



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

July 13, 2022

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 #220538 – Public Works Code – Public Works Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program – SUPPORT

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On July 11, 2022 the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File No. 220538 Public Works Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program. Jennifer Fieber, legislative aide to Supervisor Melgar, presented the legislation. **The Commission voted unanimously to support this legislation.**

The Commission noted that small businesses are often the victims of graffiti and yet still carry the burden of removing it promptly. This legislation falls in line with the Commission's previous recommendations that San Francisco follow the examples of Los Angeles, New York City, Boston, Dallas, and Chicago, which all perform graffiti abatement for commercial properties at no cost to the property owner.

This legislation sends a powerful message to property owners and small businesses that the City supports their work and understands the difficulty that comes with owning and operating a business. The Commission looks forward to working with Supervisor Melgar's office and the Department of Public Works to implement this pilot program.

The Commission thanks the Mayor's Office and Supervisor Melgar for this thoughtful proposal and their ongoing engagement on this important issue. 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