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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 2:11 PM  
**To:** Salmonson, Joel (POL); Wong, Joanne (POL); Jonas, Stephen (POL)  
**Cc:** Donovan, Dominica (BOS); Bolen, Jennifer M.(BOS); Hernandez, Melissa G (BOS); Kilgore, Preston (BOS); Smeallie, Kyle (BOS); Alabanza, Analyn@ABC; amarjit.tamber@abc.ca.gov; Jemma Jorel Lester; CPC.Referrals; Atoyebi, Tolu (CPC)  
**Subject:** RE: Liquor License Issuance - 628 Divisadero Street - The Independent - BOS File No. 230336  
**Categories:** 230336

Good afternoon,

The Planning Department has completed their review of the subject application, and has forwarded their recommendation for approval. For your convenience, I have the review available from the link below:

[Planning Dept. Response - Received April 20, 2023](#)

The matter is now awaiting review by the Police Department's ALU.

After receiving review from the Police Department, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee may hear and consider public convenience or necessity findings for the application, to be forwarded to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for their consideration in the license matter.

**The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee will tentatively schedule this hearing for a regular meeting of May 25, 2023.**

I invite you to review the entire matter on our [Legislative Research Center](#) by following the link below:

[Board of Supervisors File No. 230336](#)

Thanks for the review.

**John Carroll**  
**Assistant Clerk**  
Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415)554-4445



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## LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY REFERRAL

**TO:** Planning Department  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** March 31, 2023

**AP Block/Lot Nos.:** 1202/007

**Zoning:** Divis NCT

**TO:** Police Department  
Joel Salmonson  
Phone No. (415) 553-1115

**Quad:** Dist 5

**Record No.:** 2023-002939MIS

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Please submit your response within three weeks. The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee will tentatively schedule the PC or N hearing for the regular meeting of May 25, 2023.

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE by April 21, 2023, to:**

John Carroll, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Clerk.

[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org) ~ (415) 554-4445

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**Applicant name:** The Independent, LLC

**Business name:** The Independent

**Application address:** 628 Divisadero Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

**Applicant contact info:** Jemma Jorel Lester  
[jemma@properpourco.com](mailto:jemma@properpourco.com)  
845-389-3958

**PLANNING REVIEW:**  Approval  Denial

Planning Staff Contact: Sydney Tolu Atoyebi, Planner (District 5 & 8)  
(Please add comments on a trailing page.)

**POLICE REVIEW:**  Approval  Denial

(Please add comments in a trailing report.)



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Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco City Hall  
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**Re: 628 Divisadero Street - BOS Referral - Liquor License Public Convenience or Necessity Referral**  
Planning Department File No. 2023-002939MIS

To Whom It May Concern:

The Planning Department recommends approval for ABC Type-90 license in conjunction with principally permitted Nighttime Entertainment use (d.b.a The Independent) in the Divisadero Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit Zoning District per Planning Code Section 759. All Eating and Drinking uses are subject to the following operating conditions of Planning Code Section 202.2(a)(1):

1. The business operator shall maintain the main entrance to the building and all sidewalks abutting the subject property in a clean and sanitary condition in compliance with the Department of Public Works Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Standards. In addition, the operator shall be responsible for daily monitoring of the sidewalk within a one-block radius of the subject business to maintain the sidewalk free of paper or other litter associated with the business during business hours, in accordance with Article 1, Section 34 of the San Francisco Police Code.
2. When located within an enclosed space, the premises shall be adequately soundproofed or insulated for noise and operated so that incidental noise shall not be audible beyond the premises or in other sections of the building, and fixed-source equipment noise shall not exceed the decibel levels specified in the San Francisco Noise Control Ordinance.
3. While it is inevitable that some low level of odor may be detectable to nearby residents and passersby, appropriate odor control equipment shall be installed in conformance with the approved plans and maintained to prevent any significant noxious or offensive odors from escaping the premises.
4. Garbage, recycling, and compost containers shall be kept within the premises and hidden from public view and placed outside only when being serviced by the disposal company. Trash shall be contained and disposed of pursuant to garbage and recycling receptacles guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Works.

If you have any questions related to Planning's evaluation, please call me at (628) 652-7363.

Sincerely,

*Sydney Tolu Atoyebi*  
Sydney Tolu Atoyebi, Planner  
Districts 5 & 8, Current Planning Division

State of California  
*Jemma Lester*  
 (845) 389-3958

**TO:** Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control  
 33 NEW MONTGOMERY STREET  
 STE 1230  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105  
 (415) 356-6500

File Number: 646379  
 Receipt Number: 2780597  
 Geographical Code: 3800  
 Copies Mailed Date: March 1, 2023  
 Issued Date:

DISTRICT SERVING LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO  
 First Owner: INDEPENDENT LLC THE 1202/007  
 Name of Business: INDEPENDENT THE Dist 5  
 Location of Business: 628 DIVISADERO ST NCT  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117 2023-001988MIS  
 County: SAN FRANCISCO  
 Is Premises inside city limits? Yes Census Tract: 0164.00  
 Mailing Address:(If different from premises address)  
 Type of license(s): 90 Dropping Partner: Yes \_\_\_ No   
 Transferor's license/name:

License Type	Transaction Type	Master	Secondary LT And Count		
90 - On-Sale General Music Venue	ORI	Y			

License Type	Transaction Description	Fee Code*	Dup	Date	Fee
Application Fee	ADD PRIMARY LICENSE TYPE	NA	0	03/01/23	\$17,335.00
90 - On-Sale General Music Venue	ANNUAL FEE	P40	0	03/01/23	\$1,355.00
Total					\$18,690.00

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No  
 Have you ever violated any provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, or regulations of the Department pertaining to the Act? No

STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of SAN FRANCISCO Date: March 1, 2023

Applicant Name(s)

INDEPENDENT LLC THE

Recommend Approval for ABC Type-90 license in conjunction with principally permitted Nighttime Entertainment use (d.b.a The Independent) in Divisadero Street NCT Zoning District per PC Section 759. Subject to the operating conditions of Planning Code Section 202.2(a)(1).

*Sydney Tolu Atoyebi*  
 Sydney Tolu Atoyebi  
 Districts 5 & 8, Current Planning  
 4/20/2023

**THE INDEPENDENT LLC**

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
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Re: Liquor License "PCN" Request  
Original Type #90 - 646379

To the Clerk of the Board,

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request to be placed on the Board's PSNS Subcommittee calendar for Public Convenience and Necessity review for our Type 90 ABC license.

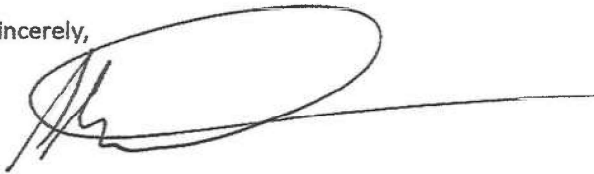
Our business, The Independent, proves to be necessary in San Francisco, as an integral part of the live music scene since 2005. We have been operating with the Dept. of ABC's Type 48 license intended for a bar. This has prohibited minors from being able to attend our performances.

With the new Type 90 Music Venue license now available, we would like to pursue this new license as it better conforms with our operations and allows us to cater to all ages without requiring us to operate as a restaurant.

We seek the SF Board of Supervisor's affirmative ruling that our application serves the public convenience and necessity of San Francisco.

Please include our ABC representative, Jemma Jorel Lester, on correspondence scheduling our hearing date. She can be reached via email at [jemma@properpourco.com](mailto:jemma@properpourco.com). Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



The Independent, LLC

628 DIVISADERO ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117

APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)  
ABC 211 (6/99)

*Jemma Lester*

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(415) 356-6500

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First Owner: INDEPENDENT LLC THE  
Name of Business: INDEPENDENT THE  
Location of Business: 628 DIVISADERO ST  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117

County: SAN FRANCISCO

Is Premises inside city limits? Yes

Census Tract: 0164.00

Mailing Address:(If different from premises address)

Type of license(s): 90

Dropping Partner: Yes  No

Transferor's license/name:

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BY *[Signature]*

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>Master</u>	<u>Secondary LT And Count</u>		
90 - On-Sale General Music Venue	ORI	Y			

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Date: March 1, 2023

Applicant Name(s)

INDEPENDENT LLC THE



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

# Alcoholic Beverage Control

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**Report Date:** Friday, March 31, 2023

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## LICENSE INFORMATION

**License Number:** 646379 **Primary Owner:** INDEPENDENT LLC THE

**Office of Application:** 24 - SAN FRANCISCO

## BUSINESS NAME

INDEPENDENT THE

## BUSINESS ADDRESS

628 DIVISADERO ST , SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94117

**County:** SAN FRANCISCO **Census Tract:** 0164.00

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## LICENSEE INFORMATION

**Licensee:** INDEPENDENT LLC THE

### Company Information

OFFICER: MYSTERY MACHINE PRODUCTIONS INC (MANAGING MEMBER)

OFFICER: AJZ LLC (MEMBER)

OFFICER: COX, RYAN JAMES (MEMBER)

OFFICER: OCONNOR, MICHAEL EDGEWORTH (MEMBER)

STOCKHOLDER: AJZ LLC

STOCKHOLDER: COX, RYAN JAMES

STOCKHOLDER: OCONNOR, MICHAEL EDGEWORTH

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## LICENSE TYPES

Allow up to six weeks for expiration date updates after fee waiver or renewal fee submittal.

### 90 - ON-SALE GENERAL MUSIC VENUE

**License Type Status:** PENDING **Status Date:** 01-MAR-2023 **Term:** 12 Month(s)

**Original Issue Date:** **Expiration Date:** **Master:** Y **Duplicate:** **Fee Code:** P40

**Transfers:**

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### OPERATING RESTRICTIONS:

No Operating Restrictions found

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### DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

No Active Disciplinary Action found

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### DISCIPLINARY HISTORY:

No Disciplinary History found.

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### HOLDS:

**Hold Type:** FORM 220 **Hold Date:** 01-MAR-2023

### ESCROWS:

No Escrow found



