



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

April 29, 2019

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. 190311 – Restricting Commercial Tobacco Activities on City Property

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

This motion passed unanimously (7 to 0).

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

The Commission appreciates that this legislation was referred for their review and that Supervisor Shamann Walton presented this legislation. The Commission had few questions regarding the legislation's applicability to JUUL, an electronic cigarette product development company that is currently leasing City property. Responsive to questions from the Commission, Supervisor Walton affirmed that this legislation would not retroactively apply to JUUL and that the City Attorney is currently investigating the nature of the company's work on City property.

The Commission concurred that this legislation would not have a material effect on small businesses in the City and County of San Francisco. As such, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve BOS File No. 190311, Restricting Commercial Tobacco Activities on City Property.

The Commission did note, however, that where this legislation would not retroactively apply to JUUL, that a same exemption should be extended to existing San Francisco licensed tobacco retailers who will be affected by BOS File No. 190312 – Restricting the Sale, Manufacture, and Distribution of Tobacco Products, Including Electronic Cigarettes. Without extending an equivalent exemption, the small business community may infer that the City values JUUL's economic health, a company valued at \$38 billion, more highly than the economic health of San Francisco small businesses.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendation. 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, flowing style.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi

Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Shamann Walton, Member, Board of Supervisors,
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
John Carroll, Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee