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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

September 13, 2023

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. 230861– Fees, Applications, and Conditions for Entertainment Permits - SUPPORT

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On September 11, 2023 the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 230861– Fees, Applications, and Conditions for Entertainment Permits. Maggie Weiland, Executive Director, Entertainment Commission, and Ben Van Houten, Business Development Manager, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, presented the legislation.

This legislation would simplify permitting and improve the customer experience of businesses seeking entertainment permits. The nightlife and entertainment sector was among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic so this legislation comes at a time when those businesses are still in economic recovery.

The proposal would waive certain entertainment permit application and initial license fees, remove outdated code language, and reduce duplicative referrals to other departments that cost businesses times and money. This legislation makes important improvements to entertainment permitting that will allow businesses to open more quickly, with less administrative hurdles. The Commission fully supports these efforts.

The Commission commends the Entertainment Commission and Office of Economic & Workforce Development for their work to identify these technical improvements. 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business