



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
LONDON BREED, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

January 24, 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 #211292 – Various Codes – Street Vendor Regulation

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On January 24, 2022 the Small Business Commission (SBC) heard BOS File No. 211292 Various Codes - Street Vendor Legislation. Supervisor Safai and Ivy Lee, from the Office of Mayor London Breed, presented the legislation.

After extensive discussion, the SBC voted (4-1) to support this legislation.

The Commission had a robust discussion around the merits of creating a permitting system for street vendors, and were particularly concerned about the City's creation of a program that may be difficult for people to navigate or comply with. Several Commissioners emphasized the following recommendations:

- The need for language translation, outreach through community organizations, and cultural sensitivity to ensure smooth implementation of this proposal.
- Emphasis on a streamlined permitting and application process, which could include an online application.
- Ample noticing and technical assistance support in the rollout of this proposal.

The Commission thanks the Mayor's Office and Supervisor Safai 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