



September 12, 2012

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

File No. 120773 [Planning Code - Reinstating Liquor License Controls and Establishing Conditional Use Requirement for Limited Restaurants - Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District]

Small Business Commission Recommendation: Approval

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On September 10, 2012 the Small Business Commission met and voted 6-0 to recommend approval of BOS File No. 120773.

This ordinance proposes to accomplish two changes to the planning code as it relates to the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District:

1) Returns controls for Type 47 and 49 liquor licenses to the status that they held prior to the April 2012 Restaurant Consolidation Ordinance.

The Commission recognizes that with complex legislation such as the Restaurant Consolidation Ordinance, that trailing legislation is sometimes required to correct unintended consequences. Since this part of the legislation only reverts back to the prior controls, the Commission is supportive of this section.

2) Requires Conditional Use Authorization for Limited Restaurants in the NCD.

The Commission supported the policy decision to make Limited Restaurants a permitted by right use in a majority of NCD's and believes that this less intensive use should generally be permitted by right throughout the City. Commissioners however, are cognizant that each NCD has its own characteristics and that the NCD controls were put in place to allow for the customization of controls in each individual neighborhood. Based on the consistent feedback from neighbors and merchants, the Commission supports requiring a Conditional Use Authorization for Limited Restaurants in the NCD and commends the Supervisor for working with stakeholders to modify the controls.





Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Small Business

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