



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS

September 13, 2012

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors  
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

**REVISED RESPONSE File No. 120523 [Planning Code - Transit Impact Development Fee Increase and Updates]**

Small Business Commission Recommendation: **Approval**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On June 11, 2012 the Small Business Commission (SBC) held a hearing on Board of Supervisors File No. 120523 and voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance with modifications, which are detailed in our response dated July 17, 2012.

Since this hearing, the ordinance has been amended to include several of the recommendations made by the Commission. These recommendations, which were supported by the Planning Commission, included implementing a "Small Business Policy Credit" program, along with keeping the prior use credit timeframe at five years.

I have reviewed the revised ordinance and have determined that, as amended, it meets the guidance and parameters that the Small Business Commission provided at the June 11, 2012 hearing. Therefore, the Commission now recommends approval of the ordinance as currently drafted.

As stated in our original response, impact fees have the potential to pose a serious barrier to entry entrepreneurs who wish to open up businesses in the City. Proper consideration must be taken to adopt these policies in such a way that limits the affects to small business entrepreneurs while also meeting the policy objectives of the City. The process undertaken and final product of this revision to the TIDF exemplifies this policy goal and Mayor Lee, co-sponsoring Supervisors Wiener and Olague, along with the Planning Department, MTA, and CTA are to be commended.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Small Business

Cc: Supervisors Wiener, Olague  
Jason Elliott, Mayor's Office  
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