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Prepared by: Monique Crayton

Date: February 6, 2026

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1 [Police Code - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Police Code to delete Article 55 and thereby repeal the**
4 **requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods**
5 **and services other than professional services.**

6 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
7 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
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9 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
10 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
11 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
12 subsections or parts of tables.

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

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15 Section 1. Article 55 of the Police Code, consisting of Sections 5500-5506, is deleted in
16 its entirety, to read as follows:

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18 ~~**ARTICLE 55: ACCEPTANCE OF CASH BY BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES**~~

19 ~~**SEC. 5500. TITLE.**~~

20 ~~*—This Article 55 shall be known and may be cited as the “Legal Rights for Legal Tender*~~
21 ~~*Ordinance.”*~~

22 ~~**SEC. 5501. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**~~

23 ~~*—(a) San Francisco strives to be a welcoming, inclusive place for all City residents. Consistent*~~
24 ~~*with this ethos of inclusivity, the City strives to empower all of its residents to participate in San*~~
25 ~~*Francisco’s economic life. A key aspect of participation in economic life in the City, as anywhere, is the*~~
~~*ability as a consumer to purchase goods and services.*~~

1 ~~—(b) For many City residents (for example, those who are denied access to credit, or who are~~
2 ~~unable to obtain bank accounts), the ability to engage in consumer transactions depends on the ability~~
3 ~~to pay for goods and many services in cash. This is especially true of the very poor.~~

4 ~~—(c) Millions of Americans do not hold bank accounts, or otherwise fall outside the non-cash~~
5 ~~financial system. Some stand apart by choice, because they are concerned about privacy and do not~~
6 ~~want their every financial transaction recorded by banks and credit card companies; physical cash~~
7 ~~remains the most accessible anonymous medium of exchange in this country. Others may not be well~~
8 ~~situated to participate in the formal banking system, or may be excluded from that system against their~~
9 ~~will. In short, denying the ability to use cash as a payment method means excluding too many people.~~

10 ~~—(d) According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), in 2017, 17% of all~~
11 ~~African American households and 14% of all Latino households in the U.S. had no bank account.~~
12 ~~These numbers may be much higher in San Francisco, where, according to a 2005 study commissioned~~
13 ~~by the City, as many as 50% of African American and Latino households were estimated to be~~
14 ~~unbanked. In this reality, not accepting cash payment is tantamount to systematically excluding~~
15 ~~segments of the population that are largely low-income people of color. Cashless business models may~~
16 ~~also have significant detrimental impacts on young people who do not meet age requirements for credit~~
17 ~~cards, for the elderly (many of whom have not transitioned to credit and digital payment modes at the~~
18 ~~same rate as younger generations), and for other vulnerable groups (such as homeless and immigrant~~
19 ~~populations).~~

20 ~~—(e) The City must remain vigilant in ensuring its economy is inclusionary and accessible to~~
21 ~~everyone. The purpose of this Article 55 is to ensure that all City residents—including those who lack~~
22 ~~access to other forms of payment—are able to participate in the City’s economic life by paying cash for~~
23 ~~goods and many services.~~

24 ~~**SEC. 5502. DEFINITIONS.**~~

25 ~~—For purposes of this Article 55, the following definitions apply:~~

1 —~~“Brick and Mortar Business” means any place of business operating at a fixed, permanent~~
2 ~~physical premises. Brick and Mortar Business does not include any business not operating at a~~
3 ~~physical premises in San Francisco (one example being a business operating in the City exclusively via~~
4 ~~the Internet without any physical premises in the City), or any business operating from a vehicle or~~
5 ~~other mobile space (one example being a food truck), or any business operating from a temporary~~
6 ~~physical premises (one example being a pop-up).~~

7 —~~“Cash” means United States currency, in the form of both paper Federal Reserve Notes and~~
8 ~~metal coins. Cash does not include currency issued under the authority of any country other than the~~
9 ~~United States; any paper instrument other than a Federal Reserve Note (including, but not limited to,~~
10 ~~any check, bond, or promissory note); or any metal coin (including, but not limited to, any gold or~~
11 ~~silver coin) that is not legal tender in the United States.~~

12 —~~“City” means the City and County of San Francisco.~~

13 —~~“Professional Services” means services that require extended analysis, the exercise of~~
14 ~~discretion and independent judgment in their performance, and/or the application of an advanced,~~
15 ~~specialized type of knowledge, expertise, or training customarily acquired either by a prolonged course~~
16 ~~of study or equivalent experience in the field. Examples of Professional Services include, but are not~~
17 ~~limited to, services provided by accountants; architects; attorneys; engineers; financial advisers;~~
18 ~~insurance agents; interior designers; management and other consultants; and software developers.~~
19 ~~Notwithstanding the previous sentence, Professional Services does not include services provided by~~
20 ~~licensed medical and allied health care professionals, such as, but not limited to, doctors, dentists, and~~
21 ~~nurses. But licensure by the State or City does not in itself mean that an individual provides~~
22 ~~Professional Services; for example, a cosmetologist is not considered to provide Professional Services~~
23 ~~as defined. Trade or craft work, such as, but not limited to, shoe repair, tailoring of clothes, and dry~~
24 ~~cleaning, are not considered Professional Services for purposes of this Article 55.~~

1 —“San Francisco County Sealer” or “Sealer” means the position identified in Administrative
2 Code § 2A.221 as the County Agricultural Commissioner-Sealer of Weights and Measures, and
3 includes the Sealer’s employees as assigned or other designees of the Sealer.

4 **~~SEC. 5503. BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES REQUIRED TO ACCEPT CASH.~~**

5 —(a) ~~Except as set forth in Section 5504, every Brick and Mortar Business within the City~~
6 ~~must accept payment in Cash, if offered, for any transaction involving the purchase of any tangible~~
7 ~~good and/or any service other than Professional Services if, in connection with that transaction, (1) the~~
8 ~~business would accept one or more other forms of payment (including, but not limited to, check, credit~~
9 ~~card, debit card, or any type of electronic payment), regardless of when such form of payment is~~
10 ~~collected, and (2) the customer seeking to engage in that transaction is physically present at the place~~
11 ~~of business.~~

12 —(b) ~~Except as set forth in Section 5504, a Brick and Mortar Business may not charge a fee or~~
13 ~~place any other condition on its acceptance of Cash as required by subsection (a).~~

14 **~~SEC. 5504. EXCEPTIONS.~~**

15 —(a) ~~**Suspected Counterfeit Currency.** A Brick and Mortar Business may refuse to accept~~
16 ~~Cash or putative Cash that the business reasonably suspects to be counterfeit.~~

17 —(b) ~~**Large Denominations.** A Brick and Mortar Business may refuse to accept Cash in any~~
18 ~~denomination larger than a twenty-dollar bill, but shall otherwise accept any combination of paper~~
19 ~~Federal Reserve Notes and metal coins in connection with any transaction covered by Section 5503.~~

20 —(c) ~~**Single Transactions Above \$5,000.** Where a single transaction involves the purchase of~~
21 ~~one or more goods and/or services, the total price of which (including tax) exceeds \$5,000, a Brick-~~
22 ~~and Mortar Business must accept Cash that is proffered as payment for any amount up to \$5,000, but~~
23 ~~may refuse to accept Cash as payment for the remainder of the amount due. By way of example but not~~
24 ~~limitation, if a customer purchases an item or items of jewelry the total price of which (including tax) is~~
25 ~~\$7,500, the customer would be entitled to pay up to \$5,000 in cash, but the Brick and Mortar Business~~

1 would be permitted to require the customer paying \$5,000 in cash to pay the remaining \$2,500 due
2 using some form of payment other than Cash.

3 **~~SEC. 5505. ENFORCEMENT.~~**

4 ~~—(a) San Francisco County Sealer. The San Francisco County Sealer shall have the authority~~
5 ~~to implement this Article 55 and enforce this Article as set forth in this Section 5505. The Sealer may~~
6 ~~issue rules, regulations, and/or guidance, as the Sealer deems appropriate, to aid in the implementation~~
7 ~~and enforcement of this Article.~~

8 ~~—(b) No Worker Liability. The obligation to ensure that a Brick and Mortar Business~~
9 ~~complies with this Article 55 shall fall only on the business, or (in any case in which the owner or~~
10 ~~owners of the business are responsible for a policy or practice causing a violation of this Article 55) on~~
11 ~~the owner or owners of the business. No employee or independent contractor working at a Brick and~~
12 ~~Mortar Business shall be held liable for any violation of this Article.~~

13 ~~—(c) Violations Defined. Each transaction or attempted transaction in which a Brick and~~
14 ~~Mortar Business fails to accept Cash as required by Section 5503 shall constitute a separate violation~~
15 ~~of this Article 55.~~

16 ~~—(d) Penalties. Any violation of this Article 55 shall be an infraction or misdemeanor~~
17 ~~punishable as hereinafter specified:~~

18 ~~—(1) For a first violation of this Article, an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding~~
19 ~~\$100 and not less than \$50;~~

20 ~~—(2) For a second violation of this Article within a 12-month period, an infraction~~
21 ~~punishable by a fine not exceeding \$200 and not less than \$100; and~~

22 ~~—(3) For a third violation of this Article within a 12-month period, and any additional~~
23 ~~violation within a 12-month period, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and not~~
24 ~~less than \$500.~~

1 ~~—(e) **Enforcement Costs.** In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (e), the court may~~
2 ~~order that a violator of this Article 55 reimburse the City for all its costs, including attorneys' fees,~~
3 ~~incurred in investigating and prosecuting the enforcement action against that violator.~~

4 ~~**SEC. 5506. TREASURER'S REPORT.**~~

5 ~~—By no later than December 31, 2026, the Treasurer shall submit a report to the Board of~~
6 ~~Supervisors and the Mayor on the findings contained in the report on the 2025 National Survey of~~
7 ~~Unbanked and Underbanked Households issued by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The~~
8 ~~report submitted by the Treasurer may, but need not, include recommendations concerning this Article~~
9 ~~55.~~

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11 Section 2. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
12 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
13 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
14 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
15 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under
16 the official title of the ordinance.

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18 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
19 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
20 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
21 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Police Code - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to delete Article 55 and thereby repeal the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services other than professional services.

Existing Law

In 2019, the City enacted Article 55 of the Police Code, consisting of Sections 5500-5506, which is known as the Legal Rights for Legal Tender Ordinance. This law requires that brick-and-mortar businesses accept up to \$5,000 in cash for the purchase of goods and services, other than professional services. The County Sealer is charged with enforcing the ordinance, and a violation is considered an infraction or misdemeanor.

Amendment to Current Law

The proposed ordinance deletes Article 55 in its entirety and thereby repeals the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services other than professional services. Upon repeal of the law, brick-and-mortar businesses can determine if they wish to transact in cash.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Derrick Lew, Police Chief, Police Department

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: January 13, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following ordinance request, introduced on January 6, 2026:

File No. 260025

Police Code - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses

Ordinance amending the Police Code to delete Article 55 and thereby repeal the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services other than professional services.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

CC:
Office of Chair Dorsey
Office of President Mandelman
Steven Lopez, Police Department
Sgt Stacy Youngblood, Police Department
Carl Nicita, Police Department
Giannina Miranda, Police Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Katy Tang, Director
Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood
Services Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: January 13, 2026

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 260025 Police Code - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses

Ordinance amending the Police Code to delete Article 55 and thereby repeal the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services other than professional services.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, California 94102.

RESPONSE FROM SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION - Date: _____

___ **No Comment**
___ **Recommendation Attached**

Chairperson, Small Business Commission

CC:
Office of Chair Dorsey

From: [Teddy Kramer](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [WongStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for BOS File 260025
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 12:19:10 PM

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Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee members,

My name is Teddy Kramer and I am the owner of NEON, a drop-in workspace and neighborhood event space on Union Street in Cow Hollow.

I'm writing to express my support for Supervisor Mandelman's proposal to remove the requirement that San Francisco's small businesses accept cash payments, BOS File 260025.

- As a small business owner, the requirement to keep and accept cash puts my business and my staff at greater risk of robbery and break ins.
- To reduce the chance of break ins, depositing cash at a bank at the end of the day requires additional staff time or additional costs for a cash management company to collect the money onsite
- Cash transactions take longer and can slow down business at peak hours
- Businesses whose clientele value cash transactions can continue to accept cash under this proposal, but business owners like me should be able to decide what operations and processes work best.
- Some small businesses have moved away from accepting cash because of the high circulation of counterfeit bills.

The City has made great progress in the past year removing red tape and allowing small businesses to thrive.

We have done a great job being given the freedom to open and operate our businesses as we see fit.

Accepting cash at a business as a choice, not a requirement, should be part of that freedom.

I urge you to support this commonsense legislation.

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Teddy Kramer
CEO/Founder



From: [Michael Rotella](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [WongStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Repeal Cash Mandate: A Proven Public Safety Issue for Small Businesses
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 3:37:58 PM

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Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of Supervisor Mandelman’s proposal to repeal San Francisco’s cash-acceptance mandate for small businesses (BOS File 260025).

I own and operate Rocco’s Café. Prior to going cashless, my business was robbed twice. Our front window was smashed. We lost over **\$4,500 in sales due to counterfeit bills**, in addition to property damage, staff trauma, and lost operating time. These were not abstract risks — they were real, repeated incidents that directly threatened my employees and my livelihood.

After these incidents, we made the decision to go cashless and clearly posted signage for our guests. **The result was immediate and measurable:** we have not experienced a single break-in since. Removing cash from the operation removed the incentive for theft. It made my staff safer. It stabilized our business.

Instead of recognizing that outcome, the City fined me and lectured me for prioritizing safety.

Requiring small businesses to accept cash does not make us safer — it does the opposite.

- Keeping cash on hand increases the likelihood of robbery and break-ins, putting frontline workers at risk.
- Depositing cash requires additional labor at the end of the night or costly armored-car services, both of which disproportionately burden small operators.
- Cash transactions slow service during peak hours, directly impacting revenue and guest experience.
- This proposal does not ban cash — it simply restores **choice**. Businesses whose customers prefer cash can continue to accept it. Others, like mine, should not be forced into unsafe operating conditions by mandate.

Small business owners are closest to the realities on the ground. We are the ones locking up at night. We are the ones responsible for our employees’ safety. We should be trusted to make operational decisions that reflect those realities.

This is a common-sense correction to a well-intentioned but harmful requirement. I urge you to support repealing the cash-acceptance mandate and allow small businesses to operate in ways that protect their people, their property, and their viability.

Respectfully,

Michael Rotella

Owner

Rocco's Café

916.206.4702

From: [Evan Bloom](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [WongStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Ojeh, Faisal \(MYR\)](#); [Segal, Ned \(MYR\)](#); [Birnbach, Kerry \(ECN\)](#)
Subject: Wise Sons - Support for BOS File 260025 – Repeal of the Cash Acceptance Requirement
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 10:23:36 AM

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RE: Support for BOS File 260025 – Repeal of the Cash Acceptance Requirement

Dear Members of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong support for **Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's proposal to remove the requirement that San Francisco small businesses accept cash payments (BOS File 260025)**.

I am the founder of Wise Sons, a locally owned restaurant business with multiple locations in San Francisco, and a long-time resident of the city. While the intent of the cash-acceptance mandate may have been well-meaning, in practice it fails to account for the real operational, safety, and financial risks faced by small businesses operating in San Francisco today.

After repeated break-ins and armed robberies over the years, we made the decision to transition to a cashless model to protect our employees and customers. Since doing so, we have experienced **zero break-ins**. Prior to that change, we were dealing with **double-digit incidents annually**. Accepting cash on site creates a known target and materially increases risk, particularly in neighborhoods that have seen sustained property crime.

Beyond the risk of theft, requiring staff to handle and transport cash is not something we believe should be part of a food service job. Off-site insurance coverage for employee cash transport is limited and carries a **\$10,000 deductible per incident**, which is untenable. Armored car services cost more than the amount of cash we would collect in a day, and accumulating cash on site is neither safe nor practical.

Insurance realities further compound the issue. In 2021, our liability coverage was dropped due to repeated claims and safety warnings associated with our operating zip codes. After extensive effort, we secured a non-admitted carrier at significantly higher cost and reduced coverage. In 2023, we were able to return to an admitted carrier, again at a much higher premium, with a **\$10,000 deductible—ten times our previous deductible**. Filing claims for typical break-in damage of \$2,000–\$5,000 is no longer viable, and additional claims risk losing coverage altogether. This puts us in direct conflict with lease requirements and threatens the stability of our business.

All of this is in service of accommodating a form of payment that represented **less than 2% of our daily sales**. The mandate places a disproportionate burden on small businesses while delivering minimal public benefit.

I'm also concerned about the **uneven application of this policy**. Food trucks, pop-ups, and many service-based businesses are exempt from the cash requirement, despite serving the same customer base as brick-and-mortar restaurants. If refusing cash is considered

disenfranchisement, it is unclear why these businesses are treated differently. This inconsistency undermines both fairness and the credibility of the mandate.

Finally, I want to note the troubling allocation of city resources. A uniformed officer was sent to our 24th Street location to attempt to purchase a sandwich to enforce this rule, while we have not had a regular beat officer in our neighborhood for over a decade. Calls to non-emergency lines following break-ins and property damage often go unanswered. The contrast between these realities is difficult to reconcile and sends a discouraging message to small business owners who are trying to operate responsibly in a challenging environment.

Supervisor Mandelman's proposal recognizes the current conditions on the ground and restores discretion to small businesses to operate in ways that best protect their employees, customers, and livelihoods. Repealing the cash-acceptance requirement would be a meaningful step toward aligning city policy with public safety, economic sustainability, and common sense.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further or answer any questions about our experience.

Sincerely,

Evan Bloom

Founder, Wise Sons

San Francisco Resident

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Evan Bloom



From: [Muhammad Joyo](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#); [WongStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for BOS File 260025
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:59:58 AM

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Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee members,

I'm writing to express my support for Supervisor Mandelman's proposal to remove the requirement that San Francisco's small businesses accept cash payments, BOS File 260025.

- As a small business owner, the requirement to keep and accept cash puts my business and my staff at greater risk of robbery and break ins.
- To reduce the chance of break-ins, depositing cash at a bank at the end of the day requires additional staff time or additional costs for a cash management company to collect the money onsite.
- Cash transactions take longer and can slow down business at peak hours.
- In a food business, handling cash is inherently unsafe and unsanitary. The vast majority of our customers prefer cashless payments anyway.
- Businesses whose clientele value cash transactions can continue to accept cash under this proposal, but business owners like myself should be able to decide what operations and processes work best.
- Counterfeit currency can be a problem for small businesses.

I urge you to support this common sense legislation.

Best,

	<p>Mojo Founder, General Manager</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (914) 215-0627</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> elaichico.com</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> mojo@elaichico.com</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2161 Allston Way, Ste. C, Berkeley CA 94704</p> <p>  </p>
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DANIEL L. LURIE, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

January 30, 2026

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

RE: BOS File 260025 - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses - Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On January 26, 2026, the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 260025 - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses. Melanie Mathewson, Legislative Aide for President Mandelman, presented the legislation, which would amend the Police Code to delete Article 55 and repeal the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services.

The Commission discussed the higher risk of robbery or crime that businesses face when they are required to keep cash on site, noting that it threatens the safety of their employees. They also believe that businesses should have the right to choose how to operate to best meet the needs of their customers. The Commission voted to support this legislation, with one Commissioner voting in opposition. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Tang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

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