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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Urging to Delay Implementation of the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program]
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3	Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage
4	Control to delay implementation of the Responsible Beverage Service Training
5	Program.
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7	WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 1221 (AB 1221) established the
8	Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) Training Program Act of 2017, and required the
9	Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to develop, implement, and administer a
10	curriculum for an RBS training program; and
11	WHEREAS, The RBS requires alcohol servers to complete a training course offered or
12	authorized by ABC focused on laws governing alcoholic beverages and the impact of alcohol
13	on the body in order to promote safer consumption of alcoholic drinks; and
14	WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the RBS training requirement was
15	delayed for a year to July 1, 2022, with mandatory training to be completed by August 31,
16	2022; and
17	WHEREAS, San Francisco businesses were provided this information in May 2022,
18	with information only available in English and Spanish; and
19	WHEREAS, While other languages including Chinese, Filipino, and Vietnamese will be
20	available for businesses by July 1, 2022, the delay to offer additional languages shortens the
21	window in which small, immigrant-owned businesses can come into compliance; and
22	WHEREAS, As of May 9, 2022, approximately 22,000 alcohol servers have been
23	successfully certified out of an estimated one million servers in California; and
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1	WHEREAS, ABC has approved only 35 trainers to educate the remaining hundreds of
2	thousands of servers, with an overwhelming majority in English and only a few in Spanish;
3	and
4	WHEREAS, Requiring businesses to be in compliance with this new program by
5	August 31, 2022 is not nearly enough time to conduct outreach and education to non-native
6	and limited English proficient speakers; and
7	WHEREAS, Servers who are not in compliance with the training requirements could
8	subject businesses to disciplinary action, including revocation of their liquor license; and
9	WHEREAS, While ABC has stated that the department will take an education-first
10	approach to enforcement, they have not provided a timeline for when enforcement measures
11	will be enacted, disproportionately impacting non-native and limited English-speaking servers
12	and immigrant-owned small businesses; and
13	WHEREAS, Immigrant-owned small businesses that disproportionately struggled
14	through the pandemic, facing racism and prejudice, are now being faced with a tight timeline
15	to come into compliance with the RBS, which represents an additional barrier to recovery;
16	now, therefore, be it
17	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
18	urges Governor Gavin Newsom and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to delay
19	implementation of the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program; and, be it
20	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
21	Francisco urges Governor Newsom and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to
22	create a robust outreach plan to non-native and limited English proficient servers and
23	businesses, and expedite hiring of non-English speaking trainers; and, be it
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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2	Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this resolution to Governor Newsom and
3	the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). ✓ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Chan, Peskin, Mar Subject: Resolution Urging to Delay Implementation of the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program The text is listed: Resolution Urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to Delay Implementation of the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: |/s/ Connie Chan

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