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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

June 28, 2024

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. 240470 – Exempting Legacy Business Assistance Program from City Grant Requirements - Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On June 24, 2024 the Small Business Commission heard BOS File 240470 – Exempting Legacy Business Assistance Program from City Grant Requirements. This legislation would allow the Office of Small Business to continue to provide grants and financial assistance to certain Legacy Businesses and landlords of Legacy Businesses.

Under the provisions of Chapter 21G of the Administrative Code, grants and financial assistance are subject to the City's grant making requirements, which include open and competitive review processes. Because the Legacy Business Assistance Program provides grants and financial services to all Legacy Businesses and their landlords who apply and qualify for the grant as long as there are sufficient funds, it is not open for bidding like most other grant programs.

Instead, the Legacy Business Assistance Program has a rigorous review process already established, which requires all nominations for the Legacy Business Registry to be nominated by a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor, and requires review by the Historic Preservation Commission and approval from the Small Business Commission.

The Small Business Commission strongly supports the Legacy Business Assistance Program and this proposal.

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".

Katy Tang, Director, Office of Small Business