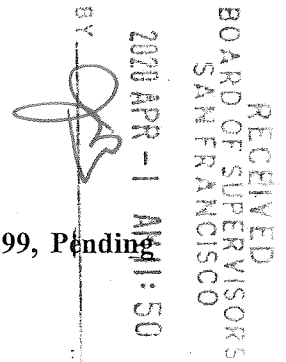


City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors
c/o John Carroll, Assistant Clerk
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm 244
San Francisco, California 94103



March 27, 2020

**Re: Saint Joseph's Arts Foundation - Liquor License "PCN" Request, Type 99, Pending
License 615466, 1401 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94103**



To the Clerk of the Board:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request the Saint Joseph's Art's Foundation ("Saint Joseph's") be placed on the Board's Calendar for Public Convenience and Necessity approval for a new California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 99 liquor license located at 1401 Howard Street in District 6.

Saint Joseph's is located inside of a Romanesque revival church that was constructed in 1913 and designated as a San Francisco and National Historic Landmark in 1980. Nine years later, the Saint Joseph's Church was nearly destroyed during the Loma Prieta earthquake and the structure was closed and abandoned. Saint Joseph's Church sat vacant for the next 20 years, exposed to the elements, decaying, crumbling, and falling into significant disrepair. In 2016, work began on a two-year restoration, which revitalized the 100-year-old Saint Joseph's Church, transforming it from an abandoned building to a haven, a forum, and a source of inspiration for artists, patrons, and the public. Saint Joseph's is open to the public and available to local artists and community groups for exhibits, performances, events, and fundraisers, and serves as a beacon to people of all ages to engage with the artistic community in an inviting atmosphere.

Saint Joseph's has applied for a special on-sale general liquor license, which the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is authorized to issue to a nonprofit arts foundation operating within a former church, that is over 100 years old, on the National Register of Historic Places, and is located in designated Landmark No. 120 by the City and County of San Francisco. Saint Joseph's is uniquely qualified to meet these requirements and is organized as a California nonprofit public benefit corporation for the express purpose of engaging in charitable and educational activities within Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Saint Joseph's has

notified all residents within 500 feet of the building of its ABC application. Saint Joseph's now seeks the Board of Supervisors' affirmative ruling that its application serves a public convenience and necessity of our City. Please contact me to schedule a hearing date. I can be reached at 415-579-1413 or via email at sam@collaray.com. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sam Ray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Samuel Ray
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