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San Francisco Board Of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to respectively request approval to transfer our existing Type 48 Liquor License to St Joseph's Art Society, located at 1401 Howard St, San Francisco.

This license was in operation at our cocktail bar, Rosewood, located at 732 Broadway, from 2000 until the building was sold and we were forced to vacate in 2014. Throughout those 14 years, Rosewood operated with zero infractions and received broad support from local residents, merchants, District 3 Supervisors, and Central Station Police.

Since 2015 we have actively searched for a new location to transfer our license. Unfortunately, this search has coincided with limited inventory and uncommonly high commercial rent.

For those unfamiliar, St Joseph's Art Society is the ambitious and meticulous restoration of the abandoned landmark structure formerly known as St Joseph's Catholic Church. Thirty years after it's closure, this new endeavor has been thoughtfully and painstakingly realized by the efforts of Ken Fulk, Chris Foley, Page & Turnbull Architecture, alongside countless craftsmen and carpenters.

The programming at St Joseph's Art Society is dedicated to offering emerging and established artists from around the world an inspiring forum to exhibit their work. The esteemed gallery, Carpenter's Workshop, has taken up residency on the mezzanine of SJAS and currently showcasing a varied list of fine artists and sculptors.

In partnership with St Joseph's Art Society, we have have enthusiastically and tirelessly embraced the local community to share our vision and listen openly to any concerns. We have received overwhelming and unanimous support from the neighborhood and greater SOMA. Our two closest neighbors and supporters are Love & Learn Nursery School and Presidio Knolls School. The Arc San Francisco, Supervisor Jane Kim, Southern Station SFPD officers, Aaron Ballonado, Dan Reyes, Patrick Macchi are just a sampling of the City Leaders in support of this project.

As 25 year veterans of of the SF restaurant community, we own and operate three additional licensed establishments in San Francisco.

The Basque Hotel and 15 Romolo (open since 1998, celebrating 20 years),
Rye Bar, 688 Geary (open since 2006),
The Cordial, 163 Jessie (newly opened 2018)

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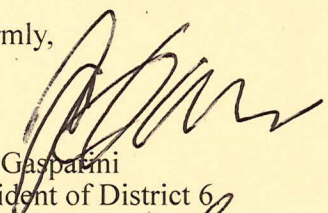
For the last 10 years we have operated Rye On The Road, a full-scale beverage catering service. Rye On The Road supports numerous local non-profit organizations. We have maintained a particularly special relationship with Tipping Point Community and La Cocina since 2011 and have raised over \$850,000 on their behalf. As a small business we are incredibly proud of our humble contribution to these important organizations.

On a personal note, we are tenacious and dedicated hospitality veterans that strive to positively impact the neighborhoods where we operate. We have won numerous awards, received James Beard Award nominations, and widely recognized as career industry professionals

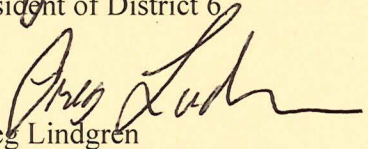
Re-activating our license at 1401 Howard is a tremendous opportunity to support the arts and the city of San Francisco in a beautiful historic location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,



Jon Gasparini
Resident of District 6



Greg Lindgren
Resident in The Presidio