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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 22, 2021

To: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller  
Sophia Kittler, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office  
Kate Sofis, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director, Office of Small Business  
Maggie Weiland, Executive Director, Entertainment Commission

From: *ACC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging City Departments to Prioritize Providing Aid to Independent Venues (File No. 201401)

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On January 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 003-21, sponsored by Supervisor Matt Haney (File No. 201401, Urging City Departments to Prioritize Providing Aid to Independent Venues); enacted on January 15, 2021.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

- One copy of Resolution No. 003-21 (File No. 201401)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184 or by e-mail: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

- c:       Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Matt Haney, Shamann Walton,  
              Hillary Ronen, Dean Preston, Rafael Mandelman  
              Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director  
              Rebecca Peacock, Mayor's Office  
              Todd Rydstrom, Office of the Controller  
              J'Wel Vaughan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
              Anne Taupier, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
              Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
              Crystal Stewart, Entertainment Commission

1 [Urging City Departments to Prioritize Providing Aid to Independent Venues]

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3 **Resolution urging the Controller, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and**  
4 **Office of Small Business to work together and prioritize providing aid to independent**  
5 **venues in San Francisco to help them survive their forced temporary-closure due to the**  
6 **COVID-19 pandemic, and to help prevent them from closing permanently.**

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8 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting public health orders have  
9 forced most businesses to severely limit their operations or close completely leading to an  
10 economic crisis; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Economic Recovery Task Force recommended that the  
12 City explore policies and investments that encourage economic development and activity in  
13 San Francisco, such as funding public infrastructure projects, streamlining permitting  
14 processes, advocacy for state and federal resources in order to counteract the effects of the  
15 pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, While some businesses have been granted some reprieve, were able to  
17 re-open, or were allowed to function with certain restrictions in place such as limited capacity  
18 during the course of the pandemic, nightlife venues in particular were among the first  
19 businesses to close and have not been allowed to resume normal or even limited operation  
20 since the beginning of the shelter in place orders; and

21 WHEREAS, The permanent loss of independent venues and theaters will have  
22 tremendous economic impacts on the city of San Francisco including not only the direct  
23 impact on venue owners and staff, but also the artists who perform at these venues, the  
24 companies and individuals that provide rentals and other services to these venues, the  
25 hospitality and tourism industry which relies on these venues for entertainment for their

1 guests, the restaurants and bars that cater to those visiting these venues, taxi and ride-share  
2 companies and drivers, parking lots and parking attendants, and more; and

3 WHEREAS, According to a 2018 update of the City Controller’s Economic Impact  
4 Study, over 3,850 nightlife establishments in San Francisco employed over 63,000 workers,  
5 and generated an estimated \$7.2 billion for the city; and

6 WHEREAS, According to a May 2020 Entertainment Commission Industry Survey,  
7 nearly half of entertainment and nightlife businesses including many bars, live music venues,  
8 and nightclubs were highly concerned that their businesses would need to close permanently  
9 and that more than half of survey respondents reported having lost between 75-100% of their  
10 expected business income and between 75-100% of their expected individual income in 2020;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Bay Area cultural institutions such as the Stud Bar, Starline Social Club,  
13 the Stork Club, and the Uptown Nightclub have already closed and many more venues are on  
14 the brink of closure; and

15 WHEREAS, Our independent music venues and nightlife businesses are an integral  
16 part of San Francisco’s unique history, culture, and economy and contribute significantly to  
17 the vibrancy of the City; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly advocates for federal relief  
19 specifically for entertainment and nightlife businesses in the form of grants, forgivable  
20 Paycheck Protection Program loans, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans; and, be it

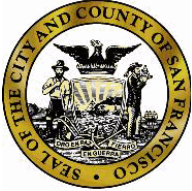
21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all city departments all  
22 act with urgency and work together to develop a recovery and relief plan specifically for  
23 entertainment and nightlife businesses; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, Urging that the moratorium on Commercial Evictions should  
2 be extended through the end of calendar year 2021 to support vulnerable entertainment and  
3 nightlife businesses; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, Urging that entertainment and nightlife business permitting  
5 should be streamlined to support expedient business activation; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
7 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Mayor’s Office, the Controller’s Office, the Office of  
8 Economic and Workforce Development, the Office of Small Business, and the Entertainment  
9 Commission.

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Resolution

File Number: 201401

Date Passed: January 05, 2021

Resolution urging the Controller, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and Office of Small Business to work together and prioritize providing aid to independent venues in San Francisco to help them survive their forced temporary-closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to help prevent them from closing permanently.

January 05, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 201401

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/5/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor

1/15/2021
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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1/15/2021
Date