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Honorable Supervisors,

The pending evictions of commercial tenants and small businesses adds another layer to the stress and despair we are experiencing during this COVID 19 pandemic. We have felt the loss of human lives and livelihoods. Our friends, families and communities are impacted by something horrible that most of us have never experienced before.

I understand the “domino affect” of this kind of disaster, but we must do our best to care for those who at risk of losing everything. Japantown is a community which has been upheaved in an insanely regular way. It has been not just a geographical unit, but a social, cultural and historical unit. I lived in Japantown after WWII, the Internment, and witnessed the A-1 and A-2 Redevelopment dream proceed. The trauma of the losses have great impact on the people.

We need your help in making sure our many unique communities survive and assist those who are vital to the San Francisco that we love.

With gratitude,

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Land Use Committee – **PUBLIC COMMENT - IN SUPPORT**

**Item #1. 201056** [Administrative Code - Eviction of Commercial Tenants During COVID-19 Pandemic]

Sponsors: Peskin; Preston, Mar and Walton

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to temporarily restrict landlords from evicting commercial tenants for non-payment of rent that was not paid due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**To Supervisor Peskin, Supervisor Preston and Supervisor Safai:**

Thank you for allowing me to **voice my SUPPORT for the ordinance to halt the eviction of small businesses (tenants).**

My name is Lori Matoba, and I am a native San Franciscan who lives in and has grown up in Japantown.

I have seen this pandemic devastate small businesses in Japantown and others throughout the city. They have had every challenge thrown at them over the past eight months, and most are barely hanging on to survive. Our many cultural districts in San Francisco are what make our City unique – and the small family-owned restaurants and stores are what bring people to our neighborhoods.

I urge the Land Use Committee to recommend that the Board of Supervisors **APPROVE** this ordinance to give small businesses in San Francisco a fighting chance to get back on their feet.

**Small businesses are what make San Francisco so vibrant! Please SAVE THEM before they close their doors permanently!**

Thank you!

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