



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

March 2, 2011

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

Re: File No. 111247 [Five Foot Height Increase for Active Ground Floor Uses in certain NC-3 Districts]

Small Business Commission Recommendation: **Approval**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On February 13, 2012 the Small Business Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval of Board of Supervisors File No. 111247.

The Commission supports the creation of vibrant commercial spaces in these specified use districts. Often, the heights of commercial spaces are sacrificed in order to maximize the size, floors and scale of the residential portion of the building. These spaces can be difficult to lease and make certain uses, such as restaurants, cafes and bakeries unfeasible. By allowing the 5 foot height increase, these spaces will be more attractive and will contribute to the vibrancy of our neighborhoods. As with the Planning Commission, the SBC makes the determination that contiguous stretches of commercial properties can offer the opportunity of a lively street life in neighborhoods. Additionally, the Commission supports the Planning Commissions recommendation to extend this ordinance to include significant portions of Clement and Balboa Streets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Regina Dick-Endrizzi'.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

Cc: Jason Elliot, Mayors Office
AnMarie Rogers, Planning Department
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