

## USES hosts Forum on Race and Education

On Wednesday, January 18, United South End Settlements (USES) hosted the Harriet Tubman Forum on Race and Education with a full-house of over 125 people. The event was moderated by Maicharia Weir Lytle, USES President and CEO, with panelists Marie St. Fleur, Education Leader and Former State

Representative, Rahn Dorsey, Chief Education Officer and Education Advisor to Mayor Martin J. Walsh, and Robert Lewis Jr., Founder and CEO of The BASE.

The panelists began the discussion by sharing their personal education experiences and those of their children, noting that added

layers of immigrant status, economics, time, and place mean that Black Americans experience the education system in vastly different ways.

The conversation then turned to the issue of urgency, recognizing that in the months that have

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## French flair to brighten a troubled corner

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

On Wednesday, January 18, restaurateur Jamie Mammano, chef and owner of Mistral, Teatro, Sorellina, The Inn at St. Botolph and other well-established local restaurants was joined by partner Paul Roiff of Heath Properties, Lesley St.



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Photo by Michele Maniscalco

## The Women's March on Washington highlighted old and new tensions

REV. IRENE MONROE

The number of people who took to the streets for Women's March on Washington in D.C. and its sister marches across the country and the globe far exceeded the expectations of local and national organizers.

In a sea of pink cat-eared "pussyhats" nearly 5 million people from all seven continents carried placard that read "Make America Sane Again," "Men of Quality do not FEAR Equality," "Viva La Vulva" and "I am no



Boston's Women's March

longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept" to highlight a few, showed a counter-inauguration to

the nation's newly elected president's vision for the country and world.

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## USES is turning 125!

United South End Settlements (USES) invites you to celebrate this incredible milestone with a family-friendly birthday party.

On Saturday, January 28, from 2:00 - 4:30p at the Harriet Tubman House, USES will celebrate this incredible milestone with a birthday celebration complete with cake, party hats, children's activities and entertainment, and an opportunity to share your stories of life in the

South End.

USES mission is to build a strong community by improving the education, health, safety and economic security of low-income individuals and families in Boston's historic South End/Lower Roxbury and to serve as a national model of successful neighborhood engagement.

<http://www.uses.org/>

## South End Forum Community Meeting

With Congressman Mike Capuano on Logan Airport R27 Impact on the South End

Thursday, January 26, 6 PM

South End Branch Library

This will be an opportunity for Southenders to speak about their experience, history, and issues with early morning flights from R27.

## News from...

### South End Forum

At the January 3 meeting, the South End Forum voted in principle to oppose locating a heliport operation in or abutting the South End neighborhood.

Yesterday, MassDOT posted the following

State and City Announce Public Heliport Task Force:

Task Force will host two public meeting

Members of the Massachusetts Legislature from Boston, City of Bos-

ton government and elected officials, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development today announced the formation of a Task Force that will seek public input and hear from industry experts, transportation representatives, and key stakeholders concerning plans for a potential public heliport in Boston.

The Task Force will focus on evaluating and discussing the logis-

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# Boston's new default speed limit is 25 mph

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## South End Honor Roll

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Reese Gibson, class of 2018, and Darriana Howard, class of 2017.

Lasell College in Newton, MA recently named

Jessica Ngo of Boston, MA to the Lasell College Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester.

Ngo, whose major is Hospitality Management, is a member of the class of 2017 and was among 722 students honored in the Fall 2016 semester.

To achieve the Dean's List, each student must be full-time carrying 12 or more graded credits for the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

## News from...

### The Blackstone Community Center

Looking for a way to help in your community? Join us in serving meals to our local children. Through a partnership with the YMCA, we receive up to 70 snacks and hot meals Monday through Friday. We need volunteers to help serve the meals and enjoy the company of the children.

We need volunteers from 4:30-6:30pm Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Blackstone Community Center at 617-635-5162 or [info@yourblackstone.org](mailto:info@yourblackstone.org).

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## Forum

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tics of a landing area, the infrastructure which would be necessary, and heliport operational issues. In order to receive public input, the Task Force will be hosting public meetings on Monday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m., in the Amphitheatre on the mezzanine level of the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, and on Monday, February 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in Room 428 of the State House.

Members of the Task Force include State Senator Linda Dorcea-Ford, State Representative Nick Collins, District City Councilor Bill Linehan, and at-large Coun-

cilior Michael Flaherty appointed by Council President Michelle Wu, MassDOT Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Development Jay Ash, Massport Executive Director Tom Glynn, Boston Director of Economic Development John Barros, and Boston Planning and Development Agency representative Sonal Gandhi.

Although there are private heliports located in Boston, there is currently not a publicly owned/public access heliport within the city center. MassDOT's research and outreach suggest an interest in a public helicopter landing area from medical entities, emergency services, law enforcement and private companies.

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# The State of our City

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

On January 17th, I had the honor of standing in front of the city I love and explaining all that we've accomplished together, and what we have to look forward to in the upcoming year. As I looked out into the audience at Symphony Hall, I was overwhelmed with gratitude that you put your faith in me to lead and that you trust me to make you and your families' futures brighter.

I pledged three years ago that as the Mayor of Boston, I would listen, I would learn, and I would lead — because we are in this together. We are still listening, we are always learning, and we will continue to lead. And because of our work together, the state of our city is stronger than it has ever been in our history.

That's a bold statement, I know. But when you look at what we've achieved together over the past year — and the past 3 years — it's hard to deny.

Unemployment is at a record low. The Boston Public Schools are the best of any city in the country, with graduation and college completion rates at all-time highs. Violent crime and property crime have come down every year, and so have arrests. We've set a new record in the number of homes we've built for low- and middle-income families. We have become a headquarters city in the global innovation economy and we're bringing fiber optic digital infrastructure for more internet

and cable options in every neighborhood. We've advanced community-friendly development and good job growth all across our city.

None of this would have been possible without the input and hard work of so many Bostonians. I want to take this moment to thank all of you for your commitment to our shared values and the city we love.

With all of our success, we still have much more work to do. Last night, I was excited to share with you the plans we have for 2017 and beyond.

Boston must be a place in which all of our children have an equal shot at success. I was proud to announce that, for the first time, Boston will eliminate the opportunity gap in early childhood education. We will be filing legislation that will bring high-quality, free pre-kindergarten to every single 4-year-old in our city. And what's more, we're ready to launch a \$1 billion investment in our school facilities so that students have the opportunity to learn in 21st-century classrooms and get the resources they need to excel in college and career.

Boston is a city that is constantly on the move. We're bringing in new traffic light technology that will adapt to traffic in real time and work to keep things flowing.

Boston is a city with rich cultural resources, extending into all of our neighborhoods: we'll be bringing Boston Public Library services to the Chinatown/Downtown neighborhood

for the first time in a long time.

Boston must be a place where everyone can call their home. With our new requirements on developers and our adoption of the Community Preservation Act, we are preparing to make historic investments in affordable housing. In addition, we're filing five bills at the State House to protect residents from displacement. We're going to use every tool at our disposal to keep Boston a city of neighborhoods and a city for everyone.

The City will also use \$100 million from the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage downtown to strengthen our neighborhoods: by revitalizing public housing in East Boston and South Boston; making unprecedented investments in Franklin Park and Boston Common; and by greening Columbia Road from Roxbury to Dorchester to South Boston, which will finally complete Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for the Emerald Necklace.

We are a stronger city because of our shared commitment to our values and the bonds we forge to support each other. That's how we ended chronic veterans homelessness and got on a path to ending all chronic homelessness by 2018. That's how we led the way against the opioid crisis with the nation's first Office of Recovery Services and 24-hour

311 Recovery Hotline. And that's how we'll continue to be one of the safest big cities in the nation. We will create Neighborhood Trauma Teams in Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, East Boston, and Jamaica Plain. Together we'll end the cycle of suffering and bring healing to our city.

I know we still have a lot more work to do. And we're going to do it together. It's clear from our accomplishments that when we come together as a city and trust in our shared values, there's nothing we can't achieve.

So, once again, Boston, I want to thank you.

Thank you for your innovative ideas and your desire to always keep moving forward and leading the world.

Thank you for sharing with me your hopes, your concerns, and your fighting spirit so that I can better lead.

Thank you for your determination to come to the table and solve difficult challenges.

Thank you for your strength and your ability to lift each other up.

Thank you for inspiring me every single day in my work as Mayor of this great city.

Thank you again, Boston, for always fighting for a better future.



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NOTICE

## D/B/A BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56 FOR PARCELS 47, 54G, 54H, 56, AND 56A

Public Notice is hereby given that the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BRA") will consider at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017, starting at 5:40 P.M. in the Board Room — Room 900, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square a proposed modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan regarding Parcels 47, 54G, 54H, 56, and 56. Said modifications will change the Permitted Land Uses of Parcels 47, 54G, 54H, 56, and 56 to include a combination of residential, commercial, office and parking. Parcels 47, 54G, 54H, and 56 are located on portions of land that are currently occupied by the Gambro Building (660 Harrison Avenue), 100 East Canton Street, and an open-air parking lot in the South End and commonly known as "Harrison Albany Block." This Public Notice is being provided in accordance with a certain "Conciliation Agreement" by and among the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the BRA and others, dated as of January 16, 2001.

Teresa Polhemus  
Secretary, Boston Redevelopment Authority

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# Walsh explores citywide ID

## Seeks firms with expertise

SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to assess the demand and study the feasibility of implementing a municipal ID program in Boston, including an evaluation plan. A municipal ID program would enable Boston to issue ID cards to its residents, many of whom face barriers to obtaining government-issued forms of identification.

"We are committed to creating a more inclusive and accessible city for all Bostonians," said Mayor Walsh. "This RFP will allow Boston to determine if a municipal ID program would be beneficial to our residents, particularly the elderly, students and immigrants who may not have access to traditional means of identification like driver's licenses. This study will help

us best serve all of Boston's residents."

The RFP seeks a consultant to develop possible program designs that incorporate the latest technology standards in IT security, privacy and confidentiality as well as integrate efficiently with existing City services. The City will determine if a municipal ID program is possible, and if so, what option best meets the needs of Bostonians and fulfills Mayor Walsh's mission to create a more welcoming and equitable city.

Proposals must be submitted by February 28, 2017 through the City's Supplier Portal. A final proposal will be selected by the end of March. The City expects the selected consultant to begin working immediately, and to conduct the study within a six month timeframe.

"A municipal ID program is an opportunity to improve the lives of the City's most vulnerable residents, while providing tangible

benefits for all Bostonians," said Felix Arroyo, Chief of Health and Human Services. "This study will help us better understand how to tailor a potential program to the needs of all Boston's residents."

A successful and viable municipal ID program would be an opportunity for the City of Boston to help residents more fully engage in civic life by increasing their access to city services, banking options, the City's renowned cultural institutions, and more. Municipal ID programs are also designed to increase public safety by giving residents a means of interfacing with law enforcement officers with confidence, thus promoting lasting relationships of trust between public safety officials and the communities they serve.

For more information about the Boston Municipal ID Feasibility Study, visit the City's Supplier Portal: [boston.gov/procurementandaccess/EV00003956](http://boston.gov/procurementandaccess/EV00003956).

## USES

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followed the election, many Americans have experienced a heightened awareness of social justice issues and have felt a strong call to action. Lewis Jr. urged us to remember that the issues we are seeing in a new light have existed for a long time, and that "for people who are struggling every day, they did not feel that shock on the day after the election."

Additionally, the panelists urged the audience to educate themselves on both the systemic issues and the personal lenses that perpetuate inequality and inequity. "Equality and equity are not the same thing," stated Dorsey. "To level the playing field and get to equity, you have to re-negotiate privilege." St. Fleur added that "the world is not constructed for you to interact with people who are not like

you. We have to create new social structures so that when we have these conversations about equity, we can see ourselves in each other."

The panel concluded with a discussion of how we, as a community, need to create space for the conversation about the ways that race impacts the opportunity gap for our youth. Audience member and Admissions Director at Cristo Rey Boston High School, Victor Martinez, spoke about the importance of engaging young people directly. "We need to provide our youth with guidance and support so that they take action and make the communities they live in their own." All the panelists noted the importance of, yet lack of, youth opportunities for engaging in these conversations and moving themselves forward.

Weir Lytle reflected on the evening, "in the South End, one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the city, there is a real opportunity to build bridges with neighbors

and forge connections that disrupt the systems that prevent equity and equality. We have an obligation to lead on this front as a community, to set an example. This conversation cannot end here tonight."

To build relationships and advance a community-wide dialogue, USES President and CEO, Maicharia Weir Lytle, is hosting and moderating a series of four Harriet Tubman Forums on Race. These events are made possible by a sponsorship from The Boston Foundation.

A recording of the Harriet Tubman Forum on Race and Education will be made available online through The Forum Network, a public media service of WGBH.

To learn more about the Harriet Tubman Forums on Race, contact Nikki Stewart, Vice President of Development, at [nstewart@uses.org](mailto:nstewart@uses.org) or 617-375-8132.

## Letter to the Editor

### Safety means community and police working together

Lately there has been lots of news in our neighborhood about senseless violence and killings that are reportedly gang connected. Such violence on a repeated time table makes us feel uncomfortable. We want to feel safe here in East Boston as everyone across this city wants to feel safe in their communities.

How can we make our city a livable place? It starts on every block in every neighborhood. It starts with neighbors getting to know each other like in the old days of my youth. Today we live as strangers. The less we know the better. It goes on and on today.

As a retired police officer for over 28 years, I started doing community policing

before I even knew of the concept. I can also remember when I heard of Billy Bratton talk about his "Broken Window" strategy.

Little issues grow into big issues if left unnoticed. Just like a cancer which metastasizes and takes the life out of you, crime can do the same thing.

People can't just live in a neighborhood, they must be part of the neighborhood. A community isn't just buildings, it is its inhabitants. All of us make up our neighborhood, the young and old, old timers and new immigrants. All of us. We may not understand each other when we speak but we must be aware that we all share the same space in the community.

Better together means growing together and working together.

There's an old hit song I heard recently by Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, "Inner-City Blues" and how it "makes me wanna holler." Too many people aren't hollering today when things go bad.

All of us need to trust our police officers who are here to serve and protect us. Together, we can make East Boston better and safer because real community policing takes two, the community and the police.

Sergeant Sal Giaratani (ret)  
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## Women's

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What was also on display at the marches was a resurgence of feminism that was multi-generational, highlighting an amalgam of issues—abortion, equal pay, immigration rights, environmental protection, transgender rights, police brutality, to name a few—that might possibly be the beginnings of its fourth wave called “intersectional feminism,” embraced by both women and men.

Unlike previous women’s marches and waves of feminism that had primarily been an intentionally exclusive women’s country clubs that spoke to Betty Friedan’s feminine mystique of upper-crust “pumps and pearls” wearing white women, this march was intentional in bringing various women and their voices and concerns to the organizing table.

Tamika Mallory, one of the D.C. organizers and African American, told Joy Reid of MSNBC the morning of the D.C. march that by devising an intersectional policy platform centering the voices of women of color “you set the agenda or you become an agenda item.”

However, with women of color voices and concerns as an organizing principle which asked white women “to listen more and talk less” and check their white privilege at the proverbial door at the marches there was neither a consensus nor solidarity among the white sisterhood majority with that objective.

“Can’t we rise above the sniping about ‘privilege,’ ‘white feminism,’ ‘intersectionality,’ and hierarchies of grievance in

the face of Trump and the dangers he poses to the American and international liberal world order and women everywhere?” Emma-Kate Symons wrote in her op-ed piece “Agenda for Women’s March has been hijacked by organizers bent on highlighting women’s differences” for Women in the World in Association with The New York Times.

Fearing that once again a white sisterhood would exploited not only our suffering to legitimate their cause but also our black and brown faces for photo-op moments where we are seen and not heard or if heard but not taken seriously, mixed feelings erupted among women of color about attending the D.C. and sister marches.

In Jamilah Lemieux’s op-ed “Why I’m Skipping The Women’s March on Washington” in Colorlines wrote “Much of the post-election news cycle was dominated by White folks wringing their hands: How could this happen? Why did it happen? There was lots of weeping and wailing from women who could get the answers to those questions by simply asking their relatives, friends and partners who put Trump in power... And just what would this ‘million’ women be coming together to march about—their mothers, sisters, homegirls and friends who elected Trump in the first place?”

The nagging question many women of color who did and didn’t attend marches want to know is where was this same energy and white sisterhood going to the polls in November?

53 percent of white women voters cast their ballots for Trump whereas 94 percent of black women, in particular, cast theirs for Hillary.

Many women of color did indeed attend the marches. Angela Peoples went to the march in D.C. wearing a Trump-like red hat that read “Stop Killing Black People” and carried a sign that read “White Women Voted for Trump.”

However, it must be noted that there is a difference between marching for everyone’s civil rights versus marching because white women now recognize a diminishment of their white privilege.

For example, white women who voted for Trump were also at the March. Many of these women shared with me they voted for him for economic reasons. And while many of them didn’t mind Trump cutting Obamacare, they were both woke and upset to learn that the Affordable Care Act, which they now receive but will be repealed, was the official name for Obamacare.

The Boston March turned out a record number of nearly 200,000. But a white female friend of mine troubled by the complexion of the march sent me an email stating the following:

“Maybe you can answer this question for me. There was a lack of Blacks and People of Color at ‘The March’... WHY? What can be done to motivate more to ‘come out’? Am I naive?”

While I can’t speak for all black people I can say that a lot of African American men and women didn’t show up for sister marches in predominately white towns and cities, in spite of the marches’ internecine tensions, where the practice of “Stop and Frisk” is overwhelmingly acted upon people of color.

However, it’s these sort of questions that help force change in building a stronger sisterhood and a safer world.

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Qihua Ma vs. Jingwei Chen		Docket No. SU16D2349DR	
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s) to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for <b>Divorce 1B</b>		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300	
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WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 27, 2016 <span style="float: right;">Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate</span>			

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: <b>Qihua Ma</b> 5 Oak St. Apt 1405 Boston, MA 02116 your answer, if any, on or before 2/23/17. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.			
WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 8, 2016 <span style="float: right;">Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate</span>			



(Top) (Left to Right) Harry Collings, Halle Baltzer; Mike Kelley, Lucas Rodriguez-Vogel. Bottom L to R: Kathy Kelley, Sofia Rodriguez-Vogel, Gabriela Rodriguez-Vogel. (Bottom) Photo courtesy of Monika Bach Schroeder



## French Fair

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Germain, Esq. of McDermott, Quilty and Miller, LLP and their architect to meet with about a dozen abutters of the long-vacant storefront at 1750 Washington Street, at the corner of Mass. Ave., which the team proposes to transform into Bar Lyon, a “gently priced” French bistro with a “casual feel.”

Mammano plans to serve steaks and other entrees, charcuterie, desserts prepared by staff pastry chefs and a full range of alcoholic beverages, including a small selection of French wines, French inspired cocktails and craft beers of American and French provenance. It's going to be very simple, very old school. We're dedicated to cuisine. I really want to bring back classic French cuisine,” Mammano said. In keeping with the “casual, comfortable atmosphere” Mammano seeks, there will be no valet service and no reservations.

Attendees curious about the new dining spot included Washington Gateway Main Street (WGMS) vice president Bud Larievy and Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA)'s Catherine Hunt and Bob Minnocci attended the meeting at the

location to walk around the space, hear the developers' plans and get answers about issues such as trash disposal. Office of Neighborhood Services liaison Sam Chambers was also present for the conversation.

St Germain explained that the restaurant, which will operate from 5:00 PM until 1:00 AM, will be “menu-driven”, and will have 61 seats, 22 of which will be at a bar. St Germain said that the restaurant group seeks neighbors' approval of a zoning appeal and a 7-day, all alcoholic beverage license. “In no way are we looking to open a bar. This is not a group that runs bars, this is a group that runs restaurants,” St Germain told the abutters. She added that the group is not seeking to bring live entertainment to the restaurant, only a television and perhaps recorded music. According to St. Germain, Bar Lyon will employ about 15 people. “It's always important to us to work with the community and make sure we hire locally as much as possible,” she said.

Neighbors seemed intrigued by the prospect of a French bistro in this corner of the neighborhood but had incisive questions for Mammano's team. One resident asked whether they have had any liquor-license violations in their 20 years of operating Mistral and Mammano said no. “That's pretty impressive,” the

resident replied. Another neighbor, concerned about noise, asked about plans for load-in. Mammano said loading would take place in the alley and they would consider a barrier for noise abatement if it became a problem.

Minnocci and others brought up the recent sanitation problems and concurrent increase in the rat population, especially surrounding the alley between East Springfield Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The recent uptick in rats has led to property damage, as several residents have reported that the rodents bit and severed wires in their cars, causing hundreds of dollars in damage each time. On a related note, Larievy informed Mammano's team that WGMS has engaged Project Place to clean the sidewalks along Washington Street, including around that corner, and asked the restaurateur to clean the windows of the corner property regularly.

“We are really focusing on this area in an effort to make this Methadone Mile corner shine,” Larievy said. Larievy has said previously that WGMS sees the intersection of Mass. Ave. as pivotal to establishing an unbroken corridor of businesses on Washington Street through the South End to Dudley Square. After hearing the group's presentation, one neighbor remarked, “So far, I love what I am hearing.”

Mammano and his partners subsequently presented at the Tuesday, January 24 WSANA meeting seeking approval for the restaurant and support for the liquor license. “The group seemed supportive,” Mammano commented in an e-mail after the meeting. According to Minnocci, My impression is that they were very well received. I feel they're very professional and know how to run restaurants.” He added that the group had concerns about trash disposal. “We have been having enormous problems on Mass. Ave. with inappropriate trash storage (or the lack thereof) and residents putting out trash too early or too late, which acts as a magnet for rodent issues.”

Minnocci asked Mammano and his team whether they would sign a pledge to WSANA to create and maintain proper trash storage, etc. The group agreed to do so, and WSANA voted to support the restaurant group's zoning appeal and liquor license application provided they sign the pledge. Minnocci reported that he and WSANA president George Stergios are working on a draft pledge to submit to Mammano's attorney. Mammano and his team are aiming for a June opening, but acknowledged that the abutters meeting that construction, which will include building a complete kitchen and dining area, often involves delays.

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