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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 260281 – Cannabis Cafés – Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On April 27, 2026, the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 260281 – Cannabis Cafes. Sophie Marie, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mandelman, Ben Van Houten, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and Ray Law, Office of Cannabis, presented the legislation which would create a new permit for cannabis cafes. They explained that existing cannabis retail permit holders are eligible to apply for cannabis café permits for one year, after which the cannabis café permits will be open to new cannabis retail operators.

The Commission recognizes that cannabis businesses are subject to extensive regulatory oversight that make their sector uniquely challenging. The new permit type may provide new opportunities and revenue streams to bolster their businesses. The Commission voted to support this legislation with a 5-1 vote. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business