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Good morning Supervisors,
Please find attached SFCDMA letter of support for "Gate Transparency Ordinance".

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Advocating for 94,000 tiny Businesses with 364,000 employees, many of them living and voting in SF (10 or fewer employees).



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25, February 2023

Dear Supervisors,

We are writing today from the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations (SFCDMA) in support of File # 220971, the Ordinance amending the Planning Code to exempt certain existing gates, railings, and grillwork at Non-Residential uses from transparency requirements. It is our belief that, given the steady increase in the volume and sophistication of retail burglaries in our neighborhoods, this exception to the Planning code is necessary to adequately protect businesses with high-value merchandise and especially cannabis retailers with cash-only operations. We feel this action has particular urgency due unprecedented short-staffing at SFPD, which seems sure to only worsen in the near future.

SFCDMA has, for more than 70 years, advocated for small businesses in San Francisco's diverse and vibrant commercial corridors. Our Legislative Committee and Executive Board regularly review developing legislation that impacts our members. At our monthly member meeting on January 17, 2023, our members overwhelmingly voted in support of this proposed ordinance. We stand ready to work closely with any member of the Board of Supervisors who will champion legislation aimed at improving the often challenging climate for small business in San Francisco.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Masood Samereie

Masood Samereie, President

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Erica,

I can see this passed legislation out of committee but was unable to determine its' "next step" on the legislative process and so comes my general email of support.

I am the equity owner of a cannabis retail store in the Castro, Flore Dispensary, and suffered a break in and robbery several weeks ago. We were happy with the SFPD response of about 8 minutes and our private security response or about 5 minutes, but the robbers were in and out in 3 ½ minutes. They left damage and stolen property of about \$50,000. This loss is devastating to our new business and happened because we don't have the ability to secure our business with a roll down gate. You can see from the attached photo, that our "high security multi-point" locking vault door opened like a sardine can.

The only good news is that they did not break our glass windows while breaking in and that saved us thousands and thousands of dollars.

We upgraded locks, doors, security, and all that is possible, but the store stands vulnerable every night. The only way to secure it is with a roll down gate and such a gate is "illegal" under current planning code. I was thrilled to hear of the legislation making its way through the system and want to offer my story, photographs, testimony and what ever else can assist in getting this change approve ASAP.

Please advise what I can do.

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