



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

October 5, 2016

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 No. 160656 [Planning Code - Medical Service Use - Sacramento Street Neighborhood Commercial District]

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Approval**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On July 25, 2016, the Small Business Commission voted unanimously (6-0, 1 absent) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve BOS File No. 160656.

The Sacramento Street Neighborhood Commercial district is a small-scale shopping area. It is a daytime-oriented retail area which provides an array of convenience goods to the area as well as many clothing, accessory, and antique stores. The NCD also contains services, such as hair salons.

The Commerce and Industry Element of the General Plan (Policy 6.1) sets forth the following guidelines pertaining to neighborhood commerce:

- “In small-scale districts with limited amounts of commercial space, priority should be given to retail stores and services which primarily serve the needs of nearby residents.”
- “If locating at the ground story, the use should contribute to an active retail frontage.”

Medical services on the ground floor reduce store frontage and draw less foot traffic than certain other uses. There is presently a loophole that facilitates the creation of additional medical services establishments in this district, through conversion from business/professional use to medical services use. This legislation closes that loophole. Although the Small Business Commission has in the past expressed reservations about applying blanket prohibitions on specific uses, it supports this legislation. The growth of first-floor medical services in the neighborhood commercial district would necessarily diminish the space available for active retail frontage.

Thank you for considering the Commission’s comments. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Regina Dick-Endrizzi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Regina" being the most prominent.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Mark Farrell, Board of Supervisors
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