



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

June 2, 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. 170443 [Police Code - Outdoor Amplified Sound Permits]

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

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On May 8, 2017, the Small Business Commission voted (4-0, 3 absent) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve BOS File No. 170443.

The current law does not adequately address amplified outdoor sound, such as music on a restaurant patio; as a consequence, businesses that play music on outdoor speakers may face complaints from the community. Certain types of sound are improperly treated as “noise” (a nuisance) rather than as “entertainment.”

The legislation serves to create more clarity for the City to regulate outdoor amplified sound and for small businesses to gain formal permission in order to preclude unwarranted noise complaints.

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

Sincerely,

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Jeff Sheehy, Board of Supervisors
Jocelyn Kane, Entertainment Commission
Nicole Elliott, Mayor’s Office
Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Mayor’s Office
Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Erica Major, Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee