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REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

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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. 211093 – Planning Code – Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Support.**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On December 13, 2021, the Small Business Commission (SBC or Commission) heard BOS File No. 211093 – Planning Code – Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District. Tom Temprano, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mandelman, provided the Commission with an overview and background on the proposed legislation. The SBC voted (7-0) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors support the legislation.

The Commission supports efforts like this one to streamline components of the planning code to make San Francisco an easier place for small businesses to open and thrive. By permitting bars in the Castro Neighborhood Commercial District with a conditional use, the City will allow new businesses to start while also maintaining discretionary review of new bars. At a time when vacancies are high in the neighborhood, this will attract more prospective businesses. The Commission is in support of BOS. File 211093 which would change Planning Code permit bars in the Castro Neighborhood Commercial District with a conditional use.

The Commission thanks Supervisor Mandelman and his staff for this proposal which will support additional small businesses in the City and County of San Francisco.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Rafael Mandelman, Board of Supervisors
        Tom Paulino, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
        Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
        Erica Major, Land Use and Transportation Committee