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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Via Messenger

Re: Kevin Chi Duong
California ABC Liquor License [Premise to Premise] Transfer
1706 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94115

Public Convenience and Necessity Determination Request

*ABC Type 48 License—On-Sale General Public Premises
Transfer(Expansion) from 1706 Post Street SF CA to 1706 Post Street, SF CA*

Dear Ms. Cavillo:

This office represents Kevin Chi Duong. My client recently purchased Ichipub, a bar and karaoke lounge located at 1706 Post Street in Japantown. During the course of the purchase and ABC transfer of the Ichipub business to Mr. Duong in January 2018, it was discovered that the existing mezzanine section of the premises was not licensed by the ABC and had been operating for the past nine years without approval by the ABC. In March 2018 the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) approved the transfer of the license and business to my client but required that he file a second application to legalize the mezzanine prior to using that portion of the premises. We have submitted a Premises-to- Premises application with ABC to allow a small expansion of the business into the existing mezzanine. This proposed expansion will allow Ichipub to offer two new Karaoke rooms with state-of -art- sound systems and amenities and comfortable mezzanine seating.

Ichipub under the previous ownership was a local business that had been serving the community since 2011. This proposed expansion is now being vetted by the San Francisco Planning Department. My client is now doing community outreach and will meet with his district Supervisor’s staff regarding this proposed expansion transfer.

Mr. Duong intends to offer the space at no cost for community meetings, fundraisers and events. An expanded Ichipub will be a great asset to the local neighborhood and the greater San Francisco Community. It will bring increased business to other small businesses in the area and put more "eyes on the street" which will make the neighborhood safer . It will furthermore serve as a local community meeting spot.

There have been no noise complaints and minimal police issues since the current Ichipub business has been in operation and during the past seven years under previous owners. My client will continue to be respectful to the neighborhood and to its customers. Ichipub is committed to providing an excellent experience for their customers and will strive to make its Post Street area safe and crime free. Foremost, it will be Good Neighbors.

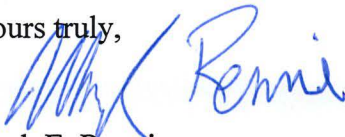
The requested expansion, if approved, will allow Ichipub to offer more of what they are now becoming known for: friendly service and great karaoke in a relaxed, and social atmosphere. Ichipub will continue to provide jobs in the service industry that support and enhance opportunity for local residents and support other local businesses in Japantown neighborhood.

The approval by the Board of Supervisors of the minor expansion of this existing ABC license would not have any detrimental effect on the surrounding neighborhood or the City of San Francisco. The clientele of this operation typically lives in the neighborhood and poses no public safety problems.

For the reasons outlined above, applicant Kevin Chi Duong dba Ichipub respectfully requests that this letter be forwarded to the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee of the Board and that this Committee and the full Board of Supervisors make a determination under California Business and Professions Code Section 23958.4 that the public need or convenience would be served by the premise-to-premise transfer of this liquor license to a new location at 1706 Post Street.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,



Mark E. Rennie

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Cc: Kevin Duong
(Acting) Lt. Nelly Gordon, Officer-in-Charge SFPD ALU