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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

RE: File No. 240297

Ordinance (File No. 240297) amending the Building Code to extend the deadlines for existing buildings with a place of public accommodation to comply with the requirement to have all primary entries and paths of travel into the building accessible to persons with disabilities or to receive a City determination of equivalent facilitation, technical infeasibility, or unreasonable hardship; to extend the period for granting extensions from those deadlines; and to extend the time for the Department of Building Inspection's Report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the disability access improvement program.

The Code Advisory Committee (CAC) considered this Ordinance on May 8, 2024 and after a discussion regarding the extension of time deadlines, the CAC voted unanimously to recommend the ordinance move forward as written. The CAC recommended a robust public outreach by the Department of Building Inspection (DBI), Public Works, and the Mayor's Office of Small Business regarding the new compliance deadlines and how to comply with the Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) program.

The Building Inspection Commission met and held a public hearing on May 15, 2024 regarding the proposed amendment to the Building Code contained in Board File No. 240297. The Commissioners supported the extension of time deadlines, but mentioned the importance of persons with disabilities having access to the business entrances. The BIC also agreed with the Code Advisory Committee's recommendation for additional public outreach. The Commissioners voted 4 to 1, with Commissioner Williams dissenting, to **recommend approval of the ordinance.**

President Alexander-Tut	Yes
Vice-President Shaddix	Yes
Commissioner Chavez	Yes
Commissioner Neumann	Yes
Commissioner Sommer	Excused
Commissioner Williams	No

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (628) 652-3510.

Sincerely,



Sonya Harris
Commission Secretary

cc: Patrick O'Riordan, Director
Mayor London N. Breed
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Board of Supervisors