



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

August 28, 2025

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 No. 250808 – Legacy Businesses in Neighborhood Commercial Districts – No Recommendation

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On August 25, 2025, the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File No. 250808 – Legacy Businesses in Neighborhood Commercial Districts. Supervisor Chan presented on the legislation, which would require a business to obtain a Conditional Use Authorization (CUA) if they move into a space formerly occupied by a Legacy Business in neighborhood commercial districts citywide. The Commission agreed on the importance of preserving Legacy Businesses but expressed concerns with utilizing zoning restrictions as an effective form of preservation.

The Commission voted to not recommend the legislation with a 3-1 vote, with three Commissioners absent. Instead, the Commission recommended exploring tools beyond the CUA, including requiring timelines for CUA process and other permit streamlining improvements, and conducting a nexus study to explore other potential fees to impose on developers in support of displaced small businesses. 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, reading "Katy Tang". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "K" and a cursive "Tang".

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business