Major, Frica (BOS)

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: In- Support of Adult Sex Venues Planning Code

Monday, April 18, 2022 1:14:26 PM

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Hello, Members of the Committee,

I want to thank all of you for taking the time to consider the ordinance regarding Adult Sex Venues. I'm here to express my support for it and all the recommendations that have been set forth, especially the expansion of zoning to include the boundaries of the Transgender Cultural District. These businesses were considered one of the only safe gathering spaces for LGBTQ+ individuals. I believe it's time to end the stigma that was created against them during the HIV pandemic. I see its approval as an opportunity to revitalize the community by embracing and celebrating our history while providing a space where safe sex practices and education can create a more informed community. I know that the planning and small business commissions have recommended the ordinance for approval so I ask and hope for you all to follow suit and support it. I appreciate you all and have a wonderful week!

Best,

 $\textbf{Gabby Burgos-Colon} \mid [\texttt{they/them/theirs}]$ Program Associate

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From: <u>David Nale</u>

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)

Subject: Fwd: Comment on Item for Monday, April 18, 2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, April 18, 2022 7:53:53 AM

Attachments: <u>HistoricTurkStreet.pdf</u>

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Hello, Alisa and Brent

I received a message from Erica that she is out of town and I should forward the attached message to you.

Could you please accept this comment for today's meeting?

Thank you, David Nale 4152653496

------ Forwarded message -------From: David Nale <dsnale@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 10:30 PM

Subject: Comment on Item for Monday, April 18, 2022 Land Use and

Transportation Committee Meeting To: <Erica.Major@sfgov.org>

I am writing to request your support of BOS File #220264 Adult SexvVenues. This Planning Code Amendment will allow Eros, an LGBT safevsex venue to open at my property 132 Turk Street.

I came to San Francisco in 1999 to escape homophobia and lead an unfettered life as an open gay man in our great city. The Tenderloin, especially our 100 block of Turk, has historically had a strong LGBT presence. Most importantly, 100 Turk Street was the site of the 1966 Comptons Cafeteria riot where the transgender community fought back against an oppressive police force and helped start the modern gay rights movement. A few doors down, the Blue and Gold Cocktail Lounge at 136 Turk Street served the LGBT community between 1947 and 1993. Aunt Charlies Lounge at 133 Turk Street opened in 1987 and is the only LGBT business still operating on the block.

If this amendment is approved, Eros will open their business in the same location where a gay bathhouse operated from the 1930's to the 1980's. 132 Turk Street was constructed in 1923 with a warehouse over a grocery store. In the 1930s the warehouse became The Club Turkish Baths, one of the first gay bathhouses in the city. In the late 70s it became the Bulldog Baths but was closed in the 1980s during the AIDS crisis.

Please support the LGBT community by supporting Planning Code Amendment File No. 220264.

Thank you, David Nale, Owner 130-132 Turk Street 415-265-3496



GENE COMPTON'S CAFETERIA RIOT 1966

HERE MARKS THE SITE OF GENE
COMPTON'S CAFETERIA WHERE A RIOT
TOOK PLACE ONE AUGUST NIGHT WHEN
IRANSGENDER WOMEN AND GAY MEN
STOOD UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND FOUGHT
AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY, POVERTY,
OPPRESSION AND DISCRIMINATION
IN THE TENDERLOIN
WE. THE TRANSGENDER, GAY, LESBIAN AND
BISEXUAL CO! MUNITY, ARE DEDICATING
THIS PLAQUE TO THESE HEROES OF
OUR CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

DEDICATED JUNE 22, 2006

130 TURK STREET

FORMERLY HOUSED THE BULLDOG BATHS

THIS BUILDING IS LISTED IN THE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

UPTOWN TENDERLOIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

136 TURK ST



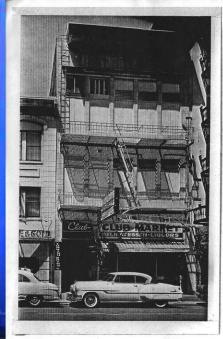


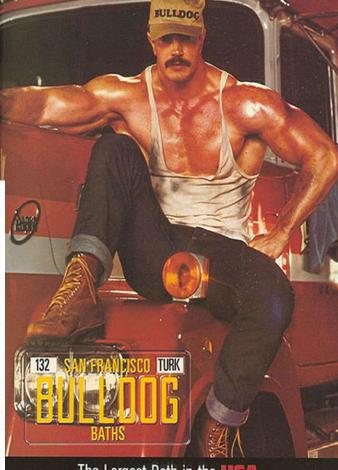
TURKISH BATHS

All Private Rooms

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The Largest Bath in the *** 132 Turk St., San Francisco, CA 94102 (415)775-5511