



January 8, 2018

The Honorable Aaron Peskin
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Request to Continue: File #170982, Planning Code – Formula Retail Controls

Dear Supervisor Peskin,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,500 local businesses, requests that legislation you are sponsoring that would revise the definition of Formula Retail (File #170982; Planning Code – Formula Retail Controls), not be calendared for the Land Use and Transportation Committee as tentatively scheduled on January 22, 2018. Businesses impacted, both directly and indirectly, by the ordinance request the opportunity to discuss the policy goals of the legislation with you and to work with you in a mutual effort to achieve those goals.

This proposed ordinance was originally included in another piece of legislation, but was separated from the original file (#170419, Planning Code – North Beach, Telegraph Hill, Broadway and Chinatown Area Controls) before that legislation was passed by the Board of Supervisors. This legislation as currently drafted would significantly expand the definition of Formula Retail and substantially curtail the Zoning Administrator's determinative discretion under the Planning Code's Formula Retail control provisions.

Members of the San Francisco business community, representing businesses and industries of all types across the city, wish to understand the purpose of the legislation, what problems you feel will be fixed by it, and collaborate with you on ways to mitigate those problems. We share with you the desire to ensure that businesses thrive in all of our Neighborhood Commercial Districts while serving the needs of San Francisco residents in the neighborhoods where they live.

We therefore request that File #170982 not be calendared at the Board of Supervisors, and that it be continued so that we can work with you on these common goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Lazarus', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President of Public Policy

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, to be distributed to all Supervisors