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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

June 26, 2024

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. 240474 – Existing Awning Amnesty Program - SUPPORT

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On June 24, 2024 the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 240474 – Existing Awning Amnesty Program. This legislation would make the Awning Amnesty Program permanent and extend fee waivers associated with the Awning Amnesty Program through July 1, 2025.

In 2023, the City received several hundred complaints regarding commercial awnings and signs installed without permits from the City. The Awning Amnesty Program offers a pathway for business and property owners to legalize existing awnings and signs without requiring professional, costly drawings of their existing awnings. The current Awning Amnesty Program expired June 1, 2024; this legislation would provide ongoing support for businesses to come into compliance using a simplified application.

The Commission strongly supports this proposal and any efforts to simplify the permitting process for small business owners.

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