

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

September 7, 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. 170553 [Public Works Code - Waiver of Temporary Street Space Occupancy Fee for Small Business Week Sidewalk Sales]

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: Approval

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On May 8, 2017, the Small Business Commission heard the draft version of the ordinance. For the past 12 years it has been a pleasure for the Small Business Commission to partner with Board of Supervisors to sponsor the annual *Waiver of Temporary Street Space Occupancy Fee for Small Business Week Sidewalk Sales* ordinance drafted by the Office of Small Business. The Small Business Commission thanks Supervisor Fewer, the legislative sponsor, for the 13th annual Small Business Week sidewalk sales fee waiver ordinance.

Small Business Week provides economic opportunities to small businesses and promotes their economic importance. The proposed legislation generates a direct economic opportunity for merchants while contributing to the overall economic vitality of San Francisco. In addition, the sidewalk sales showcase the scale and diversity of San Francisco's vibrant small business merchant community in neighborhoods throughout the city.

The Small Business Commission extends its appreciation to Lynn Fong and the team at the Bureau of Street Use and Mapping at the Department of Public Works for their 13 years of support of the fee waiver program. We also appreciate the support from the Mayor and Marianne Thompson (Office of Economic and Workforce Development) to expand the marketing and promotion of the sidewalk sales through the Shop and Dine in the 49 program.

The Small Business Commission respectfully requests your support of this legislation.

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

Sincerely,

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