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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 4:35 PM  
**To:** CPC.Referrals; Salmonson, Joel (POL)  
**Cc:** Alabanza, Analyn@ABC; amarjit.tamber@abc.ca.gov; Bernandino, Joan@ABC; Wong, Joanne (POL); Jonas, Stephen (POL); Greg Lindgren; Donovan, Dominica (BOS); Tam, Madison (BOS); Dahl, Bryan (BOS); Leo Alfaro (BOS); Ebadi, Mahanaz (BOS)  
**Subject:** Liquor License Transfer - 140-10 Street - Rye Bar - BOS File No. 230196  
**Categories:** 230196

Greetings,

The office of the Clerk of the Board has received a letter requesting public convenience or necessity findings for a liquor license transfer. I'm referring this matter to you for response via the following linked document:

[Referral Letter - Planning and Police Departments – February 22, 2023](#)

You may review the entire matter on our [Legislative Research Center](#) by following the link below:

[Board of Supervisors File No. 230196](#)

After receiving review from the Planning and Police Departments, 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 consideration in the license matter.

**The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee will tentatively schedule this hearing for a regular meeting on April 13, 2023.**

**I request the Planning Department's response before March 10, 2023. Please confirm receipt of this message.**

You may review the fact sheet for public convenience or necessity requests from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors via the following link:

[Liquor License Public Convenience or Necessity Request](#)

Thanks for the review.

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

**(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS)** To schedule a virtual meeting with me (on Microsoft Teams), please ask and I can answer your questions in real time.

*Due to the current COVID-19 health emergency and the Shelter in Place Order, the Office of the Clerk of the Board is working remotely while providing complete access to the legislative process and our services.*

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## LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY REFERRAL

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

**DATE:** February 22, 2023

**AP Block/Lot Nos.:** 3510/006

**Zoning:** RCD 55-X

**Quad:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Record No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 April 13, 2023.

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE by March 10, 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:** Rye Bar, Inc.

**Business name:** Rye Bar

**Application address:** 140-10th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**Applicant contact info:** Greg Lindgren  
(415) 786-7803  
[greg@ryesf.com](mailto:greg@ryesf.com)

**PLANNING REVIEW:** ☐ Approval ☐ Denial

Planning Staff Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please add comments on a trailing page.)

**POLICE REVIEW:** ☐ Approval ☐ Denial

(Please add comments in a trailing report.)

Greg Lindgren  
(415) 786-7803  
greg@ryesf.com  
Rye Bar, Inc  
688 Geary Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

February 17, 2023

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
C/O John Carroll, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl #244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Type 48 License Transfer to 140 10th Street, San Francisco - PCN**


Dear Members of the Board,

We are writing today to ask you for your support and approval for our application to transfer a Type 48 liquor license to 140 10th Street. We filed with the ABC to transfer our license on February 14, 2023. Along with this application we are in the process of sending a mailing notification to residents within a 500' radius of the address. With the concentration of licenses in our great city we are required to propose how this establishment serves a public convenience and necessity for the neighborhood and the city in general. This excerpt from our city planning code encourages this very use:

**The Regional Commercial District (RCD) is located along the 9th Street and 10th Street corridors, generally running from Mission Street to Harrison Street,** and provides for a wide variety of commercial uses and services to a population greater than the immediate neighborhood. While providing convenience goods and services to the surrounding neighborhood, the RCD corridors are also heavily trafficked thoroughfares into and out of the City that serve shoppers from other neighborhoods and cities.

**A diverse commercial environment is encouraged for the RCD. Eating and drinking establishments,** general retail, office, certain auto uses, and production, distribution, and repair uses generally are permitted with certain limitations at the first and second stories. **Arts Activities are encouraged on all floors** and Nighttime Entertainment uses are allowed on the First and Second Stories in historic building with Conditional Use authorization, except that Nighttime Entertainment uses are Principally Permitted in Article 10 Landmark Building No. 120 (currently St. Joseph's Church at 1401 Howard Street).

We began our journey in this industry in North Beach at the Basque Hotel with our first bar, 15 Romolo. Coming up on 25 years, we do our best to operate a safe space that honors the rich heritage of the North Beach neighborhood. In 2000, we opened our second establishment, Rosewood, which was also in North Beach/Chinatown on Broadway. Notably, the San Francisco Chronicle featured our interior in the Sunday design section of the newspaper. We operated in good standing there until 2013, and we unfortunately had to move out as a result of that property changing ownership when our landlord passed away. The rent was quadrupled at that location. In 2006 we opened Rye on Geary Street, and 2017 The Cordial on Jessie Street. Along with our employees, we are hands on at our premises daily. Our neighbors - San Franciscans of diverse backgrounds consistently stop by to tell us how they enjoy our establishment because they live or work nearby and they like coming in and appreciate that we are there.

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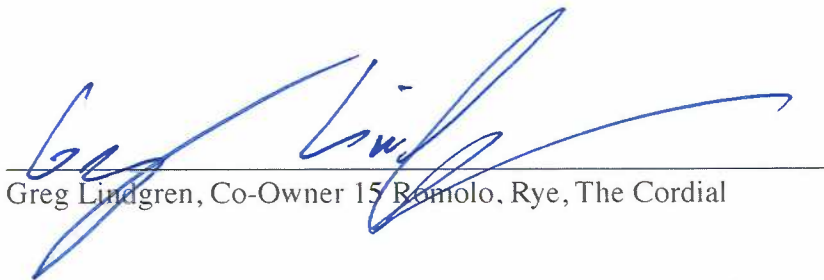
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We believe our establishments and the way we operate, who we employ, and who we serve fit the definition of providing a **public convenience** providing quality affordable drinks in a welcoming atmosphere. We also can be viewed as a **necessity**, elevating public safety, quality of life, creating good jobs, and contributing to San Francisco's world class reputation.

We understand our city and our neighborhoods. We look to make neighborhoods better by creating affordable, safe and inspiring places to spend time socially. At the time of this writing, San Francisco is experiencing a moment where we need some optimistic growth: to have open businesses instead of vacant spaces, to generate tax revenue and local employment. The sidewalk and street outside this location is subject to the quality of life issues which we are all too familiar with these days: frequent discarding of used needles, refuse, and human waste. Since we have been here, we have taken on the responsibility as partners to our city, public works, and CBD, to keep the area clean and safe for everyone's benefit. This is a daily necessity and we optimistically are up to the task of improving the cleanliness of the sidewalk for the benefit of: San Francisco and its citizens and visitors, and most of all our immediate neighbors who live on the same street.

As with all our spots, we'd like to operate within the hours allowed by the State. Daytime until 2am. We also recognize that the world is changing, and we mainly want to operate when people would like to patronize us. In some cases, that may mean operating with an earlier closing time. We envision a casual, affordable, 3rd space for the neighborhood and for the people who work in the area to gather with bar service, spirits, wine and beer, but also coffee, probiotic drinks like kombucha and non-alcoholic options such as mocktails. We are mindful that drinking culture changes and evolves, and we see the need for providing a welcome environment for people who don't drink alcohol. We hope to establish the kind of rapport with the neighbors on 10th and the adjacent streets such that they can use the space as a safe and inviting community hub. We will reach out to build relationships with a goal of strengthening neighborhood bonds and physically and aesthetically improving the streetscape together.

Thank you all for your service to our great city,



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Greg Lindgren, Co-Owner 15 Romolo, Rye, The Cordial



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

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**Report Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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**LICENSE INFORMATION**

**License Number:** 646013 **Primary Owner:** RYE BAR, INC. **Office of Application:**  
24 - SAN FRANCISCO

**BUSINESS NAME**

RYE BAR, INC

**BUSINESS ADDRESS**

140 10TH ST , SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94103

**County:** SAN FRANCISCO **Census Tract:** 0176.03

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**LICENSEE INFORMATION****Licensee:** RYE BAR, INC.**Company Information**

OFFICER: LINDGREN, GREGORY JOHN (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

OFFICER: GASPARINI, JON THOMAS (SECRETARY/ASST SEC)

STOCKHOLDER: GASPARINI, JON THOMAS

STOCKHOLDER: LINDGREN, GREGORY JOHN

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## LICENSE TYPES

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

### 48 - ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISES

**License Type Status:** PENDING **Status Date:** 14-FEB-2023 **Term:** 12 Month(s)

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

**Transfers:** From License Number: [48-516141](#)

### 58 - CATERER PERMIT

**License Type Status:** PENDING **Status Date:** 14-FEB-2023 **Term:** 12 Month(s)

**Original Issue Date:** **Expiration Date:** **Master:** N **Duplicate:** 1 **Fee Code:** P40

**Transfers:** From License Number: [48-516141](#)

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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:** 14-FEB-2023

## ESCROWS:

No Escrow found

