



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

December 28, 2011

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors  
City Hall room 244  
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

**Re: File No. 111337 [Planning Code - Extension of Time for Legitimization of Existing Eastern Neighborhoods Uses]**

Small Business Commission Recommendation: **Approval with Modification**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On December 12, 2011, the Small Business Commission (SBC) voted 5-0 to recommend that the Board of Supervisors extend the period of time in which existing uses in the Easter Neighborhoods area that have operated without permits may file an application for determination of eligibility for legitimization. The Commission recommended a twelve month extension.

Since this motion was passed, Supervisor Cohen introduced BOS File No. 111337, which will provide for a three month extension. The Small Business Commission supports this ordinance but recommends that it be amended to provide a twelve month extension.

During the time that this legitimization program is extended, the Commission recommends that the Planning Department undertake an analysis on the program if it has not been done so already. The Commission is interested in the reasons for the lack of utilization of the program and whether it may be a response to the recession, permit discrepancies, lack of knowledge, and/or high impact fees. In addition, the Commission is interested in the department evaluating the number of small business office tenants (under 100 employees) that will be required to relocate if their spaces are found to not be compliant.

Sincerely,

Regina Dick-Endrizzi  
Director, Office of Small Business

cc. Jason Elliott, Mayors Office  
John Rahaim, Planning Department  
Supervisor Malia Cohen