



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



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

July 27, 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. 160760 [Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations and Administrative Codes - Tax on Technology Companies to Fund Affordable Housing and Homeless Services; Business Registration Fee Reduction]

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Not to Approve**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On July 25, 2016, the Small Business Commission heard BOS File No. 160760 and voted (4-2, 1 absent) to make the following policy statement in response to this legislation:

The Small Business Commission opposes levying a selective payroll tax on any businesses in the City and County of San Francisco. In 2012, San Francisco voters approved (70.75% of voters in favor) the replacement of payroll taxes with gross receipts taxes for all businesses, and that five-year transition plan is now in progress. Implementation of a selective payroll tax is inconsistent with the 2012 voter mandate of Proposition E.

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 that reads 'Regina Dick-Endrizzi'.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Eric Mar, Board of Supervisors
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