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April 18, 2025

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco CA 94102

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

Re: Continued support for Tenderloin Retail hours Restriction Pilot Program

Dear Supervisor,

On behalf of many residents, working people, and business owners in the Tenderloin community, we express our strong continued support for the legislation restricting the hours of operation from 5:00 am to 12:00 am for retail stores (excluding liquor stores) in the TL Public Safety Area.

Over the past couple of years, we have seen significant progress in addressing the impacts of open-air drug dealing and related criminal behavior due to the concerted efforts of various city departments and neighborhood organizations particularly SFPD. However, these efforts have been notably less effective during late night and early morning hours.

Over the last few years, retail businesses selling prepackaged food and tobacco products began opening at an unprecedented rate, often two or three per block and often only open overnight. Many of these shops became gathering points for users and dealers engaging in illegal vending, gambling, drug use, and drug sales until the early hours of the morning. This activity is loud, chaotic and sometimes violent. It leaves behind trash, human waste, used needles, and sometimes even bullet casings, posing a threat to the health and safety of service workers going to and from work, and residents.

This legislation has made things better. We have seen significant improvement in the areas surrounding these shops in the Tenderloin Public Safety area. People can sleep and are less

afraid. We ask that you continue this pilot project for the full two years. We have made progress and do not want our community to slide back to unsafe conditions.

We strongly believe that the retail hours legislation should remain in place to mitigate the surge of illicit activity in our neighborhoods at night.

Sincerely,

Community stakeholders



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From: [O'Farrell Neighbors Group](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: victoriarcpons@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Re store curfew
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 12:08:18 PM

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Hello Ms Crayton -

In anticipation of tomorrow's committee meeting on the store closures in the Tenderloin, I'm submitting this letter in support of the closures, and will be forwarding additional letters from our members in the O'Farrell Neighbors Group.

Thank you in advance!
Diana

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From: **Victoria P.** <victoriarcpons@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 1:37 AM
Subject: Re store curfew
To: <mahmoodstaff@sfgov.org>, <daniel.lurie@sfgov.org>, <david.lazar@sfgov.org>, <derrick.lew@sfgov.org>, <paul.yep@sfgov.org>, <cityattorney@sfcityatty.org>
Cc: <kevin.knoble@sfgov.org>, <ofneighbors@gmail.com>, <sam.logan@sfgov.org>

Greetings,

I'm writing to thank you for the recent curfew on stores in the Tenderloin. It has made a world of difference to our block (the 600 block of O'Farrell Street). Nighttime conditions are much improved now along O'Farrell and down Leavenworth. I support widening this curfew to other parts of the city that are affected by the same street conditions.

Since the closures, we have experienced quieter streets and a reduction of groups and noise at O'Farrell and Leavenworth down to Ellis. My unit faces O'Farrell, and the noise reduction has positively impacted my quality of life.

I'm hopeful our new leadership can bring much needed change to our neighborhood and its residents, and wish continued success to Captain Knoble of the Tenderloin station. I urge you to support the continued extension of the store curfew legislation for the benefit of the residents of our community.

Thank you,

Victoria Pons

From: [O'Farrell Neighbors Group](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: tyore@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Retail Curfew
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 12:09:22 PM

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Hello Ms Crayton -

As noted, I'm submitting this letter from one of our O'Farrell Neighbors Group members in advance of tomorrow's committee meeting on store closures in the Tenderloin.

Thank you!
Diana

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From: **Steve Dalton** <tyore@aol.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 9:18 AM
Subject: Retail Curfew
To: mahmoodstaff@sfgov.org <mahmoodstaff@sfgov.org>, daniel.lurie@sfgov.org <daniel.lurie@sfgov.org>, david.lazar@sfgov.org <david.lazar@sfgov.org>, derrick.lew@sfgov.org <derrick.lew@sfgov.org>, paul.yep@sfgov.org <paul.yep@sfgov.org>, DorseyStaff@sfgov.org <DorseyStaff@sfgov.org>
Cc: kevin.knoble@sfgov.org <kevin.knoble@sfgov.org>, sam.logan@sfgov.org <sam.logan@sfgov.org>, ofneighbors@gmail.com <ofneighbors@gmail.com>

Dear Leaders:

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Thank you –

Steve Dalton

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From: [O'Farrell Neighbors Group](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Billy Allen](#)
Subject: Fwd: Keep the Store Curfew!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 12:10:36 PM

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Hello Ms Crayton -

As noted, I'm submitting this letter on behalf of one of our O'Farrell Neighbors Group members for tomorrow's committee meeting on store closures.

Thanks!
Diana

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From: **Billy Allen** <wsallen@me.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 9:04 PM
Subject: Keep the Store Curfew!
To: <mahmoodstaff@sfgov.org>, <daniel.lurie@sfgov.org>, <david.lazar@sfgov.org>, <derrick.lew@sfgov.org>, <paul.yep@sfgov.org>, <cityattorney@sfcityatty.org>
Cc: <kevin.knoble@sfgov.org>, <sam.logan@sfgov.org>, ofneighbors@gmail.com <ofneighbors@gmail.com>

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Since the closures, we have experienced quieter streets and a reduction of groups and noise at O'Farrell and Leavenworth down to Ellis. Personally, my partner and I have slept much better through the night and the quiet is like living in a different neighborhood. I have lived in the Tenderloin for almost seven years and all over the city since 1991. The nighttime noise reduction is dramatic and very positive. We are very grateful.

I'm hopeful our new leadership can bring much needed change to our neighborhood and its residents, and wish continued success to Captain Knoble of the Tenderloin station. I urge you to support the continued extension and expansion of the store curfew legislation for the benefit of the residents of our community.

Thank you,
Billy Allen

From: [O'Farrell Neighbors Group](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Anthony Conti](#)
Subject: Fwd: Store Curfews In the Tenderloin
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 12:11:29 PM

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Hello Ms Crayton -

I'm submitting this letter on behalf of one of our O'Farrell Neighbors Group members in advance of tomorrow's committee meeting on store closures.

Thank you!
Diana

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From: **Anthony Conti** <aconti74@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 11:49 AM
Subject: Store Curfews In the Tenderloin
To: <mahmoodstaff@sfgov.org>, <daniel.lurie@sfgov.org>, <david.lazar@sfgov.org>, <derrick.lew@sfgov.org>, <paul.yep@sfgov.org>, <cityattorney@sfcityatty.org>
Cc: <kevin.knoble@sfgov.org>, <samantha.logan@sfgov.org>, <ofneighbors@gmail.com>

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Since the closures, we have experienced quieter streets and a reduction of groups and noise at O'Farrell and Leavenworth down to Ellis. My personal experience is I am not awakened several times a night by street noise such as yelling/altercations, loud music, cars racing down the streets, and car alarms.

I'm hopeful our new leadership can bring much needed change to our neighborhood and its residents, and wish continued success to Captain Knoble of the Tenderloin station. I urge you to support the continued extension of the store curfew legislation for the benefit of the residents of our community.

Thank you,

Anthony Conti

631 O'Farrell St, Apt 1012

From: [O'Farrell Neighbors Group](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: tenore65@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Store Closure in Tenderloin from Midnight to 5 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 12:20:43 PM

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Hello again!

As noted, I'm forwarding a note regarding the store closures from a member of the O'Farrell Neighbors Group in advance of the committee meeting tomorrow.

Thanks again -
Diana

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From: Ric Cascio <tenore65@aol.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 20, 2025 at 4:17 PM
Subject: Fw: Store Closure in Tenderloin from Midnight to 5 a.m.
To: Diana H. <dido2android@gmail.com>

Hi Diana: Here is the letter I wrote regarding store closures.

It is so much quieter now that I can't believe it!

I hope we win and I look forward to attending the next meeting. As you know, it was because of a total knee replacement that I missed the last few, NOT apathy!

Sincerely

Ric Cascio

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From: Ric Cascio <tenore65@aol.com>
To: daniel.lurie@sfgov.org <daniel.lurie@sfgov.org>
Cc: MahmoodStaff@sfgov.org <mahmoodstaff@sfgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 11:25:33 PM PST
Subject: Store Closure in Tenderloin from Midnight to 5 a.m.

Dear Mayor Lurie and Supervisor Mahmood:

Congratulations to the both of you for your victories! I am excited at the prospect of your leadership, Mayor Lurie, and at the prospect that you can turn around the disaster that befell us San Franciscans during the prior administration.

Specifically, I am writing about the current store closure mentioned above. I live at

the intersection of O'Farrell and Leavenworth streets. During the past few years as the Tenderloin declined even further into lawlessness and filth, and noise emanating from the 2 stores at the corners was horrific, especially during the late night hours. Deena's Market, specifically, was the site of numerous drugged out people hanging out, screaming, fighting, playing boomboxes, etc. And cars would pull up with their radios blaring, and would actually hang out in the store for extended periods. It was horrible: and there are many people with bedroom windows facing these distractions.

Since the moratorium/ban with the stores closing at midnight, the change is remarkable. It has become so quiet and peaceful that I have joked with neighbors that it is "difficult to sleep since it's so quiet."

I have heard that there might be discussions about ending the ban earlier than the 2-year test period, and I want, on behalf of myself and my neighbors, to urge you to continue this ban for the sake of improving the quality of life of those of us who live here.

Thank you both for your consideration.

Sincerely

Ric Cascio
631 O'Farrell Street, Suite 1503

Ric Cascio

From: [O'Farrell Neighbors Group](#)
To: [Crayton, Monique \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Tenderloin curfew and police staffing
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 12:21:23 PM

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Last one, I promise! This was the letter I sent earlier this year regarding the store closures.

Thanks again for your help and consideration -
Diana

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From: **Diana H** <dido2android@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 26, 2025 at 1:58 PM
Subject: Tenderloin curfew and police staffing
To: <david.lazar@sfgov.org>, <daniel.lurie@sfgov.org>, <mahmoodstaff@sfgov.org>, <derrick.lew@sfgov.org>, <cityattorney@sfcityatty.org>
Cc: ofneighbors@gmail.com <ofneighbors@gmail.com>, <kevin.knoble@sfgov.org>, <samantha.logan@sfgov.org>

Hello -

As a resident and homeowner in the Tenderloin, I want to thank you for the recent curfew on stores in the Tenderloin. It has made a world of difference to our block (the 600 block of O'Farrell St), and nighttime conditions are much quieter now along O'Farrell St and down Leavenworth St. Having experienced these positive results, I'm in strong support of widening this curfew to other parts of the city.

I'm also writing to ask that you consider ensuring adequate staffing at the Tenderloin police station. In his final Tenderloin community police meeting, Captain Manning informed the group that through promotions, attrition, injuries, and retirement, the Tenderloin Station was down 10 officers. He warned us that without these officers there could be a resurgence in crime and open-air drug dealing and use.

We still have a long way to go to improve conditions in our area, and it is imperative we continue the momentum that we have seen in recent months in the Tenderloin. The pressure, disruption, and strides DMAC has made must continue. These 10 officers make a difference to us on a daily basis. I hope full staffing will lead to a lasting change on the 700 block of O'Farrell St which continues to create access problems for residents trying to get to transit and retail on Larkin as well as Van Ness.

I'm hopeful our new city leadership can bring much needed change to our neighborhood

and its residents. The Tenderloin police have been great partners to us, and I look forward to working with Captain Knoble and building on the great foundation established with Captain Manning. I urge you to provide Capt Knoble with these officers to ensure his team's effectiveness and the safety of our community.

Thank you -

Diana Helander



TO: Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: April 21, 2025

RE: Continued support for limiting the hours of convenience stores in select areas

FROM: Civic Center Community Benefit District

The Civic Center Community Benefit District continues to support the legislation which restricts certain convenience stores from operating between the hours of midnight and 5am until public health and safety in their area is under control.

The legislation has proven very successful at the establishment located within our purview at 77 McAllister. Adjacent residents who regularly complained of dangerous conditions and feeling unsafe coming home at night have expressed relief. A neighboring bakery that was slated to shutter has decided to remain, illegal activity and calls for emergency response have diminished. This is progress, albeit imperfect, but we must not return to the level of mayhem which existed before.

We strongly believe the retail hours legislation should remain in place, as long as open air drug markets continue to dominate overnight and that the legislation be expanded to address additional stores in an even wider area which have absorbed the displaced activity.



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Mid Market Community Benefit District is a **privately-funded**
501c3 not-for-profit organization that works in tandem with
City agencies to enhance the Mid Market public realm.

April 21, 2025

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attention: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco CA 94102

RE: Continued support for Tenderloin Retail Hours Restriction Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors:

Mid Market Community Benefit District supports the legislation disallowing convenience stores in designated areas to operate between midnight and 5am. We also hope the legislation can be applied to additional areas such as 6th Street where problematic stores continue to erode the community

On 6th Street, storefronts that once included talented, niche operators such as Pentacle Coffee, Thrasher, Argentum, City Smokehouse, Frena, Create, and more, are now vacant and blighted, or filled with 24 hour convenience stores that primarily serve the nighttime drug market. These stores contribute to attracting and maintaining large crowds on the sidewalk that are very disruptive to their neighbors. In turn, the area requires excessive amounts of public and private services to maintain a modicum of safety and cleanliness.

We strongly believe that the retail hours legislation should be extended to stores in other problematic areas to further mitigate the damage caused by the drug markets.

Sincerely,
Mid Market Community Benefit District