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MEMORANDUM

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

TO: Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: July 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Interim Zoning Control - Conditional Use Authorization Required for a Change of Use from Nighttime Entertainment to Another Use Allowed in the Defined South of Market Area (File No. 190689)

Pursuant to the City Planning Code Section 306.7, when Interim Zoning Controls are imposed by the Board of Supervisors and a hearing is held before a committee of the Board, the Committee shall report to the Board of Supervisors a summary of matters presented at the hearing and its recommendation. The following summary is being provided to the Committee Chair to present to the Board of Supervisors.

On July 15, 2019, the Land Use and Transportation Committee met and held a hearing on File No. 190689 regarding Interim Zoning Control Conditional Use Authorization Required for a Change of Use from Nighttime Entertainment to Another Use Allowed in the Defined South of Market Area. Supervisors Peskin, Safai, and Haney were noted present.

The primary sponsor of the Resolution, Supervisor Haney, presented information on how the legislation would grant time to protect the entertainment industry by incorporating a conditional use process that would allow the City to review requests on a case-by-case basis. Supervisor Haney called attention to the need to preserve community spaces that provide cultural enrichment and revenue to the City. He underlined the importance of night time entertainment as it celebrates the zeitgeist of San Francisco culture. The risk of losing places like Mezzanine became a driving force for the District 6 Supervisor to legislate to protect the diverse community and spaces in the SoMa District. Supervisor Haney closed with laying out his plans during the proposed interim control and respectfully requested the Committee to move the Resolution forward with a positive recommendation.

There were twenty-one members of the public of who testified during public comment.

Supervisor Haney moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED to the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, by the following vote:

Supervisor Aaron Peskin - Aye
Supervisor Ahsha Safai - Aye
Supervisor Matt Haney - Aye