

From: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: supporting BOS No. 201415
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:06:18 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Natalie, looping in Linda Wong, since File No. 201415 is currently assigned to Budget and Finance Committee for processing.

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From: Gee, Natalie (BOS) <natalie.gee@sfgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:20 AM
To: BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Subject: FW: supporting BOS No. 201415

Please add to File No. 201415. Thank you!

Natalie Gee 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff
Supervisor Shamann Walton, District 10
President, Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl, San Francisco | Room 282
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*I am working from due to the **COVID-19 Stay At Home Order** and will be most responsive by email.*

From: Austin Cummings <hcbodywork@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:50 AM

To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>; BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative_aides@sfgov.org>

Subject: supporting BOS No. 201415

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Greetings - Please support BOS # 201415 to waive the business registration fee and certain annual license fees for FY 2020 for qualifying businesses. This proposed legislation would support me, a vulnerable businesses who has endured economic hardships due to the local emergency.

I am a sole practioner massage therapist and to date (other than delayed licensing fees) I have received zero financial support from the City of San Francisco even though I have applied for every grant and program under that has come across my desk (my guess is at least 5-10 different grants and zero interest loan programs). I feel that the city of SF has ignored me because they feel that federal money should be enough for a sole practioner. It feels weird for the same city/county that allowed people to go to their chiropractors, acupuncturists, physical therapist and even personal trainers refuses to give me any support while it actively prevented folk for coming in for bodywork.

Please help!
Austin Cummings
HoldingCompany
c.502-544-7305

From: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SF Chamber Support of File #201415
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:54:18 AM
Attachments: [SF Chamber Support File201415 Fee Waiver \(1\).pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

From: Emily Abraham <eabraham@sfchamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Emily Abraham <eabraham@sfchamber.com>
Cc: Jay Cheng <jjcheng@sfchamber.com>
Subject: SF Chamber Support of File #201415

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Dear Supervisors,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce supports File #201415, introduced by Supervisor Stefani and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Mandelman, and Haney that will waive business registration fees for eligible small businesses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and those fees due on March 31st, 2020.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce actively supports policies that uplift our small business community, which contributes so greatly to San Francisco's vibrance and culture. We believe this ordinance will help small businesses maintain a foothold in San Francisco's neighborhood commercial districts.

Please see attached for our full letter of support.

Sincerely,

Emily Abraham



Emily Abraham

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February 16, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, #244
San Francisco, CA 94012

RE: Support of File #201415 “Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees”

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce supports File #201415, introduced by Supervisor Stefani and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Mandelman, and Haney that will waive business registration fees for eligible small businesses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and those fees due on March 31st, 2020.

This ordinance is a needed step to support our struggling small business in San Francisco. Recent data on small business closures shows that approximately 50% of our local small businesses have closed. We need to make sure that the businesses who have survived this past year remain open, and work towards cultivating means for other businesses to return.

The businesses that would benefit from this emergency ordinance include many of the hallmark small businesses that make our neighborhoods the diverse and engaging places. Even modest savings from waived fees could be the difference between small businesses reopening safely, or shuttering permanently. We must do everything we can to try and preserve our small business ecosystem in San Francisco and invest in their resiliency.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Fong", written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Rodney Fong
President & CEO
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

cc: Clerk of the Board, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed; OEWD

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SFCDMA Support Letter re File #201415 Attached
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:00:42 PM
Attachments: [SFCDMA Support Letter for #201415.pdf](#)

From: Dee Dee Workman <deedee@sfcdma.org>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: sharky laguana <sharky@bandago.com>; Dick-Endrizzi, Regina (ECN) <regina.dick-endrizzi@sfgov.org>; Donovan, Dominica (ECN) <dominica.donovan@sfgov.org>
Subject: SFCDMA Support Letter re File #201415 Attached

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Good afternoon President Walton, Supervisor Stefani, and All Supervisors,

Please find the letter attached from Maryo Mogannam, President of the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations, in support of Sup. Stefani's legislation (#201415, Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees) coming to Budget and Finance on Feb. 17th. To be distributed to all Supervisors and Commissioners.

Thank you.

Dee Dee Workman
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The Honorable Catherine Stefani
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

February 12, 2021

RE: SUPPORT: File #201415, Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees

Dear President Walton, Supervisor Stefani and All Supervisors,

The San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations (SFCDMA) has served to protect, preserve and promote small businesses in San Francisco for 70 years. We represent local merchant associations and an eclectic mix of neighborhood businesses in every commercial district.

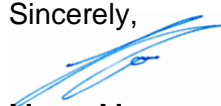
The SFCDMA is writing in support of Supervisor Catherine Stefani's legislation, File #201415, that will waive business registration and some license fees for many San Francisco small businesses for whom revenue was lost in the last year.

We appreciate efforts by the Board of Supervisors to mitigate the devastating financial impacts local businesses have experienced due to COVID-19 and subsequent shut-down orders. As we move through and beyond the pandemic many of our small merchants and neighborhood commercial corridors will continue to suffer from lingering hardships caused by this unprecedented public health and economic crisis.

We strongly encourage the Supervisors to consider waiving these fees permanently to lessen financial and regulatory burdens on San Francisco's small businesses as we all work to recover and thrive in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The SFCDMA supports this legislation and thanks Supervisor Stefani for bringing it forward.

Sincerely,



Maryo Mogannam, President
San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

cc: Clerk of the BOS, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Sharky Laguana, President, SBC; Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Executive Director, OSB; Clerk of the SBC, to be distributed to all Commissioners

From: [rhoda.berbey](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees.
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:12:05 AM

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As a SF business-owner in the retail and restaurant industry, I fully support the legislation introduced by Supervisor Stefani and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Mandelman and Haney -- Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees.

Ordinance waiving business registration fees for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and certain license fees originally due on March 31, 2020, for businesses with \$25,000,000 or less in San Francisco gross receipts that received more than 50% of such receipts from business activities precluded during all or a portion of the period from March 16, 2020, through March 1, 2021, due to a Local Health Officer's order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and/or from the activities of a facility that prepares and serves food for delivery or carry out or a restaurant, and refunding any waived amounts paid to the City.

Thank you.

Regards,
Rhoda Berbey

From: [Sarah Garand](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Waiving Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:54:06 AM

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Dear Ms. Wong,

I am a wine bar owner in San Francisco, writing with my strong support for waiving business registration fees and certain license fees. Our revenue was down 95% in 2020 over 2019, and we have a long road ahead of us before things can return to normal.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarah Garand
Co-Owner, Wine Down SF
685 Folsom Street

The bar is closed for now, but you can still support your favorite wine bar at:
winedownsf.com

IG: [@winedownsf](#)

From: [Andrew Bloom](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Sup. Stefani's legislation
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:38:36 AM

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Hello. I am emailing on behalf of our businesses located in San Francisco to support Supervisor Stefani's legislation to waive certain registration and license fees. Our business levels have dropped significantly and help from The City in this way would be appreciated by many.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Bloom
Director of Operations

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Brenda's Meat & Three
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919 Divisadero, SF 94115

Brenda's Oakland
brendasoakland.com
4045 Broadway, Oakland, 94611

From: [Virginia Miller](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote to SUPPORT File #02141 TODAY! "Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees"
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:12:15 AM

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As a 20 year resident and homeowner in San Francisco and also a writer/editor/media in the food, drink and travel world, I am emailing to strongly urge the the Board of Supervisors to support File #02141, waiving business registration fees today!

Please do right by our small businesses which I do not believe the city has done enough right for thus far, still giving preference to big business and keeping processes and "red tape" onerous and complicated for small businesses, especially restaurants and bars, that make our city the world class destination it has been.

As someone who knows and is in this world daily and globally, we will not continue to be that destination if hundreds of our historic and independent restaurants fail and many more struggle years to reopen or open something new (which is NOT what we want anyway — we have already lost too many greats and everyone, even the Michelin-starred, are barely hanging on).

Do right, PLEASE. Pandemic measures have already almost killed our small businesses. We locals are paying attention and will make our voices heard for small businesses by voting for leaders who *strongly* support them — and against those who do not.

Thanks to Catherine Stefani, Matt Haney, Rafael Mandelman & Hilary Ronen for your support of this waiver. As media and SF homeowners and residents, we *have* noticed.

Best,
Virginia

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Virginia Miller | Food/Drink/Travel Writer/Editor

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Tenants Union opposes fee waivers for ADUs
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 11:57:43 AM
Attachments: [image001.wmz](#)
[image002.png](#)
[oledata.mso](#)
[ADU Fee Waiver Opposition by SF Tenants Union.doc](#)
[image001.wmz](#)
[image002.png](#)

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: FW: Tenants Union opposes fee waivers for ADUs

From: San Francisco Tenants Union <info@sftu.org>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 4:13 PM
To: BOS Clerks Office (BOS) <clerksoffice@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Melgar, Myrna (BOS) <myrna.melgar@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>
Subject: Tenants Union opposes fee waivers for ADUs

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We write in opposition to file number 210030 - version 1, Fee Waivers for ADUs until current local ADU policy is reviewed and repaired. While we understand the intention is to incentivize more housing construction, which we support, ADUs were originally sold as creating rent-controlled housing. Now thanks to AB 68, that is no longer guaranteed. **So we object to rewarding market rate housing that will never be rent controlled with a bonus up front of a fee waiver.**

We supported then - Supervisor Weiner's pilot program for ADUs in District 8 once he agreed to make them rent controlled. In some cases, such as in single-family homes, owners had to agree to a Costa Waiver in order to build. That was a good local policy solution that actually expanded our rent controlled housing stock. Now, thanks to Assemblyman Ting's AB 68 it is debatable whether existing and new ADUs will be rent controlled, as everything becomes ministerial, according to the planning department's interpretation of state law. If the Board of Supervisors will write legislation or work with Assembly Ting's office to amend AB 68 and restore rent control and Just Cause protections to all ADUs, we might support fee waivers.

Additionally, for the past three years we have been very vocal in pointing out the problems that renovation permits (often hidden in streamlined ADU plans) can have for existing tenants in buildings, including single-family home tenants. Architectural plans disregard the living situations of existing tenants and the contractual terms of their existing leases, taking away what is not "unused space." The planning department does not want to be an arbitrator in tenant / owner disputes so they just approve permits which violate tenants' leases

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We've met with the offices of Supervisors Mandelman, Safai, Peskin and Preston (before he was elected) for years on this issue, but the problem of "renovictions" remains and no fix of the approval system seems forthcoming.

So here we are, with one city department violating Rent Ordinance rights that were established and overseen by a different city department. It could be so easy to fix cross-departmental policy and communication problems, were there the will.

We thank you for your time but ask you to put this on hold until the larger problems or rent control and tenant protections are addressed.

Sincerely,

San Francisco Tenants Union Steering Committee

Cc: Supervisors Chan, Stefani, Peskin, Mar, Preston, Haney, Melgar, Mandelman, Ronen, Safai, Walton, Assemblyman Ting, Director Hillis, and the Clerk's Office

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