



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

January 20, 2017

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

RE: BOS File No. 161352 [Health Code - Sale of Domestic Dogs and Cats]

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Approval**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On January 9, 2017, the Small Business Commission voted (4-3) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve BOS File No. 161352.

The majority of Commission members supported the intent and spirit of the legislation. Commissioners who voted to recommend approval noted the generally inhumane conditions of puppy and kitten mills. They clarified that the legislation targets the worst offenders, but that responsible breeders who operate through direct adoptions would not be affected. The legislation codifies the current situation for adopting cats and dogs in San Francisco, as there are presently no pet stores selling dogs and cats from large-scale commercial breeding facilities. Other major cities – such as Los Angeles, San Diego, and Chicago – have already taken steps to regulate retail pet store sales. In addition to regulatory trends among municipalities, the business model has been shown to be outdated; with growing awareness, consumers are no longer willing to support it.

Dissenting Commissioners remarked that the legislation would restrict commerce.

Thank you for considering the 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". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Katy Tang, Board of Supervisors
Nicole Elliott, Mayor's Office
Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Mayor's Office
Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Erica Major, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee