



# City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

### Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall  
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*Members: Matt Dorsey, Bilal Mahmood, Danny Sauter*

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

#### Regular Meeting

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**Present:** 3 - Matt Dorsey, Bilal Mahmood, and Danny Sauter

*The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session on Thursday, April 24, 2025, with Chair Matt Dorsey presiding. Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.*

## ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On the call of the roll, Chair Dorsey, Vice Chair Mahmood, and Member Sauter were noted present. A quorum was present.*

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Monique Crayton, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email ([monique.crayton@sfgov.org](mailto:monique.crayton@sfgov.org)) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.*

## AGENDA CHANGES

*There were no agenda changes.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

**250335 [Liquor License Transfer - 627 Grant Avenue - Far East Cafe Social Club]**

Hearing to consider that the person-to-person, premise-to-premise transfer of a Type-48 on-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to Far East Cafe Inc., doing business as Far East Cafe Social Club, located at 627 Grant Avenue (District 3), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Clerk of the Board)

03/25/25; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of the transfer of a Type-48 on sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to Far East Cafe Inc., doing business as Far East Cafe Social Club, located at 627 Grant Avenue (District 3).

03/28/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

04/01/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

04/02/25; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department is recommending approval of the attached ABC Type 48 (On Sale General Public Premises) at 627 Grant Avenue (dba Far East Café ) permitted in the CVR Chinatown Visitor's Retail District per Section 180 of the Planning Code. ABC has confirmed that the existing Full Bar and accompanying ABC type 47 license has existed on these premises since Jan. 1965, considered to be continuation of existing use.

04/16/25; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response recommending approval with the following conditions:

1. Petitioner(s) shall actively monitor the area under their control in an effort to prevent the loitering of persons on any property adjacent to the licensed premises as depicted on ABC-253.
2. The petitioner(s) shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control, as depicted on ABC-253.
3. (1) Except as provided in Condition 2 below, no noise shall be audible beyond the area under the control of the licensee. (SF district office only). (2) Any noise caused by entertainment or amplified sound that is subject to the provisions of an active Entertainment Permit issued by the San Francisco Entertainment Commission shall be authorized in accordance with the limits established by that Entertainment Permit, including any limitation on hours during which entertainment or amplified sound is permitted. A violation of the entertainment or amplified sound noise conditions of the Entertainment Permit, as determined by the San Francisco Entertainment Commission (or any successor agency), shall be deemed to be a violation of this Condition. Any noise that is not subject to, or is beyond the scope of, the Entertainment Permit shall be subject to Condition 1 above. "Entertainment Permit" means any of the following: a Just Add Music permit, a Limited Live Performance permit, a Place of Entertainment permit, a Fixed Place Amplified Sound permit, or any similar such permit issued by the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.
4. At any time, the premise is providing live entertainment, the petitioner(s) shall have two (2) uniformed security guard(s) on the premises and shall maintain order therein to prevent any activity which would interfere with the quiet enjoyment of their nearby residents, or the surrounding community. The uniform security guards must be licensed by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Officer David Goff (Police Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. David Villa-Lobos; spoke in support of the hearing matter.*

**Supervisor Dorsey moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination that the person-to-person, premise-to-premise transfer of a Type-48 on-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Sauter

Resolution determining that the person-to-person, premise-to-premise transfer of a Type-48 on-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to Far East Cafe Inc., doing business as Far East Cafe Social Club, located at 627 Grant Avenue (District 3), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco, in accordance with California Business and Professions Code, Section 23958.4; and requesting that the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control impose conditions on the issuance of the license. (Clerk of the Board)

**Chair Dorsey moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Sauter

*Supervisors Mahmood and Sauter were noted not present at 11:13 a.m.*

*Due to the loss of quorum, Chair Dorsey recessed the meeting and reconvened at 11:18 a.m. when all committee members were present.*

**250190 [Administrative Code - Recovery First Substance Use Disorder Treatment Policy]**

**Sponsors: Dorsey; Mandelman, Mahmood, Sherrill, Melgar, Engardio and Sauter**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the cessation of illicit drug use and attainment of long-term recovery from substance use disorders as the primary objective of the City's drug policy.

02/25/25; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 3/27/2025.

03/03/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Public Health for informational purposes.

04/03/25; TRANSFERRED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Bill Maher; Michael; Marnie Regen (Larkin Street Youth Services); Aaron; Speaker; Dr. Patt Denning, Jason Brown, Anna Berg, Maurice Byrd (Harm Reduction Therapy Center); Laura Guzman (National Harm Reduction Coalition); Speaker; Andrea Johnson; Speaker; Jessica; Sara; Dennis; Shavon; Anne; Mya Nixon; Sara Morisset; Lydia Branson; Karlie; Fred Lavender; Lloyd; Elle Chen (Drug Policy Alliance); Lia McGeever; Michael Saragusa; Melissa; Raymond; Karin Adams (Homeless Youth Alliance); Alex Kral; Scout Zorn (Homeless Youth Alliance); Terry Morris; Chris; Brenden; Roboto; Speaker; June Bug; Lenera Coles; Gerald; Alyssa; Speaker; Laura Thomas (San Francisco AIDS Foundation); Paul; JConr B Ortega; Ruben; Joshua Banks; Kevin Beckers; Yolanda Gonzalgo; Martin Hardy; Dwight Hammond; Jason Brown; Leslie; Speaker; Oscar; Speaker; Celestina Pearl (Lyon-Martin Community Health); David; Speaker; Speaker; Ben; John; Speaker; Terry Davis; Speaker; Speaker; Lisa; David; John Ma; Benny; Lisa Wood; Christina; Allen; Rena Wade; Margaret Payne; Cedric Akbar; shared various concerns regarding the ordinance matter.*

**Chair Dorsey moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Line 1, to read 'Administrative Code - Recovery First Substance Use Disorder Treatment Policy'; on Page 1, Lines 3-6, to read 'Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the long-term remission of substance use disorders for individuals as the primary goal of the City's substance use disorder treatment policy'; throughout the ordinance, by striking 'drug' and inserting 'Substance Use Disorder Treatment'; on Page 1, Lines 23-24, by inserting '(1) "Remission" means overcoming the illness of Substance Use Disorder to the point of living a self-directed and healthy life, free from illicit drug use'; on Page 2, Lines 1-7, to read '(2) "Recovery" means the process by which an individual suffering from Substance Use Disorder strives to make positive changes that become part of a voluntarily adopted healthy lifestyle. Recovery may include participation in: a Medication-Assisted-Treatment program administered by a licensed healthcare provider in accordance with applicable laws and medical guidance; an outpatient or residential substance use treatment program; a contingency management program; or other program determined by the program participant to support their efforts to be in Remission'; on Page 2, Lines 11-14, to read '(c) Policy. Long-term Remission of Substance Use Disorders for individuals, with the help of fully supported and staffed evidence-based Recovery and behavioral health services, shall be the primary goal of the City's Substance Use Disorder treatment policy'; and making other conforming and clerical changes throughout the ordinance text. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Sauter

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the long-term remission of substance use disorders for individuals as the primary goal of the City's substance use disorder treatment policy.

**Chair Dorsey moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Sauter

**250272 [Hearing - Status Update - Police Code - Tenderloin Retail Hours Restriction Pilot Program]**

**Sponsor: Mahmood**

Hearing to receive a status update of Ordinance No. 182-24 (File No. 240696) Police Code - Tenderloin Retail Hours Restriction Pilot Program; and requesting The Drug Market Agency Coordination Center to report.

03/18/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

03/25/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department for informational purposes.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Diana Aroche, Commander Derrick Lew (San Francisco Police Department); Jen Callewart (Department of Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Speaker; Lilly Lee; Speaker; Kathy; Diana Helander (O'Farrell Neighbors Group); Speaker; Mercedes Hernandez; Carol; Naomi (Central City SRO Collaborative); Speaker; Rhiannon Bailard (UC Law San Francisco); Speaker; Ed; Speaker; Speaker; Jamie Flanigan; Speaker; Kate Robinson (Tenderloin Community Benefit District); Rosa Alvarado; Suzie; Kim Jackson (Local 2 Hotel Workers Union); spoke in support of the hearing matter.*

**Vice Chair Mahmood moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Sauter

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 12:50 p.m.*

*N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.*