



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



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

May 16, 2014

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Subj: File No. 140284 [Building Code - Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Storefronts and Registration Fee]

Small Business Commission Recommendation: **Approval**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

At its meeting of May 5, 2014, the Small Business Commission heard Board of Supervisors (BOS) File No. 140284. The Commission moved to recommend approval of the legislation as drafted to the Board of Supervisors.

The Commission was excited to support this legislation that seeks to address the persistent problem of long-term storefront vacancies in neighborhood commercial corridors and elsewhere. The legislation will patch a critical gap in the existing vacant building registration ordinance by incorporating vacant storefronts in addition to wholesale building vacancies. Long-term vacancies of any sort tend to create blighted conditions in a corridor, leading to further neighborhood deterioration and disinvestment. The Commission applauds Supervisor Tang for her efforts to strengthen neighborhoods and demand responsible ownership of commercial properties.

Thank you for considering the Small Business Commission's comments. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Regina Dick-Endrizzi'.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Jason Elliot, Mayor's Office
Ashley Summers, Office of Supervisor Katy Tang