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**Subject:** Support of Agenda Item 1. File # 201174 [Liquor License Transfer - 1098 Howard Street - Tony Baloney"s]  
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Hello,  
Please see attached written comment in support of Agenda Item #1 for the 12/10 Hearing.

Thank you!



Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

Re: Support of Agenda Item 1. File # 201174 [Liquor License Transfer - 1098 Howard Street - Tony Baloney's]

Honorable Members of the Board,

The Arab American Grocers Association represents over 400 small family owned retailers in San Francisco. Our member businesses have been on the front lines of the pandemic, keeping their doors open, lights on the streets and shelves stocked with essential grocery, beverage, and personal care items. We have adapted to the needs of the neighborhoods we are based in and continue to comply with changing re-opening guidelines and public health orders.

We write this letter today in support of the transfer of an off-sale liquor license to Tony Baloney's as they too, make the pivot to better serve their customers in the South of Market. Tony Baloney's is a long-standing staple of the neighborhood, which prior to the Shelter in Place, had served a regular lunch rush with their wide array of deli and sandwich items. Today, they are making the appropriate changes to become compliant as a Grocery plus Deli business.

We urge you to support their request for the liquor license transfer at this time.

Thank You.

Best,

Arab American Grocer Association (AAGA) Executive Board