Mayor

Hon. Mark Levine, NYC Comptroller

Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Cordell Cleare, New York State Senate

Hon. Micah Lasher, Assembly Member

Hon. Jordan J.D. Wright, Assembly Member

Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member

Hon. Shaun Abreu, City Council Member

Hon. Yusef Salaam, City Council Member

Mr. Zead Ramadan, Executive Director, West Harlem Development Corporation

Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero, Co-Chair, MCB9 Cannabis TaskForce

Hon. Shaunte Styles, Co-Chair, MCB9 Cannabis TaskForce