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Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:31 PM
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Cc: Hepner, Lee (BOS) <lee.hepner@sfgov.org>
Subject: RE: Support for Administrative Code - Eviction of Commercial Tenants During COVID-19
Pandemic

Thanks. Aaron

From: Raquel Redondiez <<u>raquel@somapilipinas.org</u>> Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:27 PM

Cc: David Woo <<u>david@somapilipinas.org</u>>

Subject: Support for Administrative Code - Eviction of Commercial Tenants During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dear President Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

SOMA Pilipinas Filipino Cultural Heritage District would like to support Supervisor Peskin's ordinance temporarily restricting landlords from evicting commercial tenants due non-

payment of rent resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The South of Market has seen tremendous negative impacts to small businesses due to COVID-19. Small businesses have had to shut down and those that are surviving are barely staying afloat. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses in the South of Market were struggling to exist due to the exorbitant cost of commercial rent in SOMA. The current circumstances have greatly exacerbated this reality.

This ordinance provides a logical reprieve for small businesses during this unprecedented time of hardship and financial loss. The stability of small businesses, as well as the ability for new small businesses to open, is crucial to the continued life and development of the cultural district. We strongly urge you to vote yes on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Raquel Redondiez Director, SOMA Pilipinas

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