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Date March 4, 2010
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INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time Stamp or
Meeting Date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction:

- _____ 1. For reference to Committee:
 An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
- _____ 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee
- X 3. Request for Committee hearing on a subject matter.
- _____ 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor _____ inquires...".
- _____ 5. City Attorney request.
- _____ 6. Call file from Committee.
- _____ 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- _____ 8. Substitute Legislation File Nos.
- _____ 9. Request for Closed Session
- _____ 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole

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

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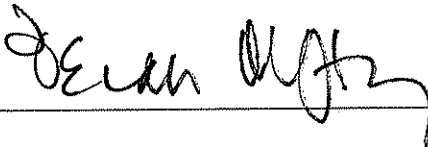
Sponsor(s): Supervisor Bevan Dufty

SUBJECT: Regulations related to mobile food vendors

The text is listed below or attached:

A hearing on the existing and desired procedures and regulations related to the operation of mobile food vehicles and pushcarts.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: _____



For Clerk's Use Only:

Mobile Food Vendors

- Today I am introducing a hearing request related to mobile food vendors
- This includes push carts and vehicles
- In recent years, San Francisco has seen an increase in the number of mobile vendors
- Some are entrepreneurs hoping to transition to bigger things, some are offshoots of existing brick and mortar restaurants and others just vendors making a living.
- Whether you love or hate this growing phenomenon, the rules that govern them are difficult to understand and hard to enforce.
- There are state and local laws and overlapping jurisdiction of the Department of Health, Planning, the tax collector, DPW, RPD if it's in a park and the police. It's a confusing and outdated bureaucracy and we can do a better job of letting people know what the rules are
- And, when vendors pop up on streets where they're not wanted, it's difficult for existing businesses to know whom they should reach out to
- I'd like to begin a conversation about vendors that may result in administrative and legal changes
- Right now, I'll just say that I respect that there are different views on the matter.
- Many of these vendors have followings online and are doing a good job of activating public spaces that were once dead. They take advantage of lower startup costs. It's easier for an aspiring restaurateur to spend \$15,000 on a small push cart selling desserts than it is to open a full-scale patisserie.
- On the other side, some residents and merchants rightly point out that some of these operators don't follow health and safety codes or share the same expenses as brick and mortar businesses and may congest streets or sidewalks.
- I want to be clear. I'm not proposing that we start shaking down ice cream carts in Mission for tax revenue
- But do want to make sure that,
 - one, there is a forum where concerns will be heard for the streets vendors frequent and,
 - two, that the hurdles to doing business here aren't so onerous that we have rogue operators out there who might not be keeping their hot food hot enough, or their cold food cold enough
- This may come through partnerships with CBDs, or a different agency. I'm not sure. But as more of these pop up in our sidewalks and parks and as the days get longer for spring and summer, I think it's time to take the lead in crafting and clarifying rules