



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



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

March 30, 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. 160121 [Changing Special Tax District - San Francisco Sustainable Financing - Accessibility Access Financing]

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

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On March 14, 2016, the Small Business Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve BOS File No. 160121.

Under the Federal ADA, property owners have an equal obligation to ensure their properties leased to Title III, "public accommodation" businesses meet the required accessibility standards. With San Francisco's topography and older buildings often bringing the common area, common area restrooms and entryways to the required accessible standards can be a very costly endeavor.

Currently property owners can finance their softy story retrofit work through the special tax district. Having accessibility access as an approved means of financing through the special tax district dovetails well with the Softy Story Retrofit program. Many property owners with commercial property in buildings they are required to retrofit are doing so in-between leases or are requiring the business to close for several months. This is a good time to for property owners to make their entryways fully accessible or as technically feasible as they can.

The Small Business Commission extends its appreciation to Supervisor Tang and her leadership to include "accessibility access" as an approved means of financing through the special tax district. It is important to make all financing options available for property owners. This is one more step that demonstrates the City and County of San Francisco commitment to the civil rights of individuals with disabilities, in making it easier for property owners to meet their civil rights obligations to individuals with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Regina Dick-Endrizzi'.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Nicole Elliott, Mayor's Office
Katy Tang, Board of Supervisors
Linda Wong, Budget and Finance Committee

Wong, Linda (BOS)

From: Dick-Endrizzi, Regina (ECN)
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 2:25 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Quizon, Dyanna (BOS)
Subject: SBC response to BOS No: 160121 _ [Changing Special Tax District - San Francisco Sustainable Financing - Accessibility Access Financing]
Attachments: 160121_SBC legislative response -Changing Special Tax District - San Francisco Sustainable Financing.pdf

Please find the Small Business Commission Response to BOS No: 160121 _ [Changing Special Tax District - San Francisco Sustainable Financing - Accessibility Access Financing].

Kindly,

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