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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director, Office of Small Business
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FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: May 5, 2021

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Haney on April 27, 2021:

File No. 210472

Hearing regarding City processes and services as it relates to starting a small business in San Francisco and an update on the implementation of Proposition H passed by voters in November 2020; and requesting the Office of Small Business, Small Business Commission, Department of Building Inspection, Planning Department, Planning Commission, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Department of Public Health, Public Works, and Municipal Transportation Agency to report.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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1. What trends are we seeing in terms of new small businesses opening? How does this compare to pre-COVID levels?
 - a. What are the rates of businesses closing vs new business applications?
2. What role does your department currently play in the process of opening a new small business? What changes have been adopted as a result of COVID to streamline processes and services for those seeking permits and other necessary forms?
3. Proposition H, passed by voters last year, was intended to speed up the process of opening a small business and provide increased flexibility to businesses. What has been the impact of Prop H? How many businesses have benefited from this new system and how are we measuring the success of Prop H? Are there additional changes that we should consider making to build on Prop H?
4. To start a small business, there are numerous City Departments that are involved in the approval and permitting process. What efforts have been made to consolidate the process and increase coordination between departments to speed up and simplify the process?

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

Haney, Ronen

Subject:

Hearing - Starting a Small Business

The text is listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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