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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

April 14, 2022

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 220264 – Adult Sex Venues

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On April 11, 2022 the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File #220264 – Adult Sex Venues. Jacob Bintliff, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mandelman, presented the legislation. Mr. Bintliff reviewed the historical health and planning regulations that have been applied to adult businesses, highlighting the stigma that the industry experienced at the height of the AIDS epidemic, and the rationale for creating a new definition of Adult Sex Venues in the Planning Code.

After robust discussion, the SBC unanimously voted (4-0 with two absences) to support this legislation as amended by the Planning Commission. The Commission is committed to removing outdated regulatory barriers that negatively impact small businesses, and this proposal is in line with that goal. By defining Adult Sex Venues within Planning Code and principally/conditionally permitting or prohibiting their use throughout the City, this legislation acknowledges the historical connection of Adult Sex Venues with the LGBTQ community by principally permitting their use in areas where previous venues once existed.

The Commission commends Supervisor Mandelman and his staff for their outreach to communities that are, or could be, impacted by this proposal. Such thorough community outreach shows a great respect for the City's cultural districts and distinct neighborhood character.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendations. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Tang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business