

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

July 26, 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. 190710 - Health Code – Food Preparation and Service Establishment Disclosures

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: Approve.

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On July 22, 2019 the Small Business Commission (SBC or Commission) heard BOS File No. 190710 - Health Code – Food Preparation and Service Establishment Disclosures. Mr. Calvin Yan, aide to Supervisor Peskin and representatives from the Department of Public Health (DPH) provided the SBC with an overview of the legislation. The Commission voted unanimously (6-0 with 1 absent) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the legislation.

The Commission enthusiastically supports this proposed ordinance. They applauded the design of the color coded system, especially where it will assist restaurant owners in complying with food safety regulations. The new system will also allow DPH to provide a food facility with a real time health score, and affords food facilities an opportunity to correct violations at the time of inspection. Under the current system, health code violations that have been resolved are not immediately reflected in the posted health score which has been problematic. The Commission also noted that the three color coding system will be in alignment with neighboring counties and will better communicate health and safety information to consumers.

The Commission is also appreciative that DPH consulted with the Golden Gate Restaurant Association (GGRA) prior to the introduction of the legislation. Chhavi Sahni with GGRA was in attendance and attested to this during public comment where she noted that the organization is in support of the legislation.

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

Sincerely,

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Regina Dick-Endrizzi Director, Office of Small Business

 cc: Aaron Peskin, Member, Board of Supervisors, Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
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