

POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Ms. Alisa Miller, Clerk
Land Use & Economic Development Committee
Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Dear Ms. Miller:

RE:

File No. 130084 – Update Planning. Zoning Map – Establishing Outer Mission Street

Neighborhood Commercial District

In reviewing the proposed legislation, the Police Department's primary concern is that the ordinance seeks to make permanent the Excelsior Alcohol Restricted Use District's restrictions on off-site liquor sales locations.

While the SPFD fully supports that idea, the language in the new and old ordinance is slightly different. The new ordinance reads, "New Liquor Store uses are not permitted in the district" (Page 10 of revised as of 2/7/13 version). The older version (Page 28 of revised as of 2/7/13 version) read, "No new liquor establishments selling alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption shall be permitted in the Excelsior Alcohol RUD." This seemed far more specific.

Staff recommends the section read, "New Type 20 and Type 21 ABC Licenses are not permitted in the District." This would prevent any new business that sells alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption from entering the area.

Staff from our Ingleside District Station spoke to representatives of the larger community organizations in the area about the proposed legislation. Their specific concerns were regarding the restrictions proposed on Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (MCD). They felt MCDs should be more than 500 feet apart from each other, be further away from schools than the current 1,000 feet, and have fewer operating hours.

The SFPD is in agreement that there are issues regarding the allowable space between MCDs. The current requirement of 500 feet is roughly one city block. The SFPD would prefer it to be 1,000 feet apart to avoid having two dispensaries within the same block not only due to the nature of the business, but also because of the amount of loitering and double-parking of vehicles around these locations.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

GREGORY P. SUHR
Chief of Police