



July 25, 2022

The Honorable Myrna Melgar
Supervisor, District 7
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Public Works Code - Public Works Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program
File #220538**

Dear Supervisor Melgar,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association of San Francisco (BOMA SF), I write you in support of file number 220538, which would amend the Public Works Code to require Public Works to create a pilot program allowing property owners in certain commercial areas to opt into graffiti abatement at no cost to the property owner.

BOMA SF members often fall victim to graffiti and are responsible for the burden of its abatement. BOMA is grateful for the efforts of our local community benefit districts in assisting with graffiti abatement. Their work has greatly assisted in the timely removal of graffiti. However, not all of our members are located within a community benefit district. Our understanding is that this program could specifically serve those properties outside of commercial benefit districts, providing them with key resources.

Should this pilot program be successful, we look forward to providing future feedback about how property owners, community benefit districts, and Public Works can partner to continue to improve prompt graffiti abatement practices. Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant
CEO, BOMA San Francisco

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
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Hello,

Please see below for communication from Meredith Blau regarding File No. 220538.

File No. 220538 - Public Works Code - Public Works Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program

Sincerely,

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From: Meredith Blau <meredithblau15@gmail.com>
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Subject: Graffiti abatement

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I really don't see why you can't follow the NYC plan. They are far bigger than we are! Just get the job done.

Anyone can report graffiti on any property in New York City. Simply **call 311 or submit a claim and the City will mail a notice to the property owner on file.**

Once the notice is delivered, the property owner will have 35 days to contact the City to decline graffiti removal services.

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Hello,

Please see below and attached for communication from Henry Karnilowicz regarding file No. 220538.

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Hi Angela,

Attached is my letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the referenced legislation to be heard tomorrow,

Please distribute.

Warm regards,

Henry Karnilowicz

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July 18, 2022

Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board Of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

I am writing to you to extend my thanks and appreciation to supervisors, Myrna Melgar, Catherine Stefani and Hillary Ronen for their legislation #26.220538, ordinance amending the Public Works Code to require Public Works to create a pilot program allowing property owners in commercial areas to opt into graffiti abatement by Public Works at no cost to the property owner; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Graffiti has gotten to the point where property owners and small businesses are struggling to keep it abated. For National Ice Cream day I stopped by at Joe's Ice Cream on Geary Boulevard with its colorfully painted shared space and it is vandalized with graffiti. This is not the only shared space that has been vandalized. What broke my heart was seeing the beautiful mural at Hoogasian Flowers with graffiti on it

I hope that abating the graffiti will also include prosecution of these so called graffiti artists and that it not be just a slap on the hand!

Supervisors, I urge you to unanimously support this legislation!

Sincerely,


Henry Karnilowicz

Cc:
Board of Supervisors

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