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Subject: FW: Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 - file No. 240295: Request for Waiver of Blight Inspection Fees for Derby Alley West
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:49:20 AM

Hello,

Please see below communication regarding **File No. 240295:**

Hearing to consider objections to a report of assessment costs submitted by the Director of Public Works for inspection and/or repair of blighted properties ordered through the Accelerated Sidewalk Abatement Program.

Regards,

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From: Osman Uner <osman@jazzbistrosf.com>
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to address the recent revocation of approval by the SFFD for the fence/gate installation at Derby Alley West (off Taylor Street) and the imposed Blight Inspection Fees.

Derby Alley West runs behind our two businesses: David's Deli (founded in 1952) and Touchstone Hotel on Geary Street.

The temporary fence/gate is meant to protect our contractors, suppliers, guests, and employees at risk in an area heavily plagued by daily assaults, vandalism, and burglary,

Kindly note: Over the years, we did our best to apply the regulations set forth by the SFFD, SFPD, DBI, and DPW, investing over \$50,000 in consultations, design, and materials, but the responsiveness of City agencies has significantly slowed, notably impacted by the pandemic.

We kept pursuing a final permit, but 4 weeks ago SFFD abruptly ceased cooperation. Based on the unexpected revocation of our permit by SFFD despite their prior approvals—both verbal and written—, the Department of Public Works has mandated the removal of our structure by the end of this week.

It is particularly disheartening to see similar protective gates in neighboring locations, such as Derby Alley East (off Mason Street), being permitted without issue.

In light of our significant investment and the critical safety needs of our location, we respectfully request the waiving of the blight inspection fee and urge a reconsideration of the permit revocation.

We remain hopeful for a fair resolution that supports the safety and operational continuity of our establishments.

Best regards,
Martina & Osman Uner