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**File No. 150972**

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Dear Ms. Jones:

On September 29, 2015, Mayor Lee and Supervisor Campos introduced the following legislation:

**File No. 150972**

**Urgency Ordinance approving an extension of the interim prohibition on commercial storefront mergers of greater than 799 gross square feet in the proposed Calle 24 Special Use District, which generally includes all lots bounded by 22nd Street, Potrero Avenue, Cesar Chavez Street, Capp Street, and both sides of 24th Street from Capp Street to Bartlett Street, as well as certain additional adjacent lots, for 10 months and 15 days in accordance with California Government Code, Sections 65858, et seq.; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Derek Evans", written over a horizontal line.

By: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk

Attachment

cc: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Jeanie Poling, Environmental Planning

1 [Zoning - Interim Prohibition Extension on Commercial Mergers in the Proposed Calle 24  
2 Special Use District]

3 **Urgency Ordinance approving an extension of the interim prohibition on commercial**  
4 **storefront mergers of greater than 799 gross square feet in the proposed Calle 24**  
5 **Special Use District, which generally includes all lots bounded by 22nd Street, Potrero**  
6 **Avenue, Cesar Chavez Street, Capp Street, and both sides of 24th Street from Capp**  
7 **Street to Bartlett Street, as well as certain additional adjacent lots, for 10 months and**  
8 **15 days in accordance with California Government Code, Sections 65858, et seq.; and**  
9 **affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental**  
10 **Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight**  
11 **priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

12 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
13 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
14 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
15 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
16 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
17 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
18 subsections or parts of tables.

19 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

20 Section 1. Findings.

21 (a) General Findings.

22 (1) The proposed Calle 24 Special Use District (“Calle 24 SUD”) is bounded by  
23 the following streets:

24 (a) To the north, all lots fronting the southern side of 22nd Street from  
25 Mission Street to Potrero Avenue;

1 (b) To the east, all lots fronting the western side of Potrero Avenue from  
2 22nd Street to Cesar Chavez Street;

3 (c) To the south, all lots fronting the northern side of Cesar Chavez  
4 Street, from Potrero Avenue to Capp Street; and

5 (d) To the west, all lots fronting the western side of Capp Street from  
6 Cesar Chavez to 24th Street, then all lots fronting both sides of 24th Street to the eastern side  
7 of Bartlett Street, then all lots fronting the western side of Capp Street from 24th Street to  
8 22nd Street.

9 The proposed Calle 24 SUD additionally includes the following lots adjacent to the  
10 above boundaries: Lots 019D and 046A in Assessor's Block 3637; Lots 005 and 017A in  
11 Assessor's Block 6517; Lot 035 in Assessor's Block 6528; and Lot 003A in Assessor's Block  
12 6570.

13 (2) The Mayor's Office, the District 9 Supervisor's Office, and the public are  
14 currently engaged in a planning process to develop a comprehensive set of zoning and design  
15 controls for this area. This planning process follows the Board of Supervisors unanimous  
16 passage of Board Resolution No. 168-14, establishing the Calle 24 (pronounced  
17 "Veinticuatro") Latino Cultural District in May 2014. The stated purposes of establishing the  
18 Calle 24 Latino Cultural District were to recognize the importance of Calle 24 as a center of  
19 Latino culture and commerce and enhance the unique nature of Calle 24 as a special place  
20 for San Francisco's residents and tourists.

21 (3) In response to the creation of the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District, the City  
22 awarded a grant to the Brava Theater and the Lower 24th Street Neighbors and Merchants  
23 Association to facilitate community input in developing a Latino Cultural District Plan. A  
24 council comprised of residents, businesses, and other neighborhood stakeholders meets  
25 monthly and brings together residents, workers, artists, and business owners. After a year's

1 worth of meetings, as well as several retreats and public community input sessions, this work  
2 resulted in the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District Report, which can be found in Board File No.  
3 140421. As a result of this engagement, including but not exclusive to the report, a prohibition  
4 on storefront mergers was identified as a strategy to retain affordable retail spaces and the  
5 character of the corridor, which includes many small retail spaces. These small retail spaces  
6 enable many businesses to operate and contribute to the diverse commercial fabric along  
7 24th Street.

8 (4) During the current economic boom cycle, small neighborhood-serving retail  
9 uses in the Calle 24 neighborhood have been particularly susceptible to displacement and  
10 closure.

11 (5) In response to these changes and in order to stabilize the displacement of  
12 these small neighborhood-serving businesses while the City and interested stakeholders have  
13 an opportunity to work collaboratively on a community planning process that may result in the  
14 designation of the proposed SUD or other amendments to the Planning Code, this Board  
15 adopted Ordinance No. 133-15 to place a temporary prohibition on any merger of groundfloor  
16 commercial use space where the merger would result in groundfloor commercial use space  
17 greater than 799 gross square feet, subject to specified exemptions, in order to provide time  
18 for the City to determine if permanent zoning changes could be formulated that minimize the  
19 disruption associated with such mergers. A copy of this ordinance is on file with the Clerk of  
20 the Board in File No. 150584 and is available on the Board's website.

21 (6) On \_\_\_\_\_, the Board of Supervisors adopted Motion No.  
22 \_\_\_\_\_, to approve a report that the Planning Department prepared on possible  
23 methods to address the zoning concerns identified in Ordinance No. 133-15. A copy of the  
24 Motion is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is  
25 available on the Board's website, and is incorporated herein by reference.

1 (7) The conditions that led the Board of Supervisors to adopt Ordinance No.  
2 133-15 continue to exist. These interim controls are intended to provide stability to the  
3 neighborhood during the time that the proposed Calle 24 SUD, and any other proposed  
4 Planning Code amendments, are under development and public review. In developing the  
5 controls for the proposed SUD, the Board urges the Planning Department to balance the need  
6 for retaining neighborhood-serving retail and service uses and a vibrant small business  
7 community.

8 (b) Findings Related to Imposition of an Interim Prohibition.

9 (1) Planning Code Section 306.7 provides for the imposition of interim zoning  
10 controls to accomplish several objectives, including preservation of historic and architecturally  
11 significant buildings and areas; preservation of residential neighborhoods; preservation of  
12 neighborhoods and areas of mixed residential and commercial uses in order to preserve the  
13 existing character of such neighborhoods and areas; and development and conservation of  
14 the City's commerce and industry to maintain the City's economic vitality, provide its citizens  
15 with adequate jobs and business opportunities, and maintain adequate services for its  
16 residents, visitors, businesses, and institutions.

17 (2) These controls are intended and designed to address problems and  
18 conditions associated with mergers of small commercial storefronts while the proposed Calle  
19 24 SUD planning process is pending so that the City can continue to preserve neighborhoods  
20 and areas of mixed residential and commercial uses in order to maintain the existing  
21 character of such neighborhoods and areas and develop and conserve the City's commerce  
22 for the reasons specified above in Subsection (a).

23 (3) This Board has considered the impact on the public health, safety, peace,  
24 and general welfare if the interim controls proposed herein were not imposed.

1 (4) This Board has determined that the public interest will be best served by  
2 imposition of these interim controls at this time in order to ensure that the legislative scheme  
3 that may be ultimately adopted is not undermined during the planning and legislative process  
4 for permanent controls, which process shall be conducted within a reasonable time.

5 (c) Planning Code Section 101.1 Findings.

6 This interim zoning prohibition advances and is consistent with: Priority Policy 1 in that  
7 the controls will preserve and enhance existing neighborhood-serving retail uses and enhance  
8 future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses; Priority  
9 Policy 2 in that the controls will conserve and protect existing neighborhood character in order  
10 to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of this neighborhood; and Priority Policy 5 in  
11 that the controls will maintain a diverse economic base by protecting our neighborhood  
12 service sector from displacement due to larger mergers and commercial office development  
13 and will enhance future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in this sector.  
14 With respect to Priority Policies 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8, the Board finds that the interim zoning  
15 prohibition does not, at this time, have an effect upon these policies, and thus, will not conflict  
16 with said policies.

17 (d) Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the  
18 actions contemplated in this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental  
19 Quality Act (California Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). The Board of  
20 Supervisors hereby affirms this determination. A copy of said determination is on file with the  
21 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and incorporated herein by  
22 reference.

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24 Section 2. The following interim zoning prohibition shall be adopted as an Urgency  
25 Ordinance:

1 (a) The proposed Calle 24 Special Use District area ("Calle 24 SUD") shall be  
2 bounded by the following streets:

3 (1) To the north, all lots fronting the southern side of 22nd Street from Mission  
4 Street to Potrero Avenue;

5 (2) To the east, all lots fronting the western side of Potrero Avenue from 22nd  
6 Street to Cesar Chavez Street;

7 (3) To the south, all lots fronting the northern side of Cesar Chavez Street, from  
8 Potrero Avenue to Capp Street; and

9 (4) To the west, all lots fronting the western side of Capp Street from Cesar  
10 Chavez to 24th Street, then all lots fronting both sides of 24th Street to the eastern side of  
11 Bartlett Street, then all lots fronting the western side of Capp Street from 24th Street to 22nd  
12 Street.

13 The proposed Calle 24 SUD additionally includes the following lots outside the above  
14 boundaries: Lots 019D and 046A in Assessor's Block 3637; Lots 005 and 017A in Assessor's  
15 Block 6517; Lot 035 in Assessor's Block 6528; and Lot 003A in Assessor's Block 6570.

16 (b) In the proposed Calle 24 SUD, neither the Planning Department nor the Planning  
17 Commission shall issue an approval or authorization for any merger of groundfloor  
18 commercial use space where the merger would result in groundfloor commercial use space  
19 greater than 799 gross square feet.

20 (c) The following districts, uses, and projects are exempt from these controls:

21 (1) Projects subject to a development agreement under Administrative Code  
22 Chapter 56 and California Government Code Sections 65864 et seq.;

23 (2) Projects that have submitted an environmental evaluation case to the  
24 Planning Department on or before June 2, 2015; and

1 (3) Projects that received a Planning Commission approval on or before June 2,  
2 2015.

3 (d) This interim zoning prohibition shall remain in effect for 10 months and 15 days  
4 from the termination date of Ordinance No. 133-15 or until the date that permanent controls  
5 are adopted to address commercial mergers in this area, whichever first occurs.

6 (e) If application of this ordinance would have the effect of denying approvals needed  
7 for development of any multifamily housing portion of a project specified in California  
8 Government Code Section 65858(c) and (h), this prohibition shall not apply to that use.

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10 Section 3. No later than July 18, 2016, the Planning Department shall submit to the  
11 Clerk of the Board a written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the conditions  
12 that led to the adoption of this ordinance. Upon receipt of the report, the Clerk shall calendar a  
13 motion for the full Board to consider and approve said report. Said hearing and the action  
14 taken thereon shall be at least 10 days prior to the expiration of this ordinance.

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16 Section 4. Effective Date. This urgency ordinance shall become effective immediately  
17 after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns  
18 the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the  
19 Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance by a 4/5ths vote.

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
22 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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24 By:

  
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