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**From:** [Apoorv Narang](#)  
**To:** [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
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Dear Supervisor Preston,

I'm a resident of District 5. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Thank you,  
Apoorv Narang



**From:** [Guillaume Carré](#)  
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Thank you,  
Guillaume.

**From:** [San Francisco Travel - President & CEO](#)  
**To:** [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
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Hello Land Use and Transportation Committee,

On behalf of over 1,000 San Francisco Travel Association businesses in the tourism industry, I am writing to support the Shared Spaces Legislation and the Small Business Recovery Act. The pandemic has negatively impacted San Francisco and our industry and both pieces of legislation will help give businesses new opportunities to thrive, offer new experiences to visitors, and support our entire city in economic recovery.

Attached, please find letters of support for each legislation.

Thank you.



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Board of Supervisors  
Attn: Land Use and Transportation Committee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Support for Shared Spaces Legislation

May 20, 2021

Dear Supervisors Melgar, Peskin, and Preston,

On behalf of over 1,000 San Francisco Travel Association businesses in the tourism industry, I am writing to support the Shared Spaces Legislation. The pandemic has negatively impacted our industry, especially restaurants. Shared Spaces have given new life to our neighborhood corridors, created new experiences for residents and visitors, and gave San Francisco restaurants an opportunity to survive and thrive during the pandemic.

This legislation creates a consistent framework and guidelines for permitting, access, entertainment, and enforcement for all types of shared spaces. We understand that there are complexities to be worked out and we hope that you will support the program and the intent so that it can offer a long term activation on our streets.

Prior to the pandemic, San Francisco welcomed over 25 million visitors who spent over \$10 Billion in hotels, restaurants, retail, and the arts. Visitor spend helped generate over \$770 Million in taxes and fees and the industry employed over 80,000 people from the Bay Area. The Shared Spaces program has helped businesses weather the pandemic and this legislation offers a way for shared spaces to continue to benefit the communities they serve, as well as offer a new and safe experience for visitors of San Francisco.

Best regards,

Joe D'Alessandro  
President and CEO  
San Francisco Travel Association

**From:** [Richard Skaff](#)  
**To:** [Bohn, Nicole \(ADM\)](#); [Deborah \(Debby\)Kaplan](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Administrator, City \(ADM\)](#); [California Department of Justice](#)  
**Subject:** Effects of Closing JFK Drive In Golden Gate Park on Vulnerable Seniors and People with Disabilities  
**Date:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 12:38:38 AM

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Nicole Bohn, Executive Director Deborah Kaplan, Deputy Director  
San Francisco Mayor's Office on Disability

Nicole and Deborah,

I'm writing to both of you at the Mayor's Office on Disability to file a formal complaint and File a Public Records Act Request

I believe the proposed "program/policy" to close JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park to vehicle traffic, will, if implemented as proposed, have the effect of denying access to the Park to many vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities.

I'm writing to you, as the Director and Deputy Director of the City of San Francisco Department that is charged with assuring all City programs, policies, and procedures and facilities are accessible and usable by people with disabilities, to ask what, if anything you will do to assure the issues I'm raising in this email are satisfactorily resolved.

Based on the documents relating to the proposed permanent closing of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park to all vehicular traffic that I've reviewed, it appears clear that if implemented, that program/policy would directly and negatively impact the ability of many vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities to access Golden Gate Park and the experiences served by JFK Drive. If I'm correct and vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities are then unable to access the Park and the experiences along JFK Drive, that, in my opinion, would be discriminatory and can't be allowed to happen.

Please immediately provide me any/all copies of correspondence between MOD, Recreation and Parks, Board of Supervisors, and the City Administrator's Office as they relate to the proposed closing of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park. Additionally, please provide any/all correspondence your Office has received from the disability community and Mayor's Disability Commission relating to this proposed program.

As the City's ADA Coordinator, and based on the mandates within the ADA, you are charged with assuring that the City's programs, policies, and procedures are both created and managed in a way that assures participation by people with disabilities. Clearly, the proposed "program/policy" will create a condition that will not allow vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities, who are unable to walk (or walk any distance) to get to the many important and sought after sites and experiences within Golden Gate Park.

As you can see, a copy of this email is being sent to the California Department of Justice. I am sending this email to the Attorney General's staff to ask that they investigate my concerns

about this proposed program/policy

I will also be forwarding a copy of this email to the U.S. Department of Justice as a possible violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

And last, I had sent you a Public Records Act (PRA) request almost two weeks ago. That request relates to the City's programs of Parklets and more recently, the proposed Shared Spaces (in my previous email I believe I called them Shared Streets) program. I have yet to receive a response from you or anyone from your Office, Nicole. Please provide me with a date certain that I can expect to receive the requested documents.

Thank you.

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Nicole Bohn, Director  
San Francisco Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD)

Hello, Nicole.

I hope all is well with you and MOD staff.

I'm writing to you about both the City's Parklet/**Shared Street** programs and the City's program that proposes to close JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park.]

First, a week or two ago, I sent you an email. In that email, I specifically requested copies of all MOD emails and other MOD documents relating to MOD's interaction with other City departments relating to the present City Parklet Program and the proposed permanent **Shared Streets** program. To date, I haven't received a response from you. Please inform me as to when I can expect to receive the requested response.

I'm also very concerned with the City Mayor and Board of Supervisor proposed program to permanently close JFK Drive to all vehicle access. This has been proposed for many years, so it's had a substantial amount of time to resolve any negative issues that program would create. Well, there continue to be substantial problems if that program is implemented. More specifically, for individuals with disabilities and older, less mobile individuals who may want to go to

Golden Gate Park, may very well be unable to do that.

As I'm sure you are aware, California Building Code requires that off-street accessible parking spaces be located as close to a business entrance as possible, recognizing that many people with disabilities (and many seniors) can't walk long distances. Or they may be grandparents with limited mobility that want to take their grandchildren to the Academy of Science or De Young Museum. If the City closes JFK to vehicles, they probably won't be able to do that. And, creating a Golden Gate wheelchair accessible transit system won't mitigate the effects of closing JFK to vehicles. What it will do, though, is create a vehicle parking nightmare in the residential areas that surround Golden Gate Park, probably making residential parking for local residents impossible.

Again, please respond to my request for MOD emails/documents relating to City Parklets and the Shared Spaces program and also MOD emails and documents relating to the proposed permanent closing to all vehicles on JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park. Please provide me all requested documents electronically as PDF email attachments.

Thank you.

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## The hidden gems of Golden Gate Park, according to park rangers

Dianne de Guzman  
Updated: May 13, 2021 2:53 p.m.

It's easy to take your local city park for granted, especially one as well known - and amazing - as Golden Gate Park.

One can quickly rattle off the well-worn park highlights after visiting often enough: Cal Academy, the De Young Museum, Stow Lake, the bison paddock and the windmills (just to name a few).

But while these are all great places, there's much, much more to discover in the more than 1,000 acres of public land that encompass Golden Gate Park.

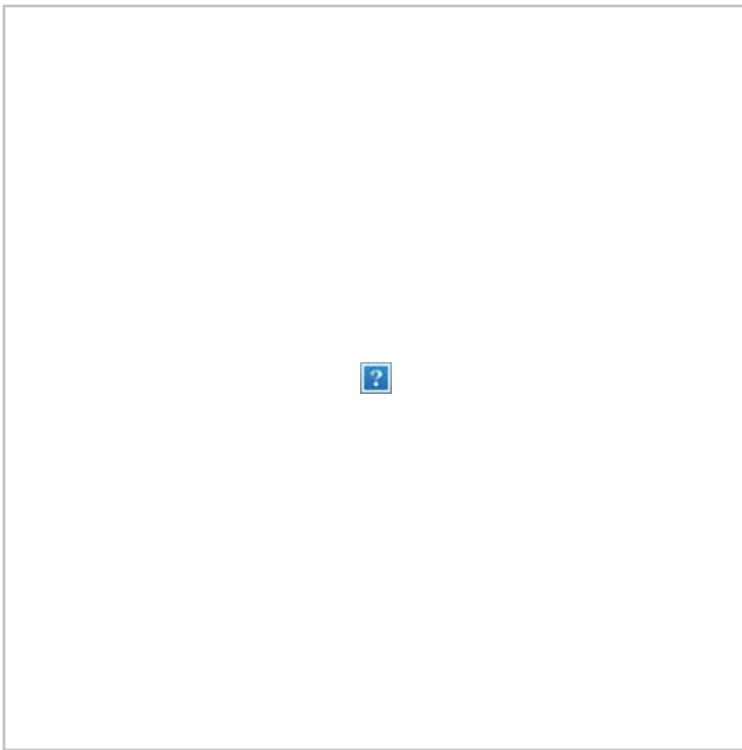
And who better to ask about the best hidden gems in the park than a park ranger?

Sgt. Maja Follin is a second-generation native San Franciscan and park ranger stationed in Golden Gate Park, and she came up with this list of favorite spots, compiling the list from her own observations and surveying some of the park's longtime rangers for their favorites.

"There are so many amazing parts of Golden Gate Park that are underwalked," Follin told SFGATE. "Truly, depending on what you need and what's important to you, you can find it - and that's what I love about Golden Gate Park."

The rangers are in the park at all sorts of hours, walking and patrolling the various areas, and they see Golden Gate Park from sunrise with a blanket of fog still clinging to the ground, and also know the best times to sit along one of the park's many lakes, without the crowds.

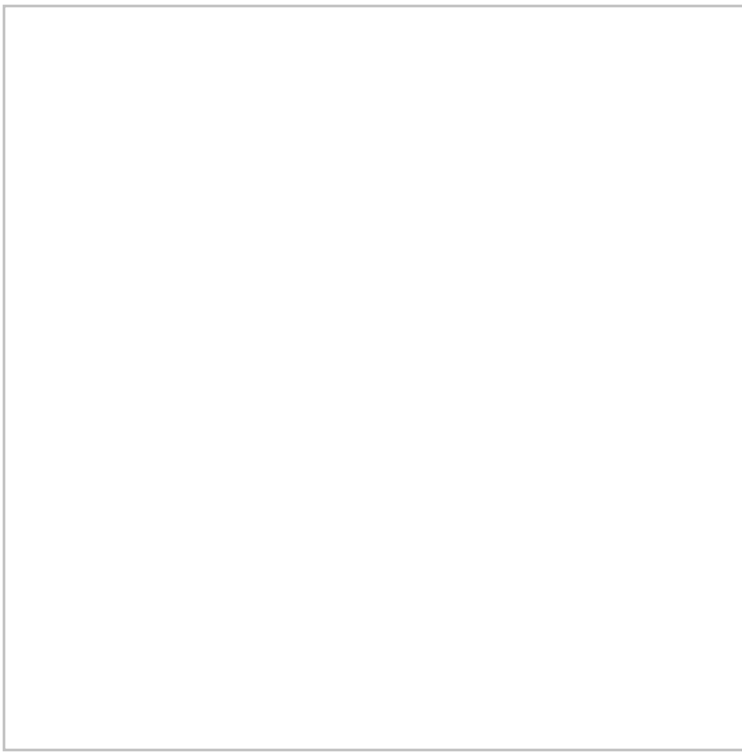
"It just feels magical, a lot of the locations," Follin said of the selected Golden Gate Park spots. "I know that sounds super cheesy, but you have to see it to believe that to be true."



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San Francisco park rangers know Golden Gate Park inside and out. So, where do they go that's off the beaten path? Sgt. Maja Follin shares which parts of the park are the favorites among park rangers.



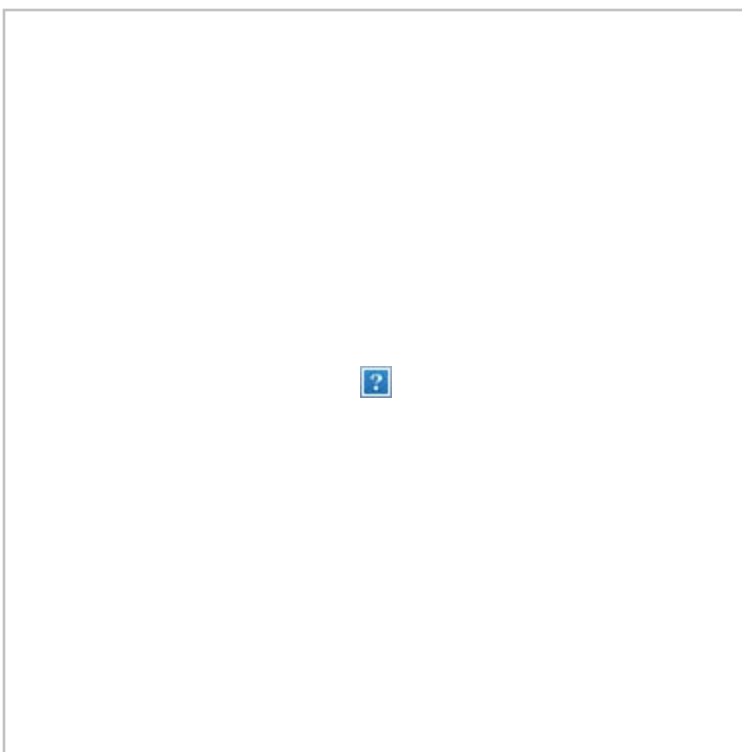


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## Lily Pond

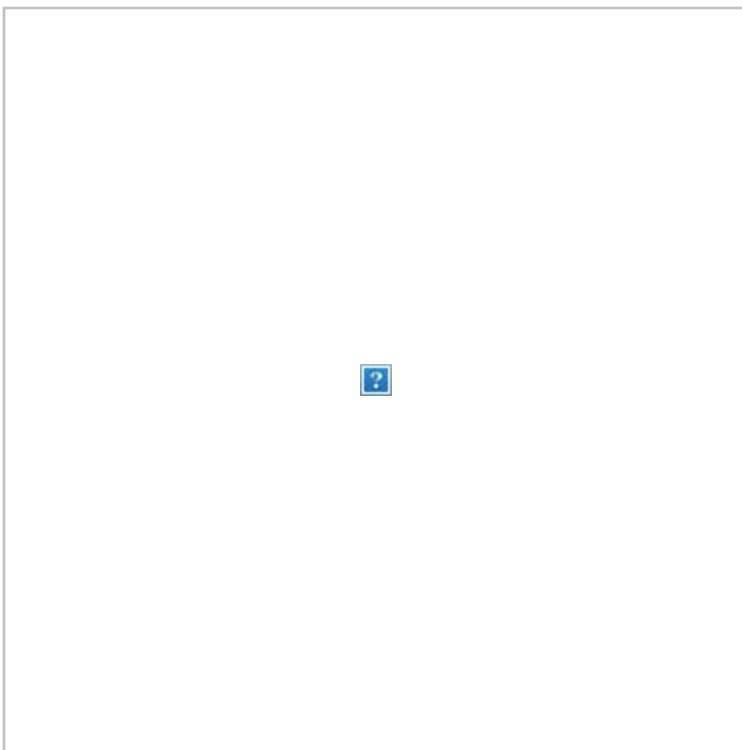
Near Nancy Pelosi and John F. Kennedy drives

This "little ethereal pond" across from the National AIDS Memorial Grove is a great spot for naturalists and birders to observe wildlife, Follin said. This part of the park boasts 115 species of birds, and there are "several walking or easy hiking trails in this area," she said.



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## Another view of Lily Pond in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco

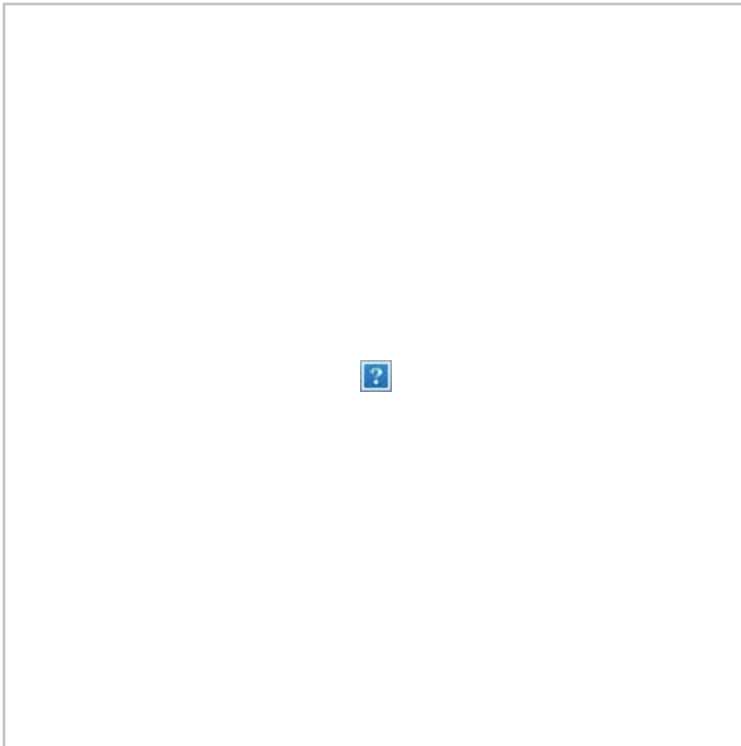


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## Angler's Lodge

West of the Polo Fields, between John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. drives

The Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club often offers free lessons here to those interested in learning the art of fly casting — and heartily welcomes beginners! But even if you'd rather watch than participate, the area offers a peaceful place for visitors nonetheless. The lodge dates back to 1933 and is nestled among a small grove of trees.



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"Even if there is no fly casting going on there, it's just a really neat place to go and walk around, especially if you don't feel like bumping into a ton of people," Follin said.

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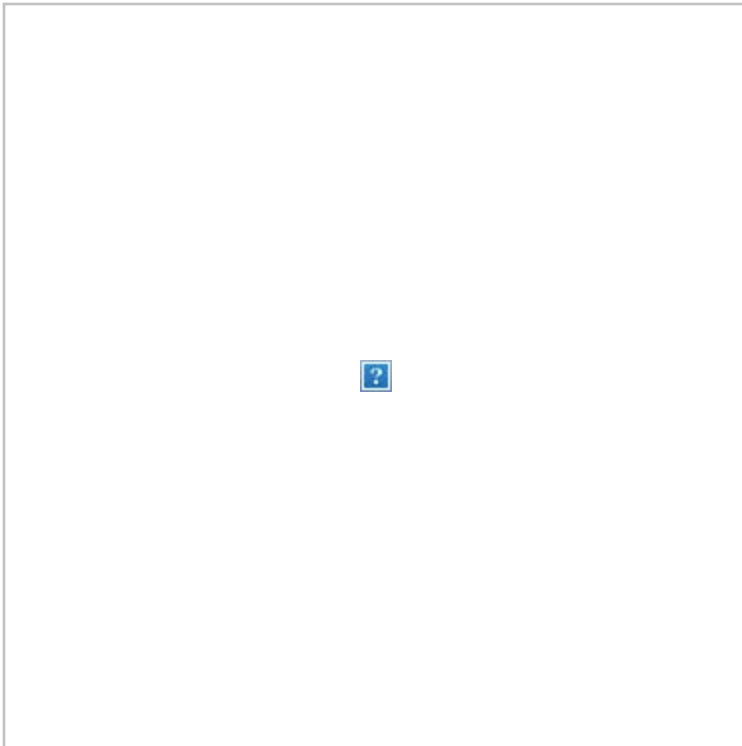


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## La Playa Service Road

### West of the Beach Chalet Fields

A service road, you ask? Yes, La Playa Service Road is a favorite, according to Follin — "a short but beautiful walk," she said — and runs parallel to the Great Highway. The archway of trees can lead visitors to Ocean Beach, or back into the park between the soccer fields and to the main Drive



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## Pioneer Log Cabin

### Near John F. Kennedy and Stow Lake drives

The Pioneer Log Cabin was first built as a meeting house for the Association of Pioneer Women of California in 1911, according to Follin, and constructed from unpeeled

redwood logs from Humboldt County. The cabin underwent restoration that was finished in 1995 and serves as the Rec and Park Permits and Reservations office. The interior is not open to the public or viewable on tours, but Follin said the meadow nearby has tables and grills for visitors to use, and is close enough to Stow Lake and the Boat House if you're looking for an activity.



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**May 5, 2021**

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San Francisco, CA 94102**

**Dear Supervisors,**

**On behalf of the Mid Market Community Benefit District, I am writing in support of the Shared Space legislation.**

**Our CBD worked in partnership with many street-level businesses and community stakeholders within our District to support the Shared Spaces program, especially those on the 500 block of Stevenson alley and in Mint Plaza. In order to ensure the Shared Spaces were successful for the businesses, their patrons and the community at large, we provided planning assistance, street maintenance and ambassador support, as well as promotional assistance through signs and social media.**

**The Shared Spaces program was a breath of fresh air for the community. Restaurant owners stated it was a lifeline that kept them in business and enabled them to bring staff back to work. Residents expressed joy and hopefulness when given the opportunity to safely connect with fellow community members, and both are eager to see this program continue. The program was also a boon for our District's largely vacant and boarded-up commercial corridors. The outdoor activity brought color, life and positive activity which deterred anti-social behavior and made areas safer.**

**We are also cognizant of challenges around parking demands, the seasonality of parklets and the eventual return to more indoor dining; as well as the potential for more liberal sidewalk permitting of tables and chairs. We look forward to engaging with our District's members and collaborating with the City to continue to refine this critical program as we emerge from the pandemic.**

**Making this program permanent presents businesses with the ongoing opportunity to use the public realm to safely serve their customers, while regenerating local employment and strengthening communities. At a time when the City prepares to reopen and welcome residents and visitors back to public life, a move towards making this program permanent will be a huge boost to public morale and the local economy.**

**Sincerely,**

**Tracy Everwine  
Executive Director**

**From:** [Alexis Woods](#)  
**To:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 11:28:50 AM

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Hi,

I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,

Alexis Woods  
415-613-1521

**From:** [Kyle Brazil](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
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Thank you,

Kyle Brazil

**From:** [Karthik Rao](#)  
**To:** [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 7:49:59 AM

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Dear Supervisor Preston,

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Thank you,

**From:** [Barry McCardel](#)  
**To:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Concern about Shared Spaces from a SF resident  
**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 7:46:59 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

The last year has been hard for everyone. One bright spot, however, has been a new outdoor, street-level vibrancy from the Shared Spaces program. It has put San Francisco's human beauty on display, and given a lifeline to struggling restaurants. The COVID crisis opened the door to a new model for our communities - and it's wonderful.

So I really can't understand why anyone would consider getting rid of it. It should absolutely be permanent. It could be a fixture and point of pride for this city going forward, and help more businesses open and thrive. I would be confused and embarrassed and disappointed if we didn't embrace this.

Personally, even post-vaccination, post-COVID, etc. I would still love the ability to sit outside, watching the people, enjoying the beautiful SF weather.

Please don't let this pass us by. Please support making outdoor dining permanent.

Barry



**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Shared Spaces: Reality vs Myth  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:09:15 PM

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*Alisa Somera*

Legislative Deputy Director  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Mchugh, Eileen (BOS) <eileen.e.mchugh@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Ng, Wilson (BOS) <wilson.l.ng@sfgov.org>; Laxamana, Junko (BOS) <junko.laxamana@sfgov.org>; Nagasundaram, Sekhar (BOS) <sekhar.nagasundaram@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Shared Spaces: Reality vs Myth

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**From:** Chaz - <[chazfilez@hotmail.com](mailto:chazfilez@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:21 AM

**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>; CCSF-Shared Spaces <[sharedspaces@sfgov.org](mailto:sharedspaces@sfgov.org)>

**Subject:** Shared Spaces: Reality vs Myth

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Dear Board Members,

It feels like the city is forsaking much needed budget revenue in addition to the well-being and peace of mind of residents in favor of business interests yet again. I am at a point where appealing to the city to balance divergent interests seems futile so I figured I'd appeal to your sense of humor using the tools of the day: memes. This is what tourists must see when they visit, and what residents have to look at everyday. Does this look like the "Paris of the West?"

I know you guys see the same thing in your districts every day, contrary to the model instances the SFMTA uses in it's literature. This is not who we are or who we strive to be. Residents have been understanding of this once in a lifetime health crisis and HAVE shared the public space to help businesses survive. We are not opposed to some increase in outdoor dining but it should be limited in scope and based on use case and include extensive outreach to solicit input from the community it impacts, not a rush job meant to circumvent our voices. "Move fast, break things" is the mantra of corporate criminality, not city planning.

Taking advantage of our goodwill and making the program permanent feels colonial in it's arrogance. Handing out public land to businesses for pennies on the dollar, while starving public transit and other much needed services is gentrification at it's worst. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Chaz Hurwitz, 2nd Gen D1 resident

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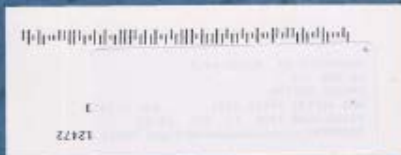
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**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support: Shared Spaces Legislation  
**Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 9:41:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [LOS Shared Spaces\\_SFMTA\\_5-3-21.pdf](#)

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**From:** Claude Imbault <cimbault@downtownsf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 3, 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** mtaboard@sfmta.com  
**Cc:** Degrafinried, Alaric (DPW) <alaric.degrafinried@sfdpw.org>; Maguire, Tom (MTA) <Tom.Maguire@sfmta.com>; Hillis, Rich (CPC) <rich.hillis@sfgov.org>; Chu, Carmen (ADM) <carmen.chu@sfgov.org>; Bohn, Nicole (ADM) <nicole.bohn@sfgov.org>; Weiland, Maggie (ADM) <maggie.weiland@sfgov.org>; BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative\_aides@sfgov.org>; Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA) <Jeffrey.Tumlin@sfmta.com>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support: Shared Spaces Legislation

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Hello:

Please see the attached signed letter of support from the Downtown Community Benefit District for the Shared Spaces legislation.

Thank you.

Claude Imbault

Attachment: Letter of Support

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**Claude Imbault**  
**Director of Public Realm & Strategic Development**



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May 3, 2021

SFMTA Board of Directors  
1 South Van Ness, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear MTA Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Downtown Community Benefit District, I am writing to urge your support the legislation to transition the Shared Spaces legislation from a temporary emergency response program to a permanent program.

We represent property owners and businesses within a 43-block area comprised of the Financial District and Jackson Square Historic District. We have approximately 40 Shared Spaces in our district that include curbside dining and retail pick-up, outdoor dining, and personal services. We've heard from our local businesses that the program is helping them survive and recover after a period of extreme financial hardship.

A permanent Shared Spaces program would also help create a clear and predictable path for future program applicants by consolidating the permit process and creating a single, "one-stop" permit portal. It would also encourage arts, culture, and entertainment activities with a new Just Add Music (JAM) permit. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to enliven our streets while supporting local restaurants, cafes, and retail businesses to recover from the global COVID pandemic and beyond.

Sincerely,

*Robert Silver*

Robbie Silver – Interim Executive Director

Cc: Alaric Degrafinried - Public Works  
Jeffrey Tumlin - SFMTA  
Tom Maguire - SFMTA  
Rich Hillis - SF Planning  
Carmen Chu - Office of the City Administrator  
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**From:** [Dan Foldes](#)  
**To:** [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Monday, May 17, 2021 10:49:38 AM

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Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,

Dan Foldes  
Cole Valley

**From:** [Rebeca Choy](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 8:55:41 PM

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Dear Supervisor Walton, I'm a resident of District 10. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent. I love outdoor dining. During this awful pandemic, it created a safe way for us to eat out and support our local businesses. Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities. Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors. Thank you,  
Rebeca Choy

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**From:** [Lala Wu](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 3:26:43 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

Outdoor dining has been a rare silver lining of the pandemic and it enriches the social tapestry of the city while allowing us to support our beloved local businesses.

We are all glad that we see the light is end of the tunnel. But we shouldn't use this as a reason to shut down what has been an incredibly successful experiment borne out of necessity.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,  
Lala

**From:** [John Reese](#)  
**To:** [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:30:54 PM

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Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

I'm a resident of District 8. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Thank you,

**From:** [Sarah Stein](#)  
**To:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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Thank you,

Cheers,

Sarah

**From:** [Moir Burke](#)  
**To:** [Ronen, Hillary](#)  
**Cc:** [RonenStaff \(BOS\); Major, Erica \(BOS\); savesharedspaces@growsf.org](#)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2021 3:19:15 PM

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Dear Supervisor Ronen,

I'm a resident of District 9. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Thank you,

**From:** [Gemma Cohen](#)  
**To:** [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2021 10:42:37 AM

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Thank you,  
Gemma Cohen  
94115

**From:** [Gustav Lindqvist](#)  
**To:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 6:22:10 PM

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Thank you,

**From:** [Sarah Owens](#)  
**To:** [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please keep JFK car free and make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 11:08:49 AM

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Dear Supervisor Preston,

I'm a resident of District 5. I campaigned for you. I walked door to door encouraging people to vote for you on election day. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent, as well as to advocate for keeping JFK car free.

Concerning JFK-- I live on the corner of Fell and Stanyan. I look out at the intersection where I see bikers or pedestrians getting hit by cars at least monthly. My street gets closed regularly for police activity to clean up the crash debris and scoop the poor bikers off the pavement and rush them to the ER. Car-free JFK has been such a blessing during this pandemic, and it's encouraged our community to use our beautiful public resource, Golden Gate Park, to its fullest. You all can see for yourselves any day, car-free JFK is an extremely popular and needed resource that encourages healthy recreation and pollution-free transportation. As a "progressive" city with a strong focus on making choices that address the looming climate change disaster, the fact that we're easily leaning back into making lives easier for drivers instead of bikers is extremely disappointing and frightening. I have worked both at the California Academy of Sciences and at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and I know very well the "access" issues they are using to push forward the reopening of JFK to vehicles. They are absolutely unfounded. A parking garage literally sits under them with elevators to ground level, and other surrounding streets have plenty of parking. These other surrounding streets are primarily used by able-bodied employees of these institutions who use them to commute to work every day. A practice I find incredibly disheartening, especially for Cal Academy employees, who work for an institution with such a strong focus on climate change education. These surrounding streets have more than enough space for any access needs they have been pushing for.

Concerning outdoor dining-- It's given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities. Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors. Any global city promoting tourism knows that cafe culture is key to making a city vibrant and welcoming. Valencia street alone has seemed like a mini-Barcelona! I believe it would not only be a loss to the small businesses in our communities, but also a huge missed opportunity for tourism revenue if these outdoor dining spaces were to be taken away.

I hope that these issues will be ones you fight for, as you ran on a platform that I considered to be about community building, recognizing the impacts of climate change, and encouraging the growth of public space and city resources that resonate with your constituents.

Thank you,

Sarah Owens  
D5 resident



**From:** [Zach Johnston](#)  
**To:** [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Just moved to Haight Ashbury (Shared Spaces)  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 8:57:31 AM

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Hi Preston,

My partner and I recently moved to Haight Ashbury from Brooklyn. I'm excited to get more involved in the community and saw that you are the District 5 supervisor.

I'm sure you get a lot of emails requesting one thing or another, but I just wanted to highlight 2 things that my partner and I care deeply about as homeowners and invested members of this community:

1. **Making Shared Spaces permanent**

Even though indoor dining is re-opening, I would love to keep this outdoor community energy alive by having the sidewalks lined with tables and people having a good time. You'd think diners on the sidewalk would be busy, but it actually makes walking down the street a life-giving experience. So please, if you can throw in your support for shared spaces, I would be very grateful.

2. **Keeping JFK car-free**

This should really be #1 because car-free JFK is all my partner and I need to be happy. We own a car and understand that it can add a bit of time to a drive, but the benefit of being able to bike, walk, or jog through the park is immeasurably greater. Please, please, please if you can offer any vocal support for this my partner and I would be very very thankful.

Thanks,  
Zach & Taylor

**From:** [Hilary Shirazi](#)  
**To:** [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 7:57:41 AM

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Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

I'm a resident of District 8. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

We shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,  
Hilary

**From:** [Spencer Scheffy](#)  
**To:** [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [StefaniStaff\\_ \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 7:48:43 AM

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Hi Supervisor Stefani,

I'm a resident of District 2. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

I love outdoor dining and it creates such a great atmosphere and sense of community. It really reminds me of outdoor dining in Europe and the cafe culture. It's also a great way to support our local businesses.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you!  
Spencer

**From:** [Cameron Parker](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Permanent Shared spaces  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 7:16:05 AM

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Supervisor Peskin,

I'm a resident of District 3, emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

I am very excited, as I am sure most people are, to be able to return to "normal" and indoor dining. But during the pandemic we learned just how much more valuable parking spaces are as places for people to eat and drink than for idle cars. We need to learn that lesson and never go back. I hope you feel the same.

Thank you,

**From:** [W. Scott Krol](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savesharedspaces@growsf.org](mailto:savesharedspaces@growsf.org)  
**Subject:** Please make Shared Spaces permanent!  
**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 7:11:01 AM

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Thank you,



May 3, 2021

SFMTA Board of Directors  
1 South Van Ness, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear MTA Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Downtown Community Benefit District, I am writing to urge your support the legislation to transition the Shared Spaces legislation from a temporary emergency response program to a permanent program.

We represent property owners and businesses within a 43-block area comprised of the Financial District and Jackson Square Historic District. We have approximately 40 Shared Spaces in our district that include curbside dining and retail pick-up, outdoor dining, and personal services. We've heard from our local businesses that the program is helping them survive and recover after a period of extreme financial hardship.

A permanent Shared Spaces program would also help create a clear and predictable path for future program applicants by consolidating the permit process and creating a single, "one-stop" permit portal. It would also encourage arts, culture, and entertainment activities with a new Just Add Music (JAM) permit. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to enliven our streets while supporting local restaurants, cafes, and retail businesses to recover from the global COVID pandemic and beyond.

Sincerely,

*Robert Silver*

Robbie Silver – Interim Executive Director

Cc: Alaric Degrafinried - Public Works  
Jeffrey Tumlin - SFMTA  
Tom Maguire - SFMTA  
Rich Hillis - SF Planning  
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April 01, 2021

Honorable London Breed, Mayor  
City and Country of San Francisco  
City Hall – Mayor's Office, Room 200  
1 Dr. Carleton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco CA 94102-4689

Honorable Rafael Mandelman, District 8 Supervisor  
City and Country of San Francisco  
City Hall – Room 244  
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Thank you for your interest in and support requested for this change in the "Shared Spaces" program.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Masood".

Masood Samereie, President

cc: Supervisor Mandelman staff  
SFMTA Shared Spaces Project Manager

**From:** [Chaz -](#)  
**To:** [Connie Chan](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Munowitch, Monica \(MTA\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Shared Spaces: Reality vs Perception  
**Date:** Friday, April 30, 2021 4:10:26 PM

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Now it appears the city is considering a program that will literally cost \$10M of the city budget.



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budget of struggling transit agency **PAGE 6**

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Tom Clancy flick

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# CASTRO CAMERA PLAN RAISES PRIVACY CONCERNS

Residents push back on community business district  
proposal to install surveillance network **PAGE 2**

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tel 415.421.

No response required. You all know what's going on is a land grab at the tax payer's expense. Shame on anyone who supports making this emergency response permanent.

Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert

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**From:** Chaz - <churbert@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:05 PM  
**To:** Connie Chan; board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org  
**Cc:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Monica.Munowitch@sfmta.com  
**Subject:** Shared Spaces: Reality vs Perception

Dear Connie,

Please see the attached picture below. This is what shared spaces looks like in a majority of the Richmond District (and across the city for that matter). The SFMTA has continually pushed the tired idea of "vibrancy " when presenting the Board of Supervisors and the public on Slow Streets and Shared Spaces. What you see below is the reality of what it is in most instances. Our city looks like a Shanty town. This is NOT what residents want.

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Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert, D1





**From:** [Richard Skaff](#)  
**To:** [Michael Newman](#)  
**Cc:** [Ida A. Clair](#); [Angela Jamont](#); [Michael Nearman](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Administrator, City \(ADM\)](#); [Mia Marvelli](#)  
**Subject:** Disability advocates fear Shared Spaces could create an 'obstacle course' on city sidewalks  
**Date:** Friday, April 30, 2021 4:32:47 PM

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Hello, Michael,

I was especially touched by one of the photos in the **San Francisco Examiner** article I'm forwarding to you. That photo shows the use of tape on the City sidewalk that was placed there, apparently intending to define the path of travel between the sidewalk tables and chairs and the parklet at a restaurant location in San Francisco. That's just one of many examples of the failure of San Francisco to manage the use of its publically owned sidewalks and street parking lanes in a way that protects residents and visitors alike, and assures that the right of way is maintained in a fully accessible and safe manner as required by State and federal regulations.

There is also nothing within the City's parklet program describing the loss of on-street parking spaces to the installation of oarklets/shared spaces, which will directly effect seniors and people with disabilities who are unable to take public transportation or walk long distances, and use on-street (not necessarily defined as accessible) parking spaces close to shops and restaurants.

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/disability-advocates-fear-shared-spaces-could-create-an-obstacle-course-on-city-sidewalks/>

The issues I'm writing to you about are San Francisco's programs that allow tables and chairs on its public sidewalks and parklets/shared spaces within its on-street parking lane. Those programs are similar to those that are happening throughout California and were happening long before we faced the effects of Covid.

In many cases, those publically owned spaces (sidewalks/on-street parking lanes) that are being converted for commercial use (**parklets/shared spaces**) are being permitted by cities, counties, and even Cal Trans, which in my opinion is the illegal giving away of public property to a private business. I say that because in many cases, those publically owned spaces are being used by private businesses without any ongoing reimbursement/rent to the public entity those spaces belong to.

The uses I'm describing have, in many cases, also been allowed without any **specific** requirements to protect people with disabilities and assure that those spaces are accessible to and usable by people with disabilities and maintained that way. Additionally, in many cases, the general public is not being protected. In many of the locations I've found, there are no structural (like K Rail) vehicle barriers between the active vehicle lanes and the parklet. I sent you an article a few days ago that described one accident in San Francisco where a car ran into an unprotected parklet and injured two customers sitting in the parklet!

I'm very concerned that neither the State Architect, Cal Trans or any of the other code-writing State agencies have developed codes/standards within California Building Code, Title 24 or the Cal Trans Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

California residents, including those of us with disabilities, need Cal DOJ to help find a way to get this "problem" fixed, whether by holding a statewide workshop with all affected parties, or working with the statewide organizations that represent both cities and counties as well as representatives from the senior/disability community to develop state-wide function and safety standards for those uses.

I look forward to receiving your timely response.

Richard Skaff, Executive Director  
Designing Accessible Communities  
Email: [richardskaff1@gmail.com](mailto:richardskaff1@gmail.com)  
Cell: 707-755-1681

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**From:** [Andrea Aiello](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Burch, Percy \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** BF 210284 Shared Spaces Legislation  
**Date:** Friday, April 30, 2021 6:12:09 PM  
**Attachments:** [CastroCBD\\_SupportSharedSpaces\\_2021.pdf](#)

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Hello President Walton,

Attached please find the Castro Community Benefit District's support for the Mayor's Shared Spaces legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you very much.

All My Best,  
Andrea Aiello

[CBD Logo](#)



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**To:** [Connie Chan](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Munowitch, Monica \(MTA\)](#)  
**Subject:** Shared Spaces: Reality vs Perception  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:06:15 PM

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Dear Connie,

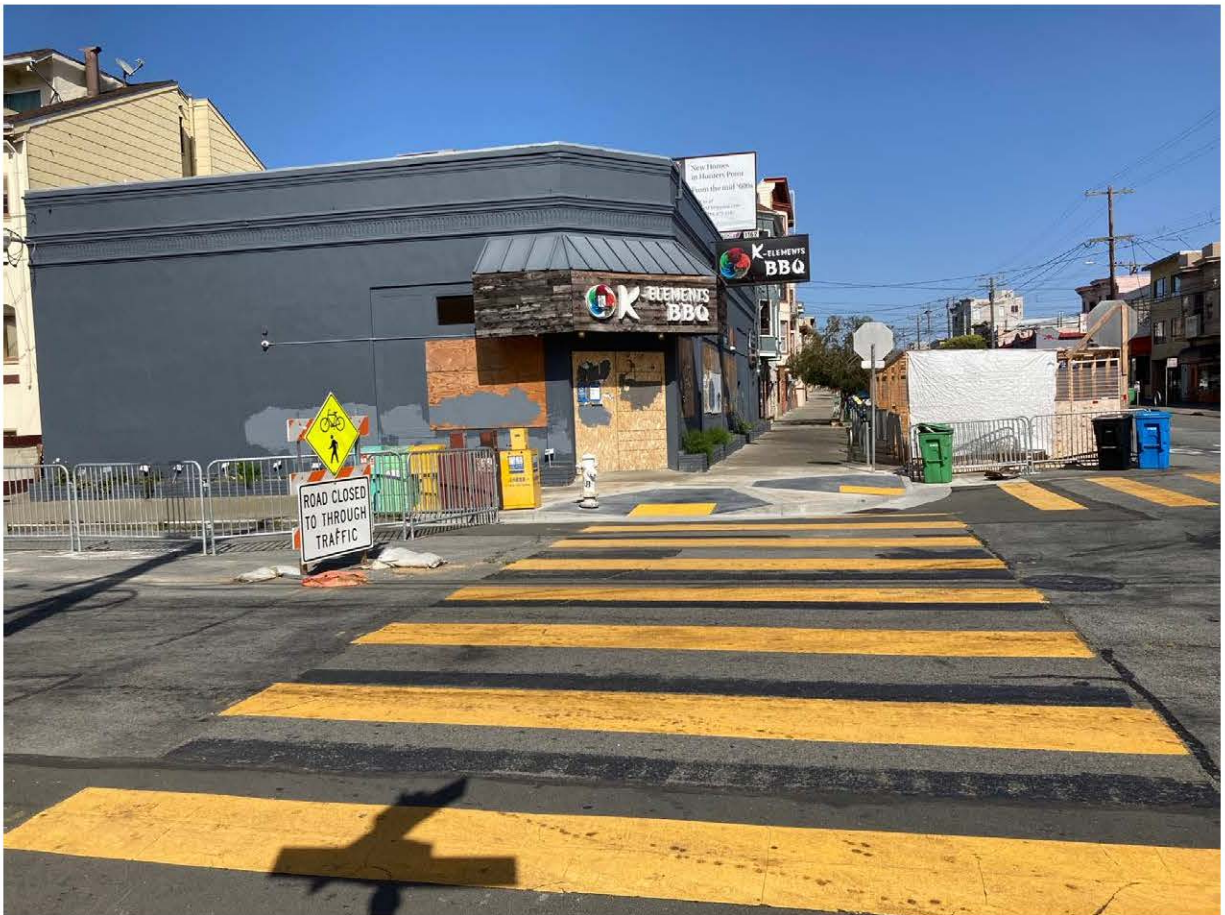
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Charles Hurbert, D1





**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: For public record - NO on making parklets permanent  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 4:56:12 PM

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**From:** Royee Chen <royeechen@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 9:33 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** For public record - NO on making parklets permanent

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Supervisors,

Please, **don't** make the parklets permanent. These parklets should go away when the COVID restrictions are lifted. In fact, the following should be instituted in the meantime, to improve the quality of life of those who live and work around these parklets:

- **SIZE:** the parklet's **width** should be limited to the physical footprint of the business, and NOT extend to adjacent properties. *Case in point:* Harry's Bar on Fillmore Street - whose parklet extends beyond its footprint and encroaches on the adjacent property's frontage. *Scary thought:* What if a business built a parklet the entire length of a city block? Is that permissible?
- **BLOCKING OF PARKING METERS:** it's bad enough that parklets take away parking spaces, but they should definitely **not block** special parking meters - such as those zoned for commercial parking only. *Case in point:* Roam Artisan Burger at 1785 Union Street. Not only does its parklet extend beyond its own footprint, but it is blocking three red-top, commercial parking meters that were put there to allow for truck deliveries. Where are those trucks supposed to park now?
- **ALCOHOL:** under no circumstance should alcohol be served in these parklets - especially at places like Blue Light at 1979 Union Street. *The result:* bars with all their attendant problems, are given free rein to operate outside. This is a nightmare for residents and police. And it's especially reckless when **crowds** drink in front of establishments like Blue Light, and **block** the sidewalk.
- **DENSITY:** some blocks are chock-full of parklets. Place a **limit** on the parklets on any given block - by number or by space taken.

Please preserve our quality of life. **DON'T** extend the life of these parklets beyond what is reasonable.

Thank you.

Royee Chen

From: [Board of Supervisors - BOS](#)  
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
Cc: [Valencia, David \(BOS\)](#); [Santana, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Van Wagon, BOS](#); [Mayer, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
Subject: FR: Neighbor input on PERMANENT Shared Spaces  
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:49:34 AM

From: Chaz - <churbert@outlook.com>  
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:03 AM  
To: CAC@sfmta.com  
Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
Subject: Neighbor input on PERMANENT Shared Spaces

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Dear CAC Members,

I just read about the below proposal to make the Shared Spaces program permanent. While I understand the need to assist ailing restaurants during an unprecedented pandemic the idea that making these outdoor dining spaces permanent without the normal process of public input to access impacts is unfair to every resident of this city that has already been asked to make accommodations for businesses thus far. Below are why I believe this proposal needs a standard approval process similar to what is already required to have sidewalk seating:

- 1. LOST BUDGET REVENUE:** Not only is more much needed parking spaces lost for residents, but this proposal effectively reduces much needed revenue for the city budget due to a loss of parking meters as a revenue source. We already allow Ford bikes, Bird Scooters, and car share companies to operate with subsidized fees that reduce available city budget.
- 2. LAND GRAB:** By allowing businesses to permanently encroach on the public space, this effectively hands over tens of thousands of feet of public space to owners of ground-level commercial space. I happen to own a building with commercial space and this program effectively allows me to add square footage to the usable space that I rent out. With such an incentive I don't know how we will stop EVERY building owner to take advantage of this loop-hole to increase desirability and charge higher rents based on the additional usable space.
- 3. DISRUPTION TO NEIGHBORS:** To those of us who live on commercial streets like Clement (in my case) or Valencia, this means more disruption of our daily lives. I happen to live next door to a Korean BBQ that has built an outdoor stable that accommodates up to 80+ people every night they are open. Their patrons are LOUD, have not been practicing social distancing in line, and often block the sidewalk as they wait in queue. Also, the smoke from their portable hibachi grills blows smoke into neighboring homes (mine being the closest), and generally makes me feel like closing my windows and blinds which is something I only do reticently. If you care to see a picture of what I and other neighbors have already been asked to put up with, I've attached a photo of what it looks like from my window below on any given night: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/0rptkua02ase87u/2140Clement.jpg?dl=0>



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At what point are we as residents going to be factored into these decisions that impact the quality of our lives? How is it acceptable to give away public land for someone else to turn a profit off of? I implore you to agenzize the matter of shared spaces as it is unfair to ask residents who have already been accommodating during this difficult time to accept even more disturbance and negative impacts to our quality of life. I was born in the Richmond district and now live here in middle age precisely because it is NOT the bustling corridors of Valencia, Divisadero or Hayes Valley. Please put this matter on the agenda and solicit input from not only those in favor who likely live far from commercial corridors but especially those who are closest and most affected.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert  
2134 Clement Street  
SF, CA 94121  
GWH5/CCSF/SFSU Alumni

**From:** [Richard Skaff](#)  
**To:** [Bohn, Nicole \(ADM\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Deborah \(Debby\)Kaplan](#); [California Department of Justice](#); [Ida A. Clair](#); [John King](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: SF Planning Commission hearing 4/22 on permanent "Shared Spaces" program  
**Date:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 4:21:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [2021-003010PRJ.pdf](#)  
[20210422\\_cal.pdf](#)

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Hello, Nicole and Debbie.

I just received the attached email from a San Francisco resident. That person has, in the near past, contacted me regarding San Francisco's intent to formalize the City's Parklet Program because of access concerns.

Well, if what I've read within the attached documents is all there is with regard to both program and physical accessibility required by the "Plan", I have concerns about the present program that apparently had the parklet policy enforcement role taken away from DPW. Apparently, the Planning Department is now in charge of the City's Parklet Program. Is that a correct assumption on my part? If so, does Planning have trained inspection staff to inspect installed Parklets? And if a Parklet is found to be out of compliance with the City's Parklet program, what is the Planning Department's authority to enforce the program requirements as they relate to both program and physical access for persons with disabilities?

I've done quick review of the documents (attached below) and it doesn't appear (although I may have missed it) to have anything within the Parklet Program documents that speaks to the issues of state and federal accessibility requirements. I would have thought that there would be a substantial section within those documents defining what state and federal access requirements relate to the placing of a dining, sitting public use on public, Title II, City owned sidewalks and streets.

What, if any input did the Mayor's Office on Disability have in the development of the City Parklet Program?

These are all questions every city, county, state agency (in our case, CalbTrans) should be asking when developing a parklet program. I'm sorry to say that most, if not all, haven't and aren't. Hopefully the City of San Francisco will create a fully accessible for everyone parklet program that will help other communities know what they should and must do to make their parklets fully accessible to everyone.

I look forward to getting a timely response from you. It appears that the Planning Department hearing about the City Parklet Program will be taking place this next week, so hearing from you prior to the hearing will be important.

Thank you.

Richard Skaff, Executive Director  
Designing Accessible Communities

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----- Forwarded message -----

From:

Date: Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 3:16 PM

Subject: SF Planning Commission hearing 4/22 on permanent "Shared Spaces" program

To: Richard Skaff <[richardskaff1@gmail.com](mailto:richardskaff1@gmail.com)>

Attached is the report, and agenda. It is Agenda item 8.



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Masood Samereie, President

cc: Supervisor Mandelman staff  
SFMTA Shared Spaces Project Manager

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**From:** Emily Abraham <eabraham@sfchamber.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 6:17 PM  
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Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Emily Abraham



**Emily Abraham**

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**Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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**Subject:** San Francisco Planning Department Policy/Program - Shared Spaces (Parklets)

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Mayor Breed and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

I'm writing to you to ask that you direct the City Planning Director to cease his Department's efforts to create the City/Planning Department "Shared Spaces" program.

During last week's Planning Department Workshop, there were many individuals who spoke eloquently about their concerns regarding the proposed Shared Spaces Program as presently proposed and structured.

One of the concerns raised was the lack of any specificity regarding the state and federal mandates for both physical and "programmatic" accessibility. There is only cursory and inadequate language about those mandates presently included in the Program documents.

The second major failure of the Shared Spaces/Parklet Program is the almost complete lack of any details that define how the Shared Spaces/Parklets placed in a street parking lane will be created and what specific systems will be used/required by the Department's Shared Spaces/Parklet Program to physically protect members of the public from the intrusion of vehicles when the public is sitting/standing in those spaces.

The following is a URL with a video and written news article describing a recent event where a vehicle ran into a Shared Space/Parklet, injuring some of those sitting in that space.

<https://news.yahoo.com/2-injured-car-crashes-san-064019509.html>

Please immediately inform me whether the development of the City's Shared Spaces/Parklet Program will immediately be suspended until the concerns regarding physical and programmatic

accessibility for people with disabilities and the safety of those using those spaces are effectively and completely resolved.

I look forward to your timely response.

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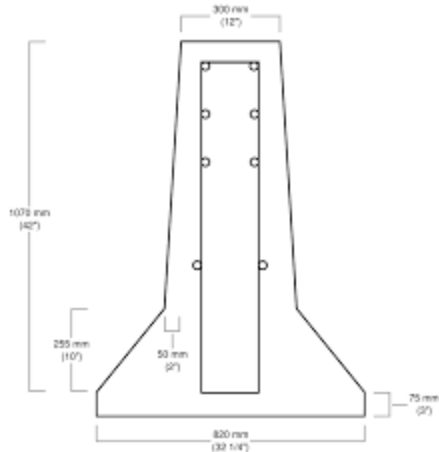
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**To:** [Michael Newman](#)  
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**Subject:** Dangerous Parklets/Shared Spaces  
**Date:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 5:08:36 PM

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I'm not surprised by the following news report regarding a vehicle injuring diners sitting in a San Francisco Parklet/Shared Space site that had no vehicle barrier to protect those in the Parklet/Shared Space. It was only a matter of time!

The SF Planning Commission and staff (and many other cities/counties throughout the State) have created these programs that have no clear requirement mandating the use of a recognized vehicle barrier systems like "K Rail" (there are a number of vehicle



barricading systems allowed by the MUTCD) as defined in both the federal and state Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices, that I believe are required to be placed between the active vehicle lanes and the parking lane where the Parklets/Shared Spaces programs allow businesses to create seating/dining tables and chairs in the parking lane in front of the business that created the space.

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**Date:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 6:27:30 PM  
**Attachments:** [8. Shared Spaces 20210422 CPC.pdf](#)  
[guidelines for cafe tables and chair permit.pdf](#)  
[4887-Tables and Chairs 2015 Guidelines Signed Order 0.pdf](#)

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Hello, Michael.

I just received an email from a San Francisco resident with the following TV News story:

<https://news.yahoo.com/2-injured-car-crashes-san-064019509.html>

This accident, as described within the attached video and written story, is not surprising and apparently not the only vehicle accident involving a vehicle driving into an on-street/parking lane Parklets/Shared Spaces. Apparently, there have been a number of other similar accidents.

Of course, the issue of dining tables and chairs, A Frame Signs, and product displays on public sidewalks also create a dangerous path of travel condition if not properly designed, especially for blind/low visioned pedestrians but are also problematic for those pedestrians using wheelchairs for mobility. I've attached a copy of the San Francisco Department of Public Works **GUIDELINES FOR CAFÉ TABLES AND CHAIRS PERMIT** and **Tables and Chairs 2015 Guidelines** for your review.

Michael, please confirm receipt of the many emails I've sent you today and yesterday and that you are able to open and review the attachments. If you have any questions, please email or call me to discuss.

Thank you.

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# Shared Spaces

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Thursday, April 22, 2021

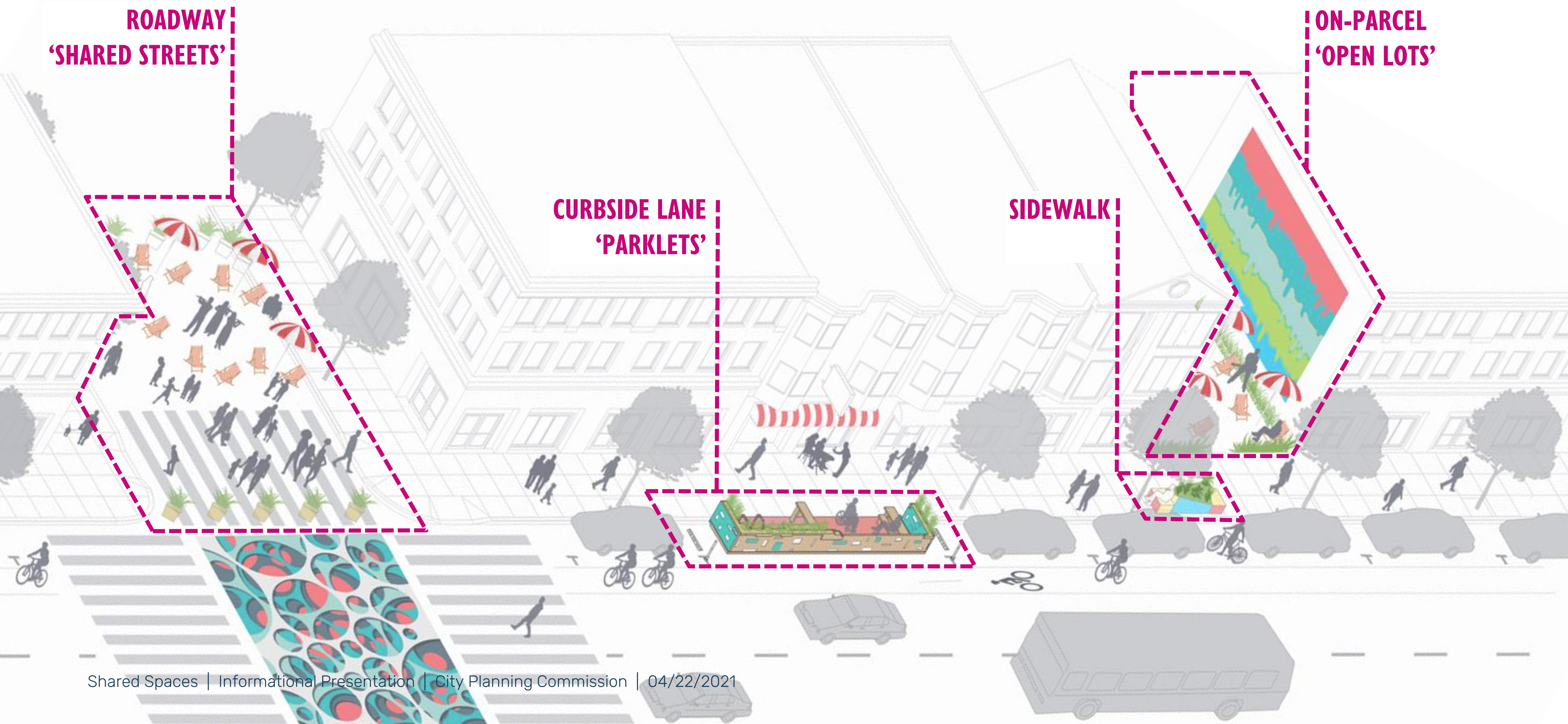


# Topics

1. Context & Snapshot of Shared Spaces Program Today
2. Policy Goals and Legislative Actions
3. Transitioning to a Codified Program
4. Questions & Discussion

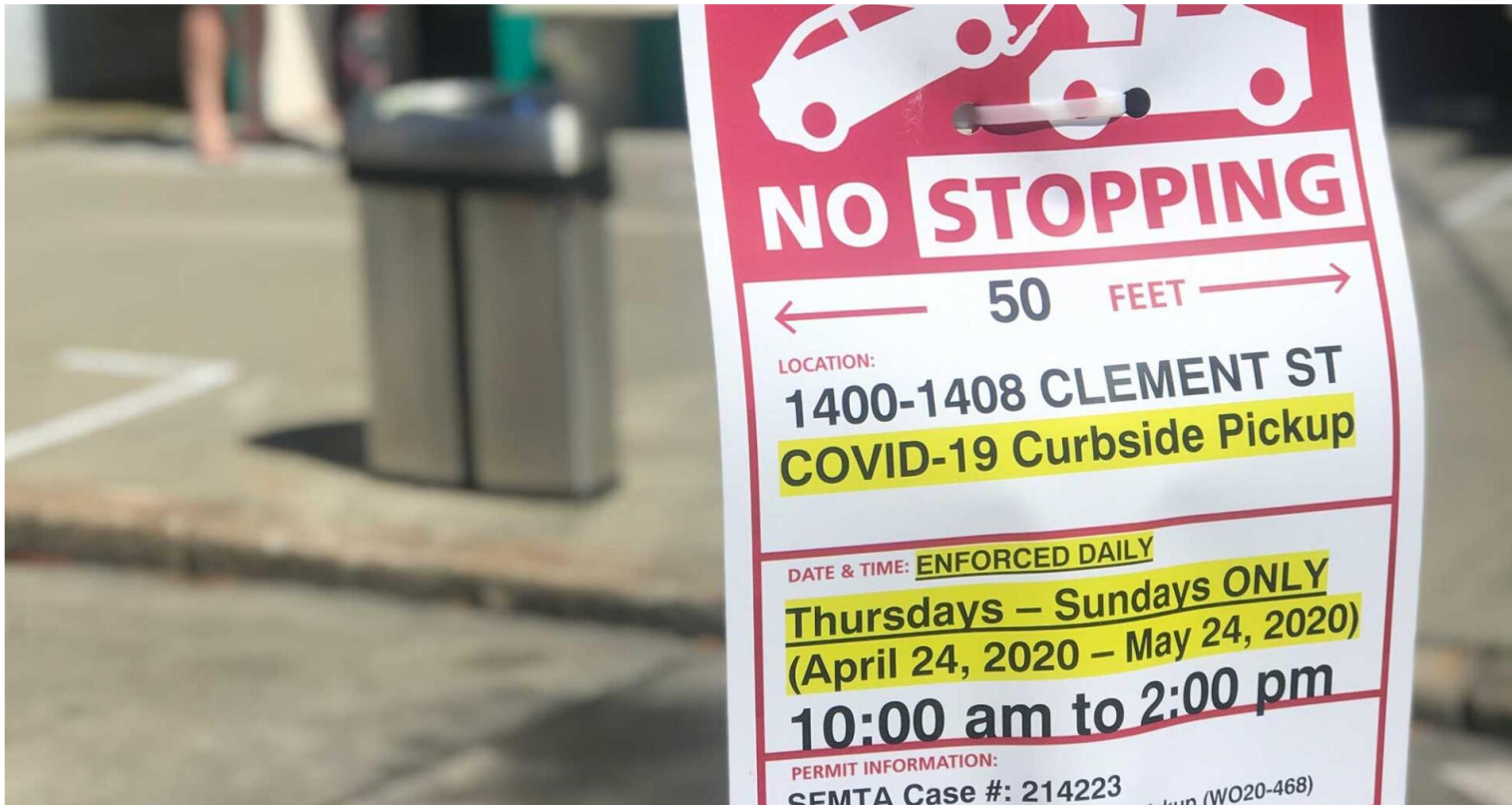


# Where are Shared Spaces?





# How are Shared Spaces used?



Curbside Pickup



Outdoor Retail



Distanced Queuing



Personal Services



Outdoor Dining



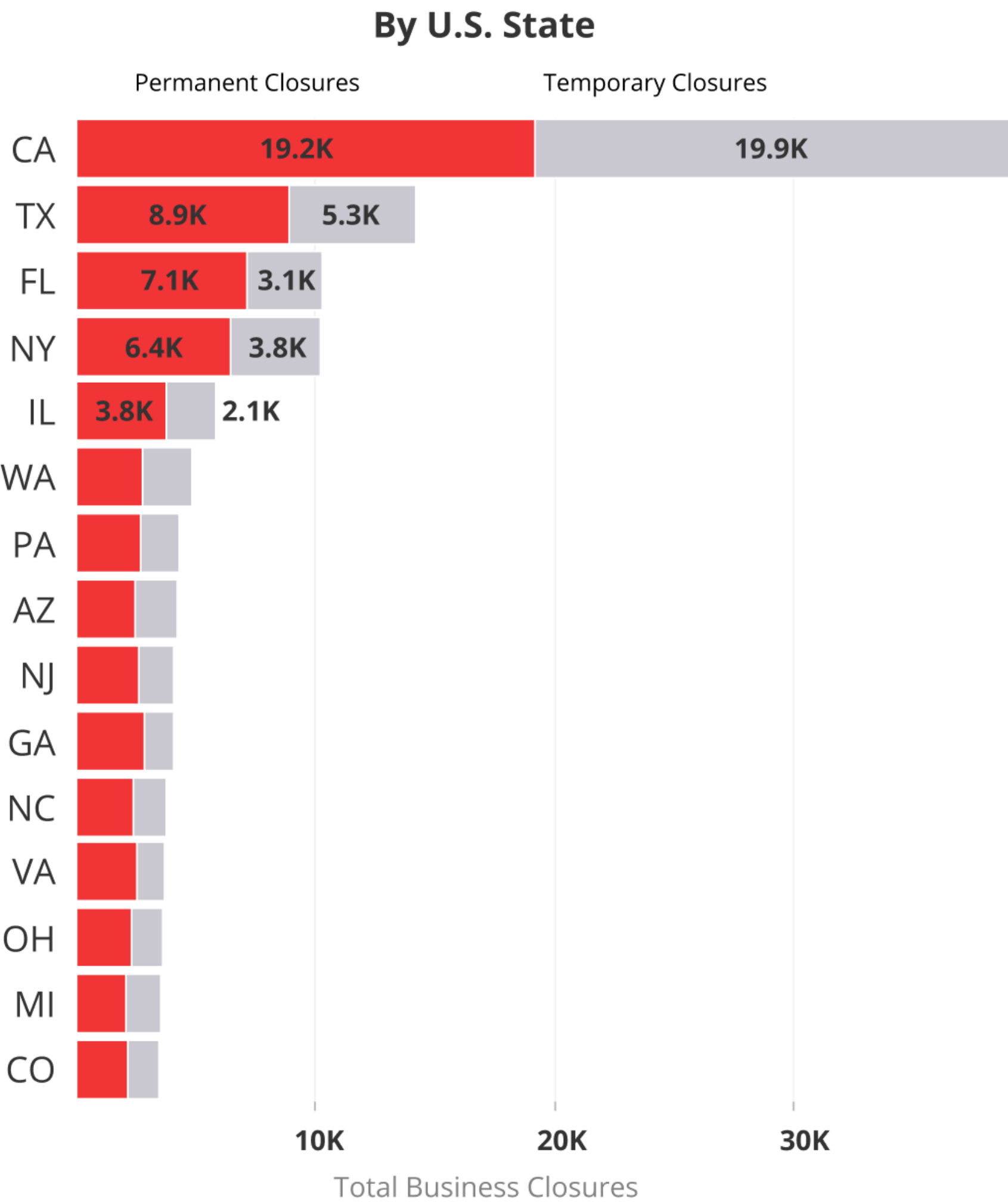
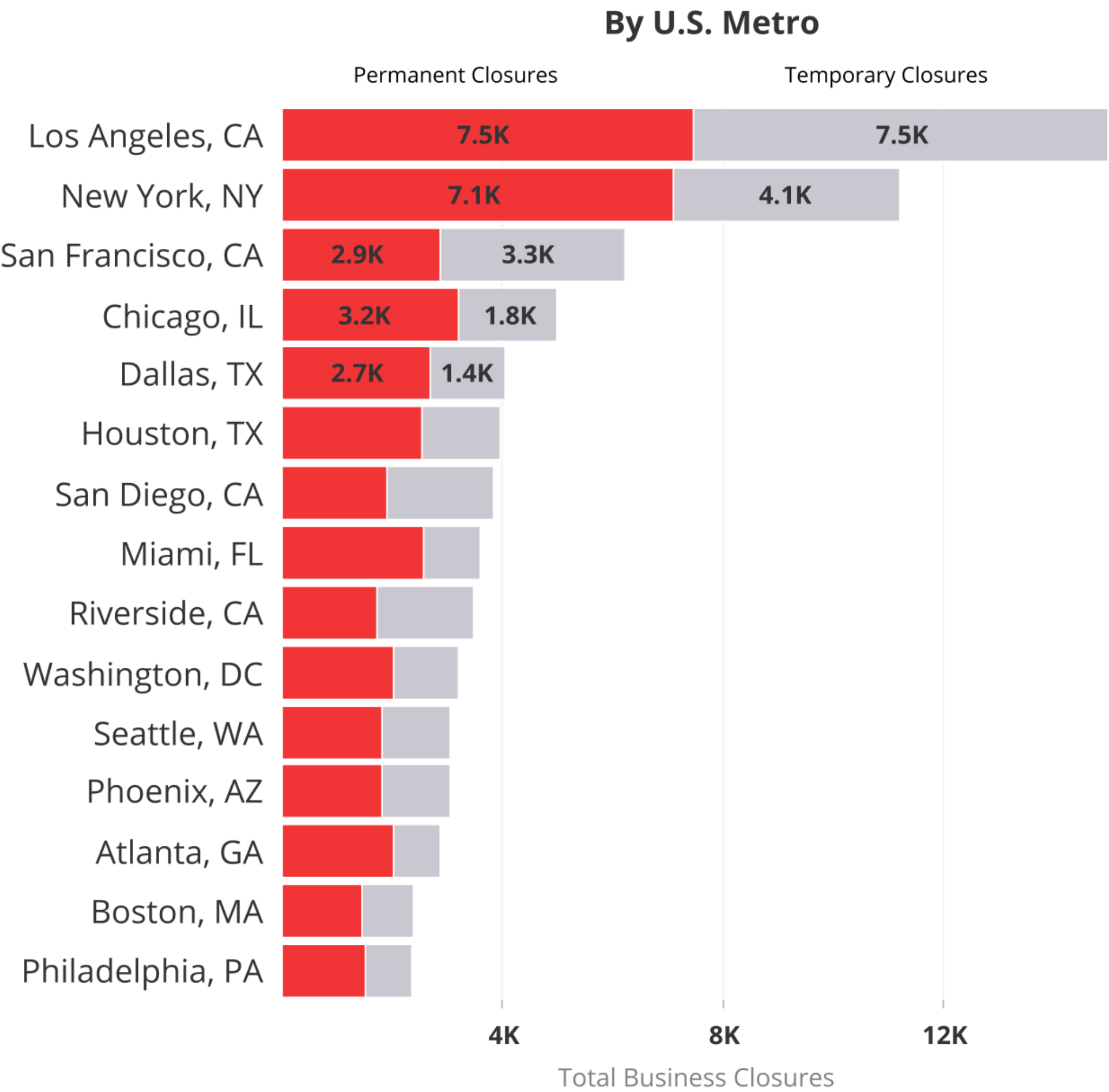
Entertainment



# Economic Context

## Where are the Most Businesses Closed?

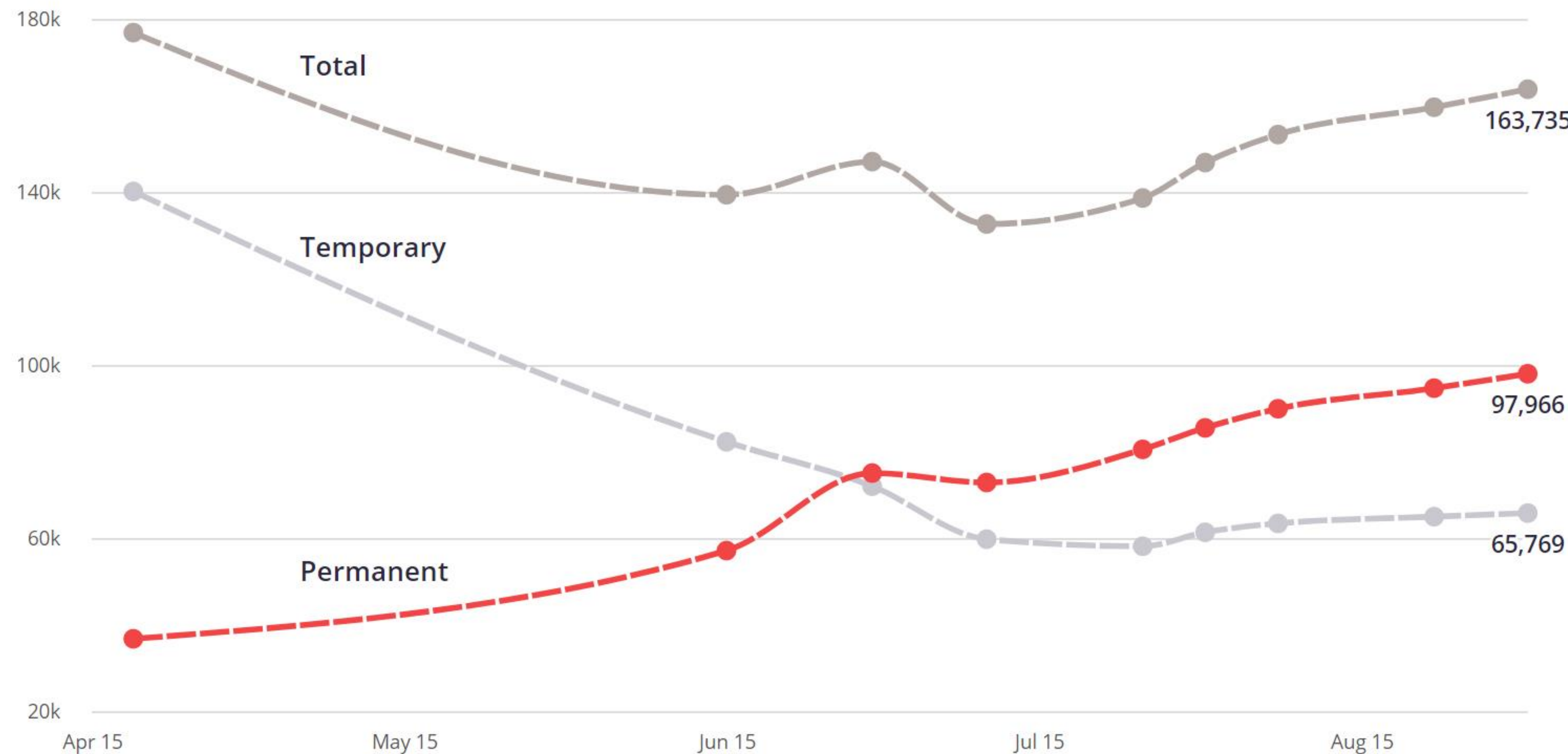
Geographic areas with the largest number of business closures since March 1



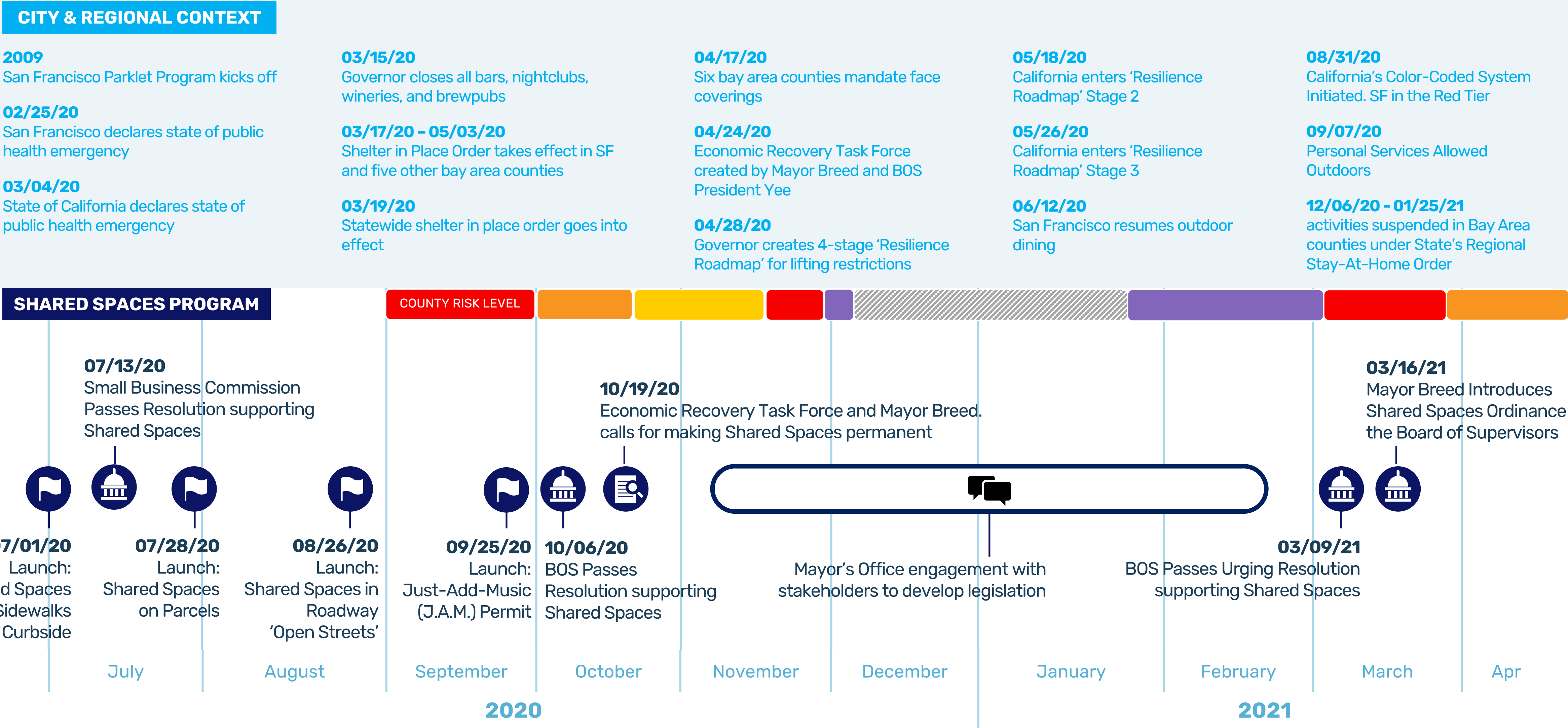
# Responding to Economic Context

## Business Closures Continue to Increase Nationally

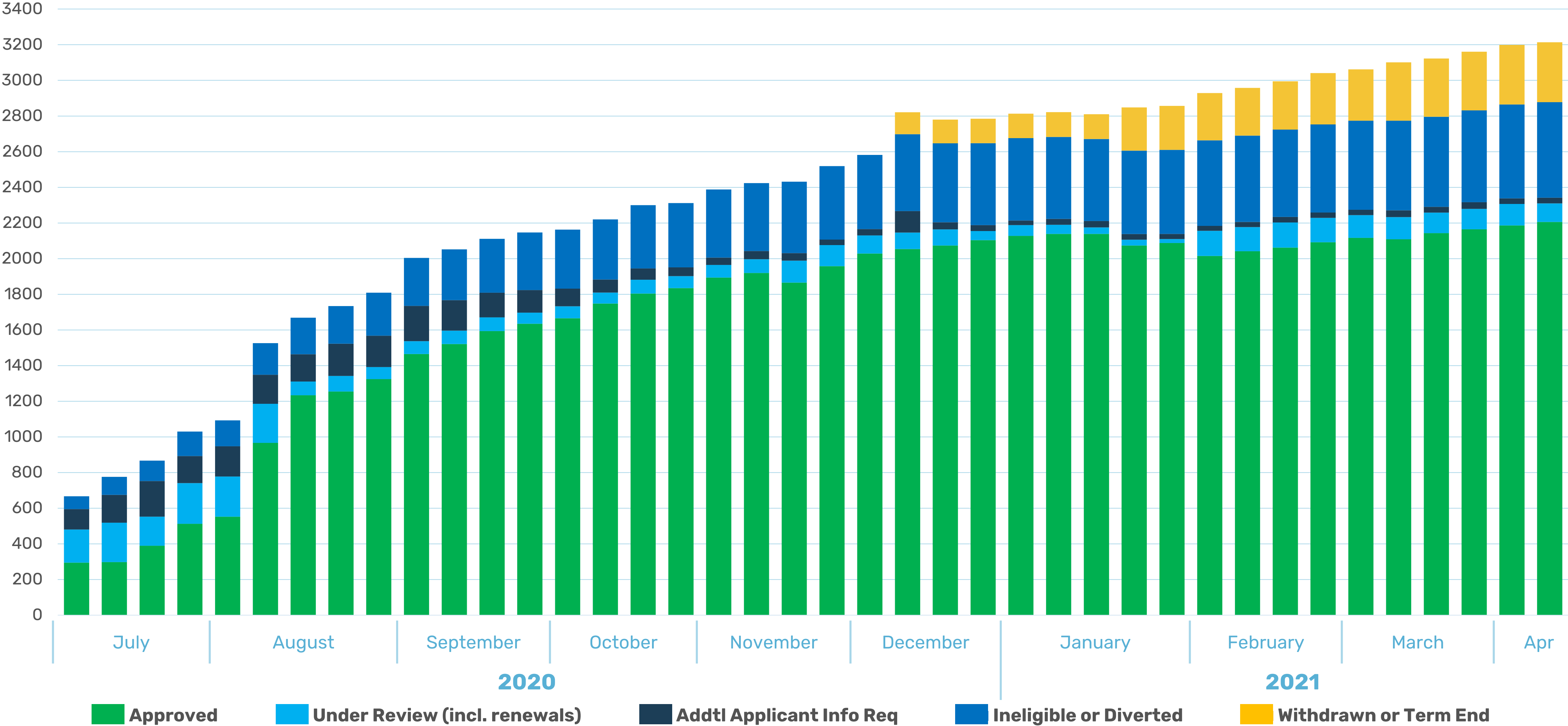
Number of businesses marked closed on Yelp that were open March 1



# Timeline of Program Evolution

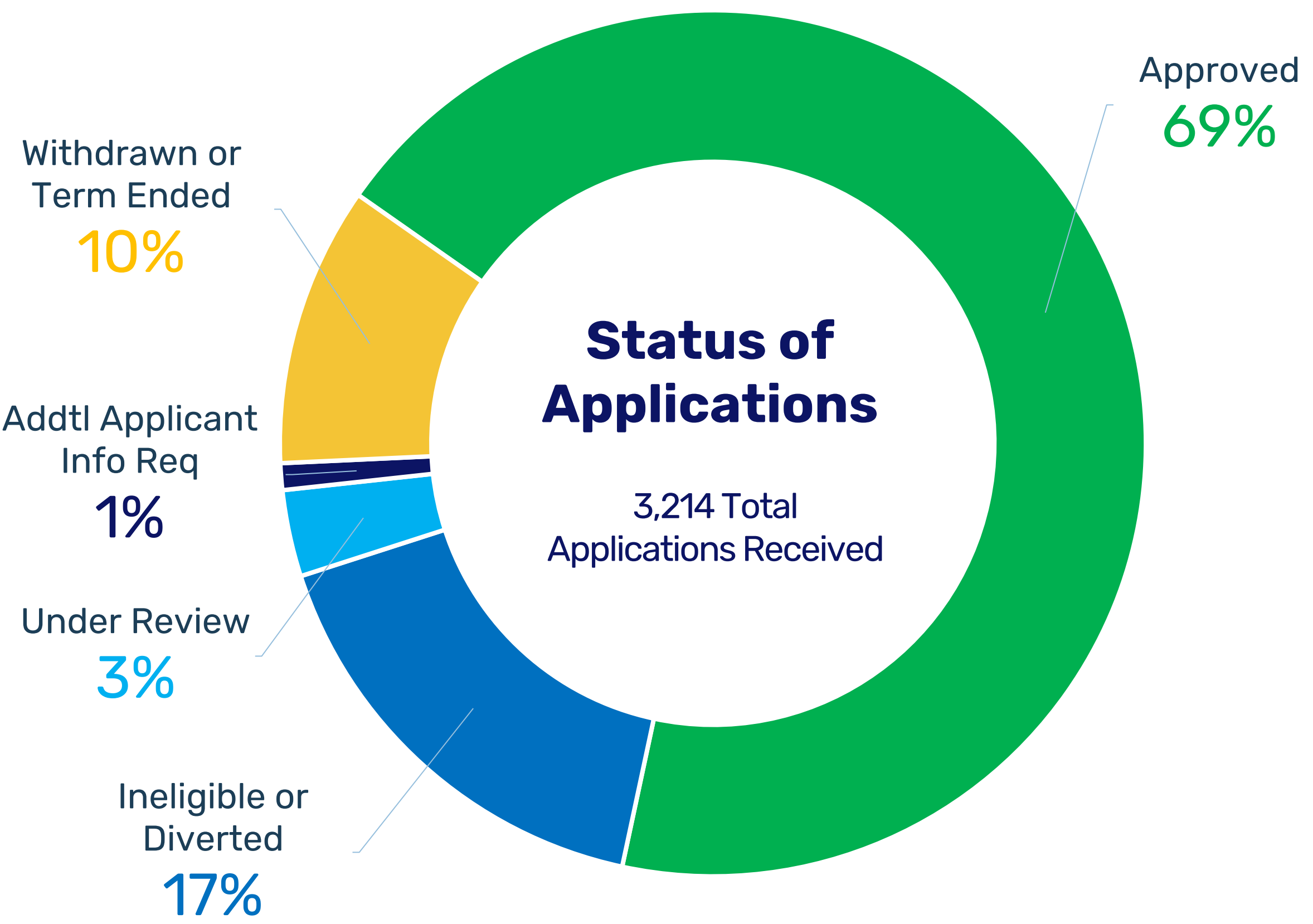
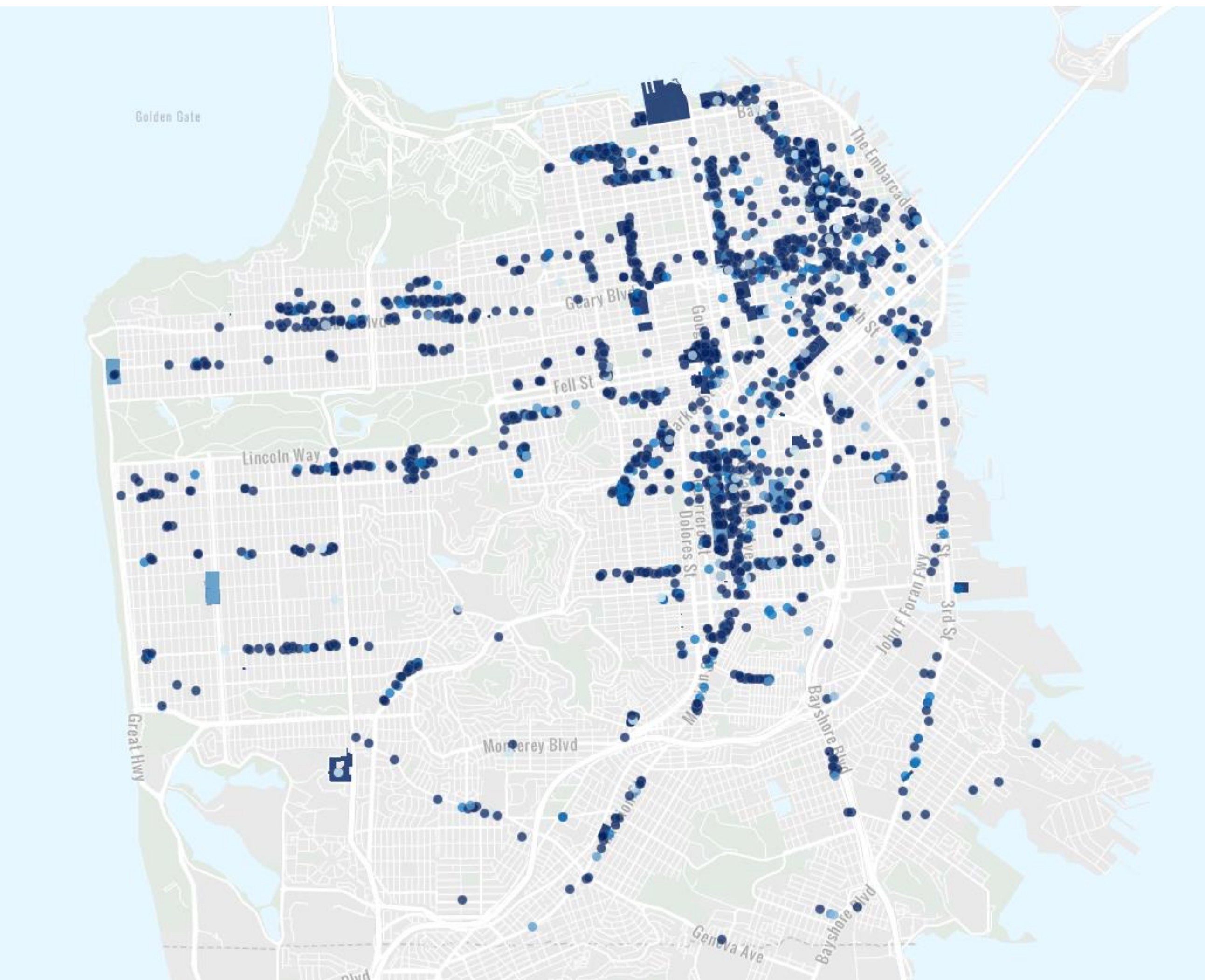


# Timeline of Program Growth by week



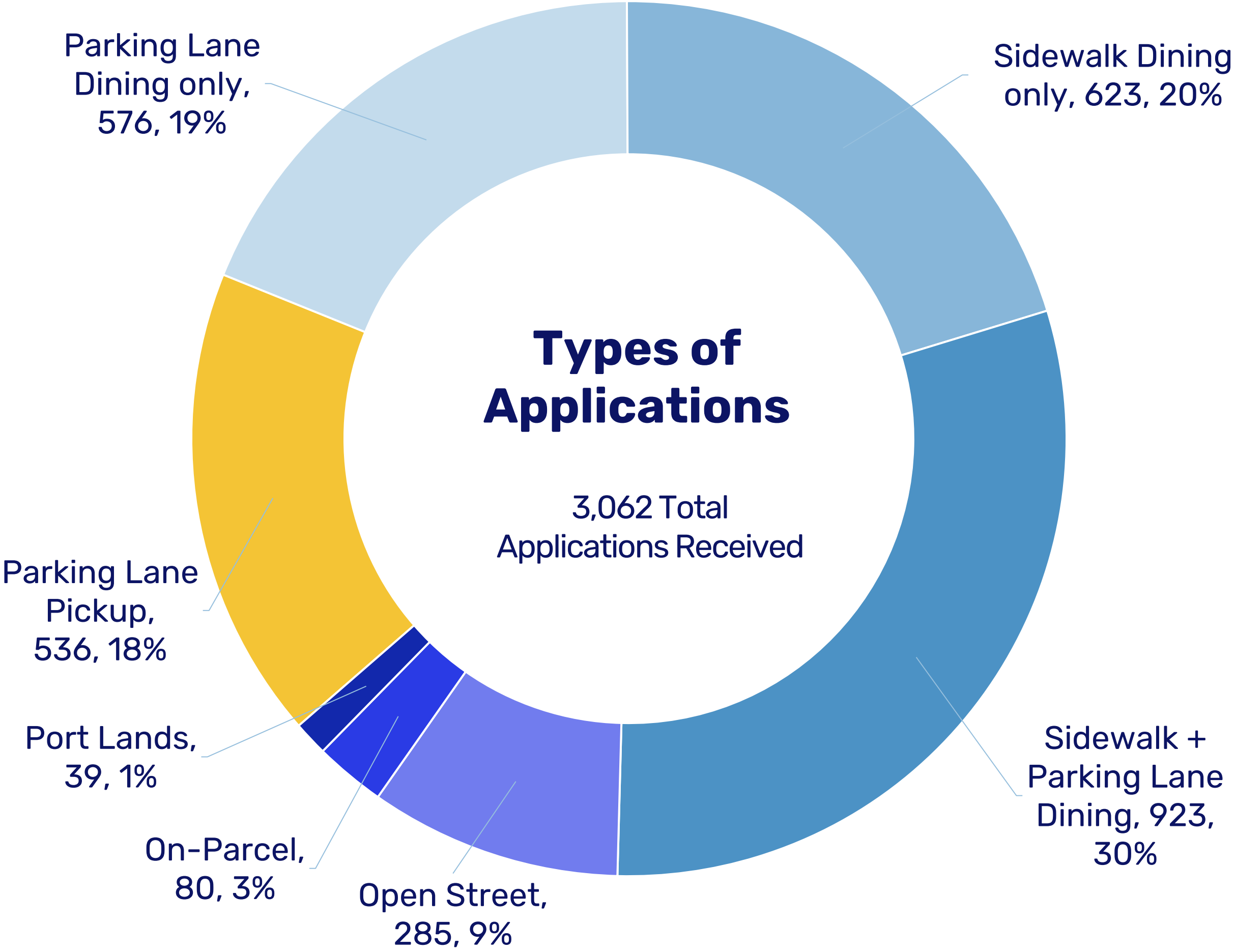
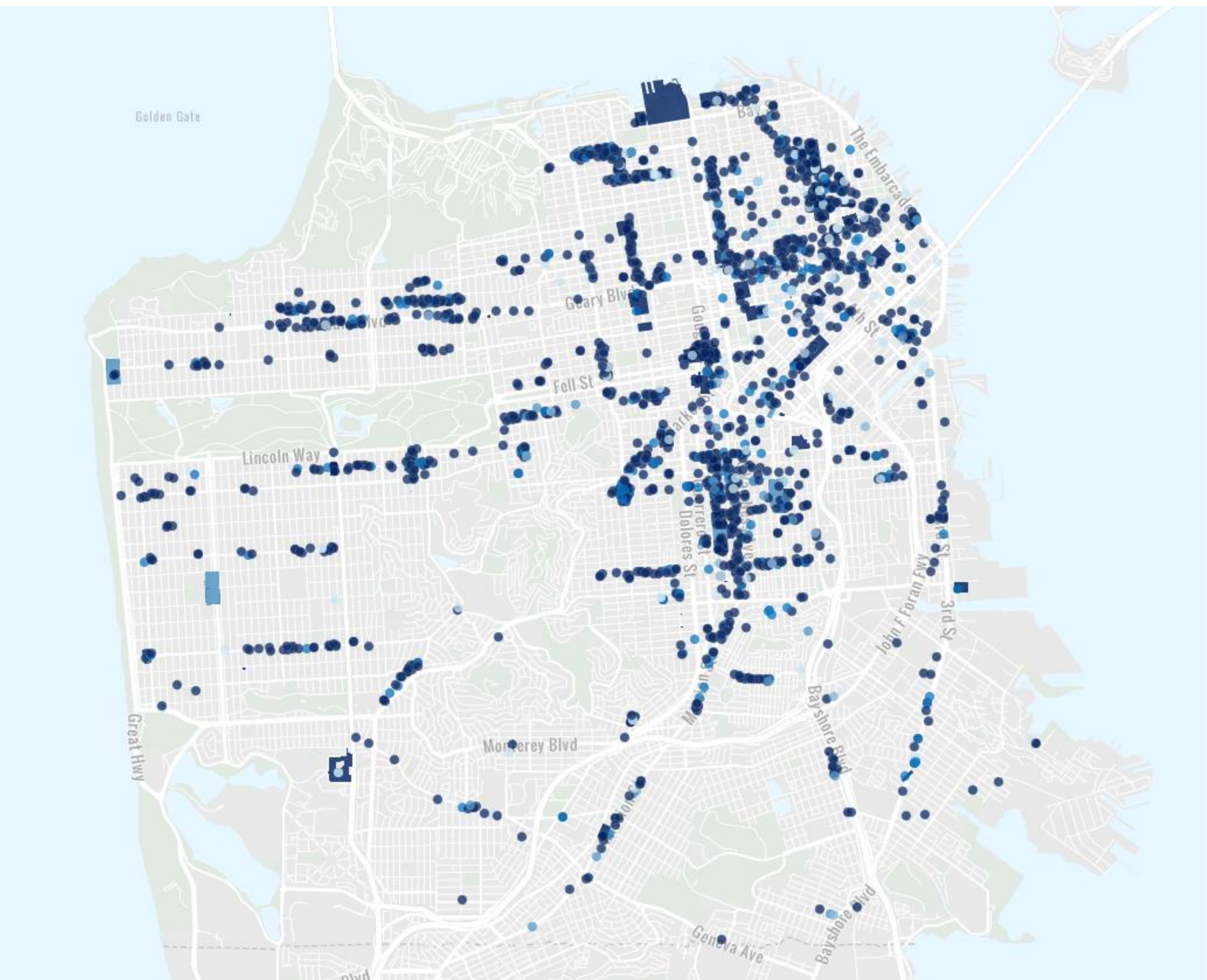


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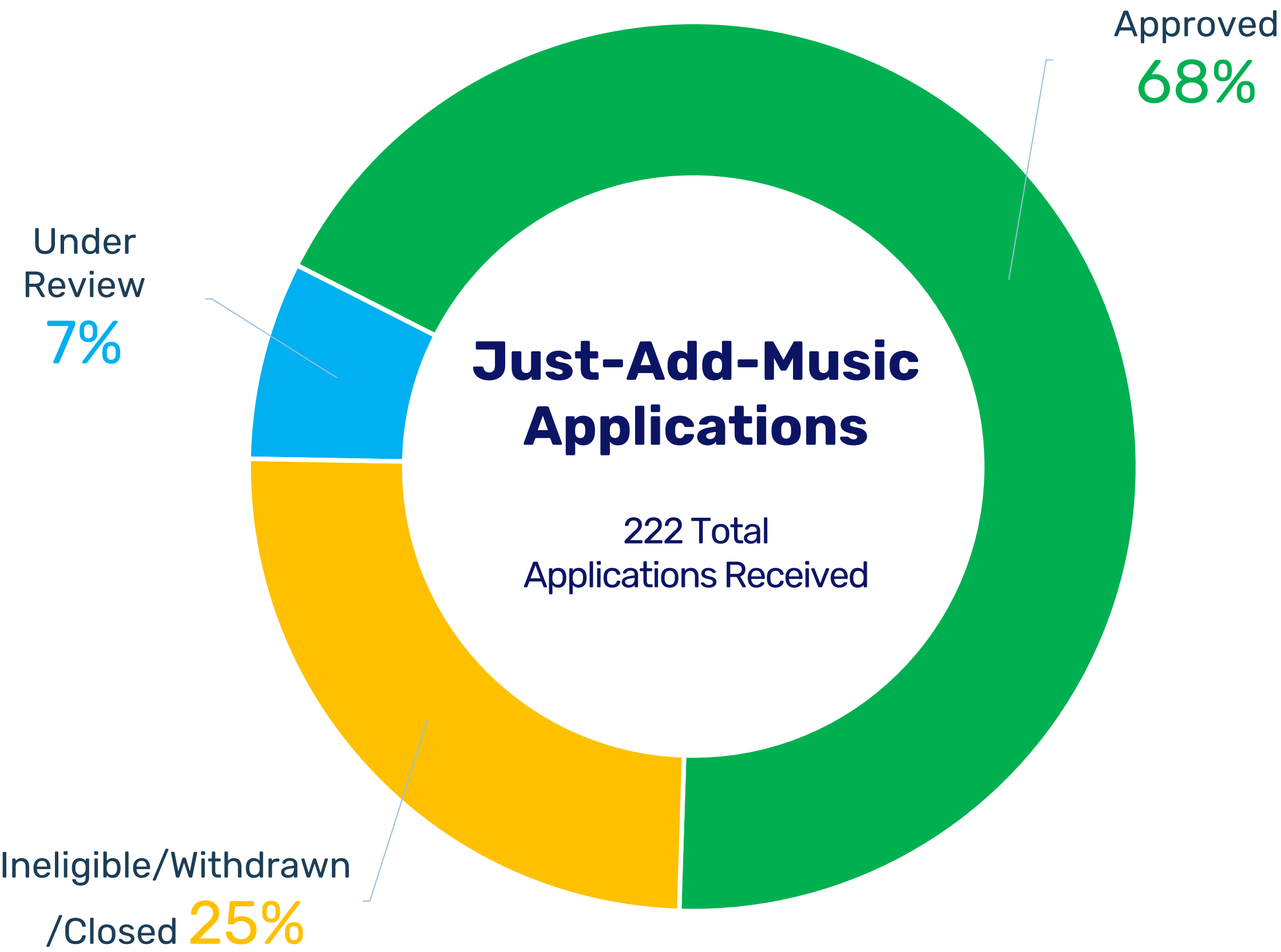




# Shared Spaces Program Statistics



"Lilac Lot" activation by Calle 24





# What are the benefits?



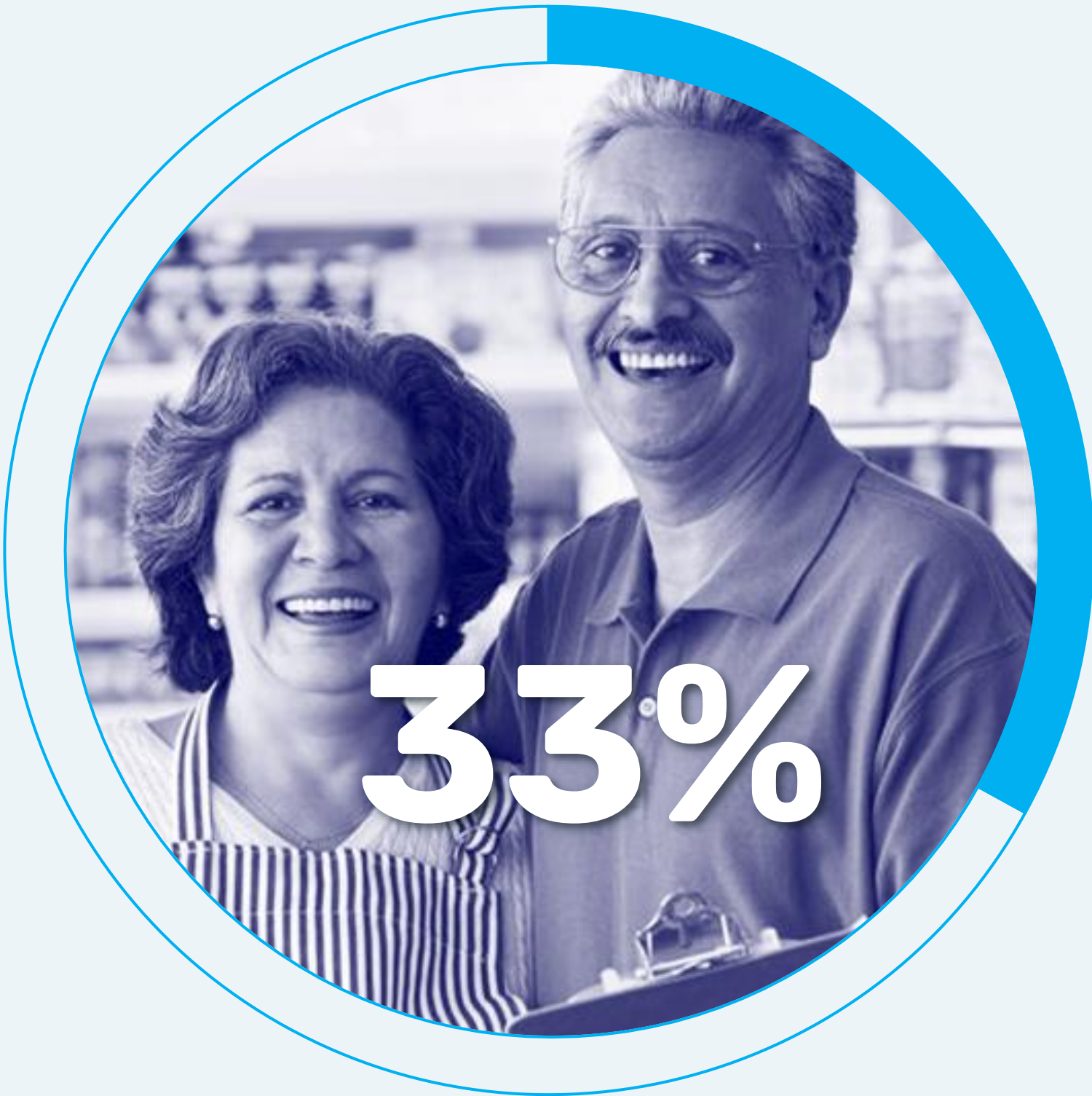
- A Shared Space Permit has a **positive benefit** for struggling small businesses.
- A sample of over 100 restaurants with an active permit for the entire first quarter of the program (July to September 2020) **generated an additional \$82k in taxable sales**, compared to other comparable restaurants without Shared Spaces. The second quarter of the program had hundreds more active permits, salvaging even more in taxable sales.
- Shared Spaces permits are a **benefit in all neighborhoods**, even those commercial districts that were doing less well than others before the pandemic.



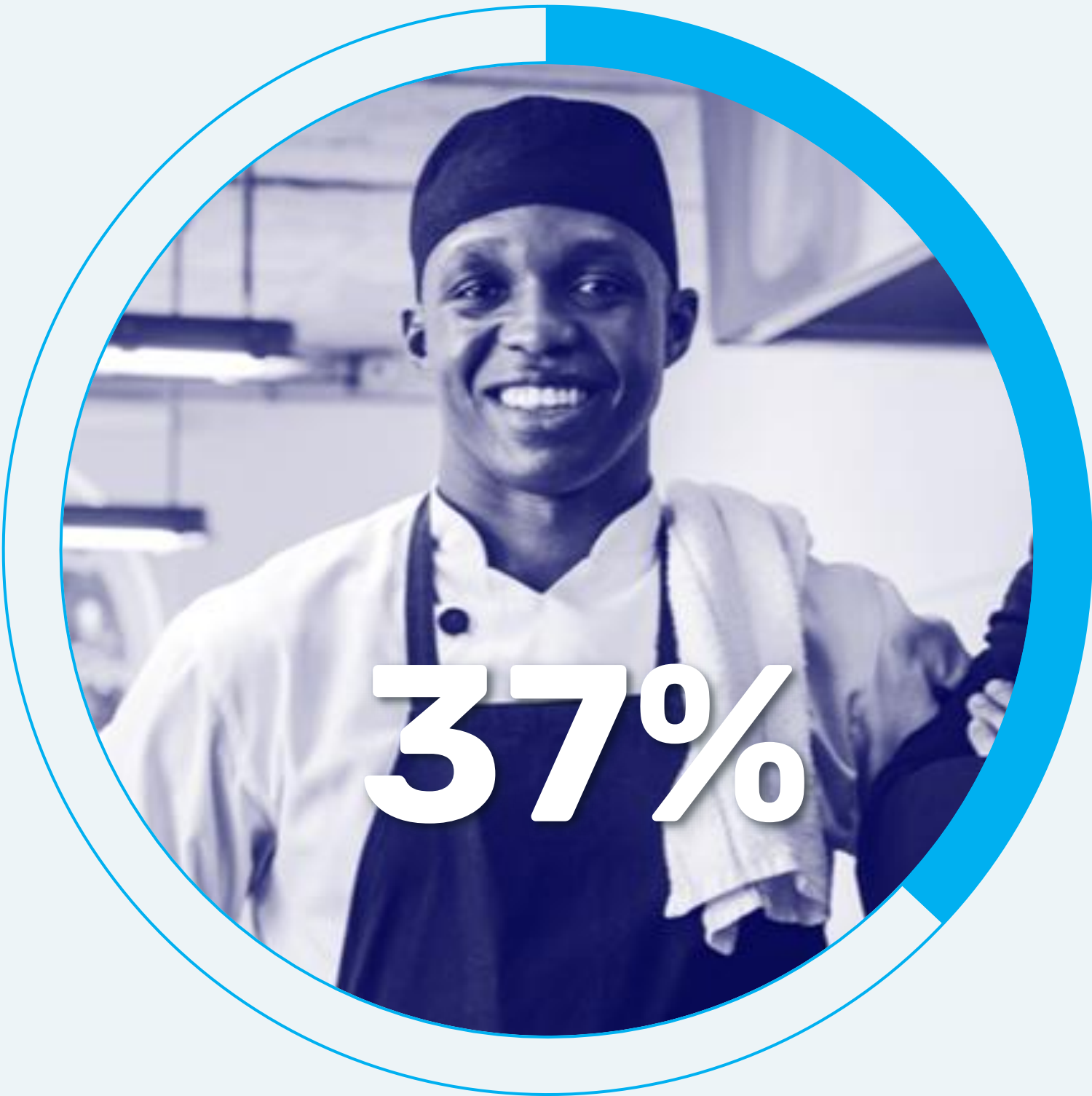
# Who are Shared Spaces Small Businesses?



WOMEN-OWNED



IMMIGRANT-OWNED



'MINORITY-OWNED'

# What do Shared Spaces operators want for the future?



*"The Shared Spaces Program enabled me to reopen under public health directives..."*



**8%**  
Strongly  
Disagree  
or N/A

**8%**  
Disagree

**34%**  
Agree

**50%**  
Strongly Agree



# What do Shared Spaces operators want for the future?



*"The Shared Spaces Program is enabling me to avoid permanent closure..."*



**6%**  
Strongly  
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or N/A

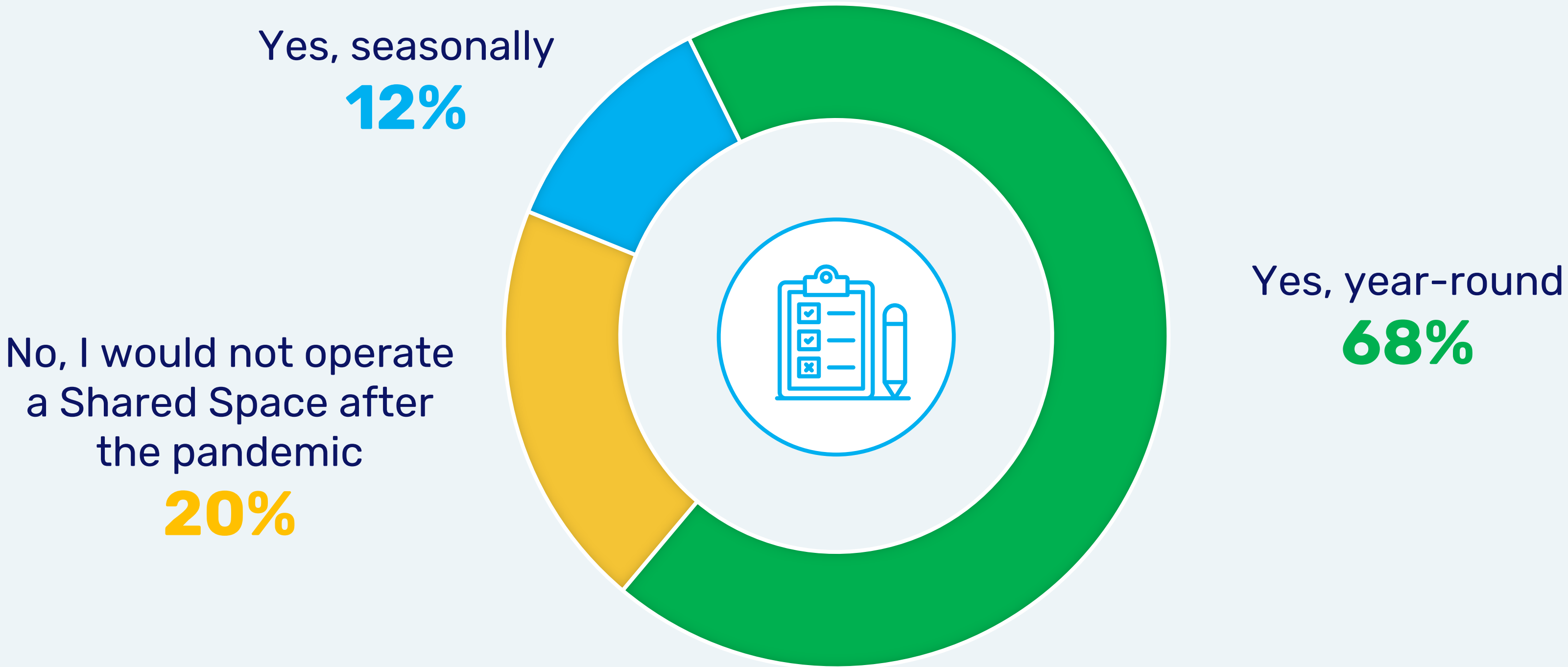
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**39%**  
Agree

**41%**  
Strongly Agree

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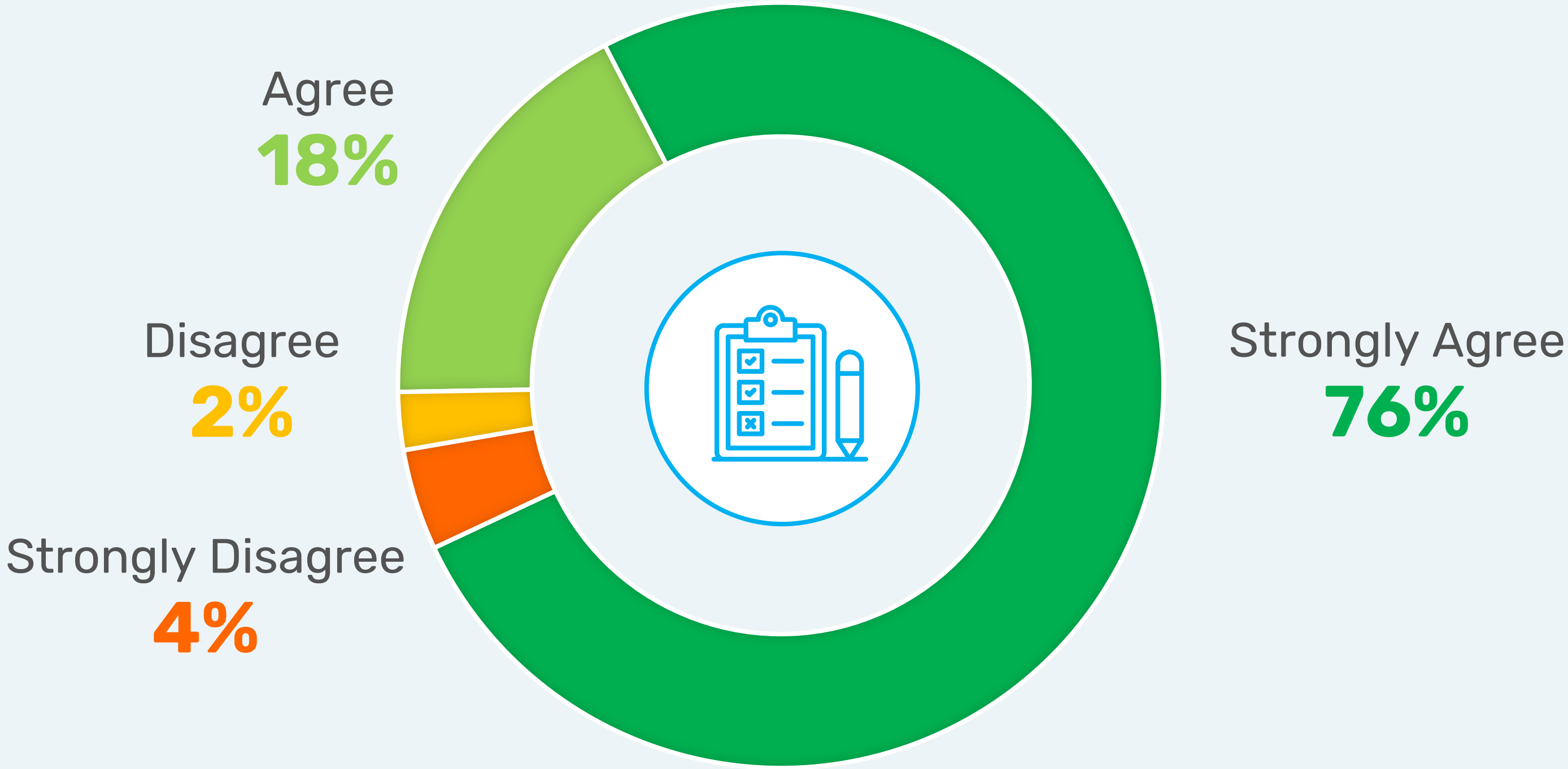
*"I would operate a Shared Space if permits are extended..."*





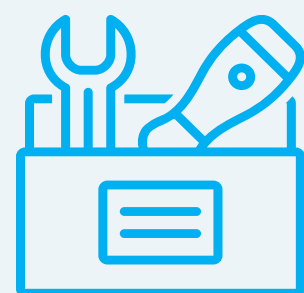
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*"I would operate an outdoor Shared Space even if I am allowed to operate indoors."*





# Shared Spaces Ordinance: Policy Goals



**1.**  
**Simplify the  
City's Toolbox**



**2.**  
**Prioritize Equity  
& Inclusion**



**3.**  
**Phase Implementation  
with Economic  
Conditions**



**4.**  
**Encourage Arts,  
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**5.**  
**Balance Curbside  
Functions**



**6.**  
**Maintain  
Public Access**



**7.**  
**Efficient Permit  
Review & Approval**



**8.**  
**Clear Public  
Input Procedures**



**9.**  
**Coordinated  
Enforcement**



# 1. Simplify the City's Toolbox



**Consolidate similar pre-covid permit types** into Shared Spaces, rather than creating whole new provisions alongside pre-existing ones.

**Maximize efficiency for permittees and administering departments** by aligning approvals timetables, public notice requirements, appeals procedures, and enforcement triggers across typologies and jurisdictions.





## 2. Prioritize Equity & Inclusion



**Ensure needs of disabled persons are accommodated.**

**Prioritize City resources** for those neighborhoods and communities most impacted by historical disparities.

**Prioritize locations** of most vulnerable populations for the City's project management, funding, and materials.

**Provide grants** for materials, technical assistance, and community ambassadors.





### 3. Phase Implementation with Economic Conditions



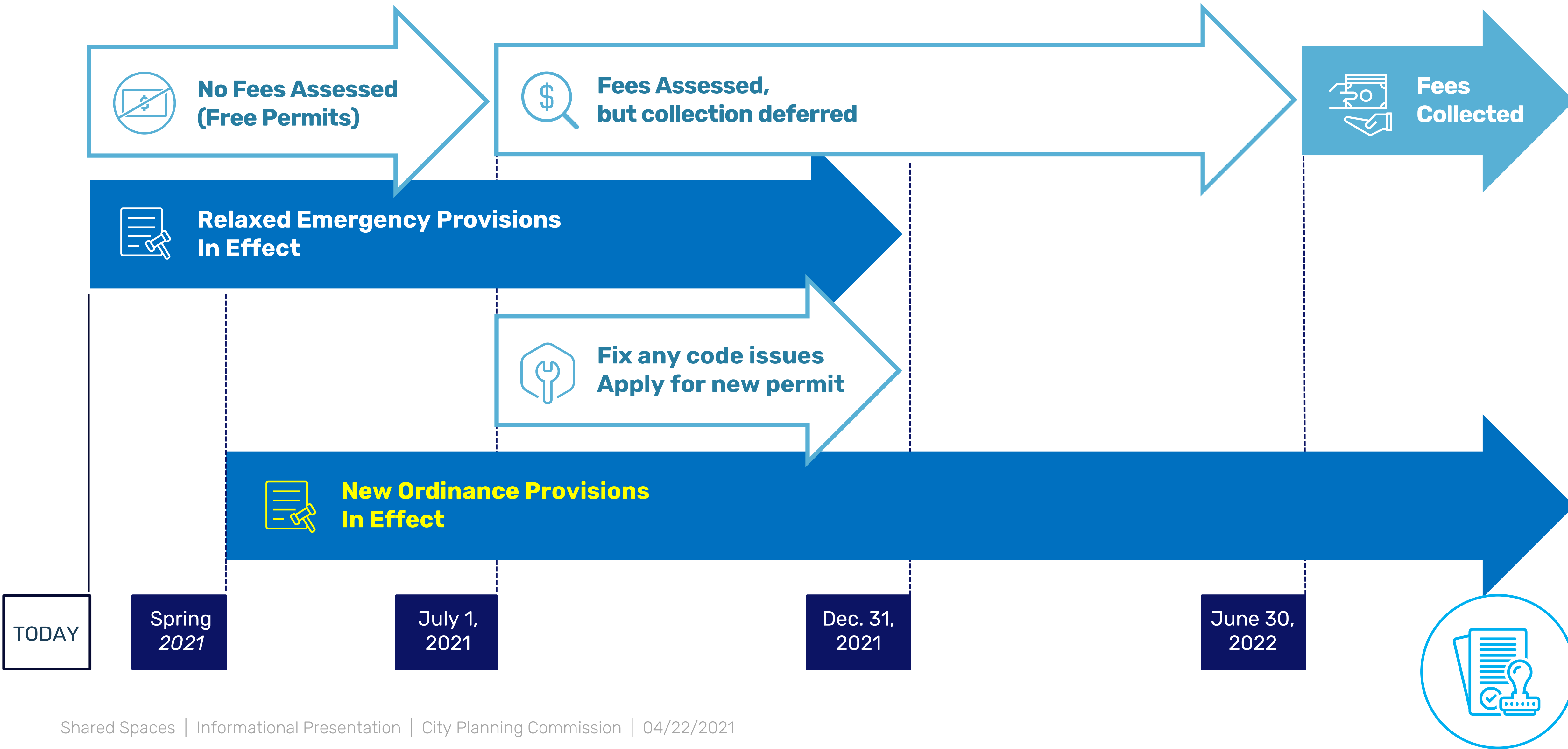
**Economic recovery will be a long process,** exceeding the state of public health emergency and spanning multiple future fiscal years.

Code Requirements and fees for Shared Spaces should be implemented in phases that are **calibrated to stages of economic improvement.**





# 3. Phase Implementation with Economic Conditions





## 4. Encourage Arts, Culture & Entertainment Activities



Carry forward the features of the **Just Add Music (JAM) Permit**.

Once a Shared Space permit has been granted, authorizing occupancy by the project sponsor on that land, **allow for** the project sponsor to provide **recurring entertainment, arts & culture activities**.

Allow for arts & culture activities to be **primary; not just accessory** to dining or other commerce.





# 5.1 Balance Curbside Functions



**Balance Shared Spaces occupancies** with loading, micromobility, short-term car parking, and other needs on the block and corridor.

**Encourage sharing and turnover** of Shared Spaces locations amongst merchants on the block.

**Transit First** and **Vision Zero** Policies remain priorities.





## 6. Maintain Public Access



image: Samuel Heller

**Shared Spaces, as occupancies of public space and the public realm, should provide for some public access:**

- During daylight hours while not being used for commercial purposes
- At least one seating opportunity – such as a bench – during business hours
- A graduated fee schedule will correspond to types of use.





# 6. Public Access: Proposed Curbside Use Types & Fees



**1** Public Parklet



**2** Movable Commercial Parklet



**3** Commercial Parklet





# 6. Public Access: Proposed Curbside Use Types & Fees







**2 Movable Commercial Parklet**






# 6. Public Access: Proposed Curbside Use Types & Fees

| TIER | TYPE                                                              |  PUBLIC ACCESS                      |  COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY |  DAILY OCCUPANCY |  CONSTRUCTION |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | <b>Public Parklet</b><br><i>Like pre-COVID parklets</i>           | Entire facility during daylight hours through 10pm                                                                    | None                                                                                                    | 24 hours                                                                                            | Fixed Structure                                                                                  |
| 2    | <b>Movable Commercial Parklet</b>                                 | At least one bench during hours of commercial operation                                                               | During hours of operation                                                                               | During hours of Operation                                                                           | Movable Fixtures                                                                                 |
| 3    | <b>Commercial Parklet</b><br><i>Like most Shared Spaces today</i> | At least one bench during hours of commercial operation, Otherwise entire facility during daylight hours through 10pm | During hours of operation                                                                               | 24 hours                                                                                            | Fixed Structure                                                                                  |



# 6. Public Access: Proposed Curbside Use Types & Fees

| TIER | TYPE                       | OCCUPANCY FEES*     |                               |                   | ENTERTAINMENT FEES |                |
|------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|      |                            | First Annual        |                               | Annual Renewal    | First Annual       | Annual Renewal |
| 1    | Public Parklet             | \$1,000             | \$250                         | \$100             | \$507              | \$200          |
| 2    | Movable Commercial Parklet | \$3,000             | \$1,000                       | \$1,500           | \$507              | \$200          |
| 3    | Commercial Parklet         | \$6,000             | \$1,500                       | \$3,000           | \$507              | \$200          |
|      |                            | First Parking Space | Each Additional Parking Space | Per Parking Space | Per Site           |                |







## 6. Public Access: Proposed Curbside Use Types & Fees



All Application Fees are **collected by a single agency** – the one that Issues the final permit. Funds are then distributed to other agency / agencies as appropriate.

Ongoing annual renewal fee collection integrated into the **Unified License Fee**

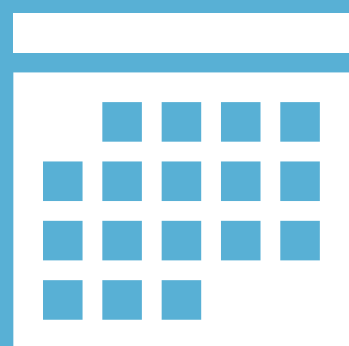




## 7. Efficient Permit Review & Approvals



**Create a single, one-stop permit intake portal** for the applicant. The intake system will then route necessary information to the pertinent agencies for their reviews and approvals.



A **30-day approvals timetable** would allow for vastly better quality control up front, and also accommodate provisions for public noticing when required.



# 7.1 Permit Review & Approvals Timetable

DURING COVID



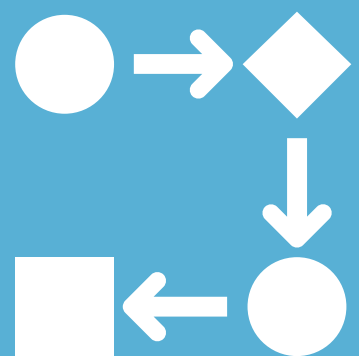

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IN THE FUTURE



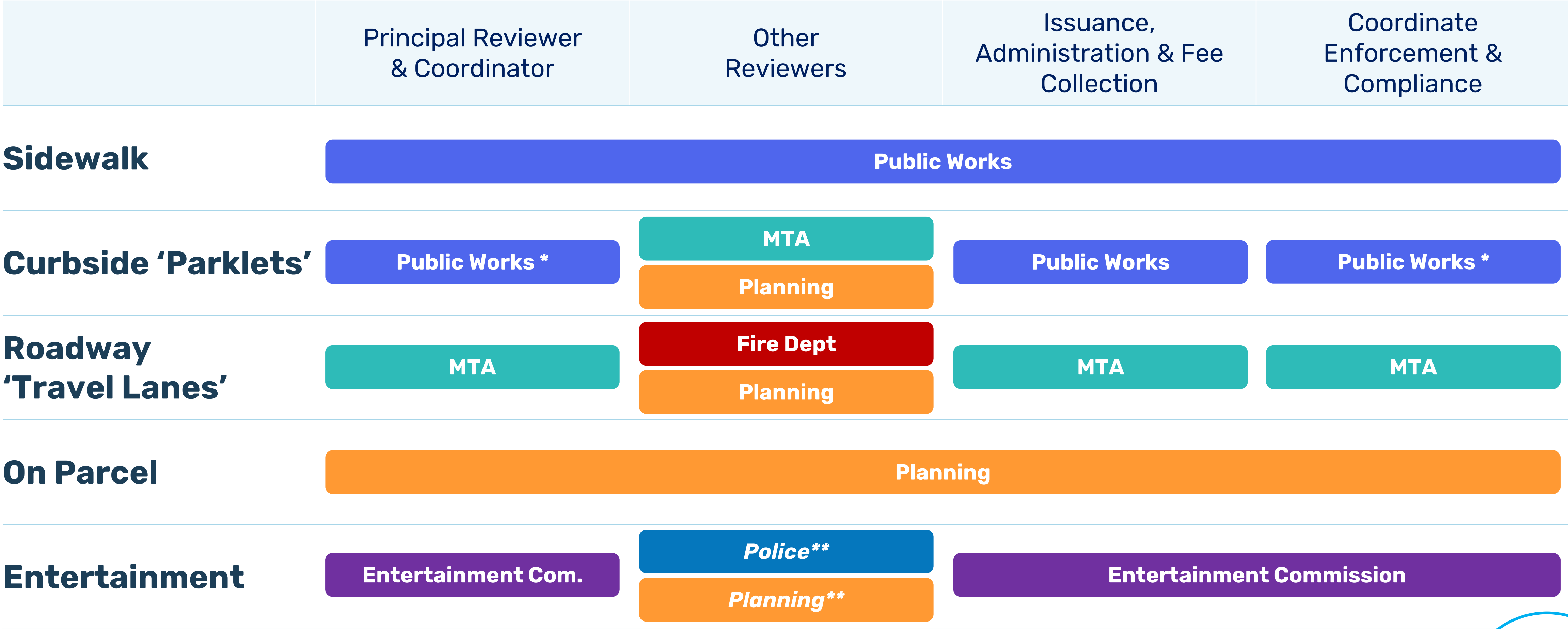


# 7.2 Permit Issuance and Administration

|                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | Articulate <b>clear sequence of review and/or approvals</b> for other agencies.                                                        |
|  | The permit will be <b>issued by the one city department</b> whose jurisdiction is associated with the proposed Shared Spaces location. |



# 7.2 Permit Issuance and Administration: In the Future



\* Including ADA, FIR, and PUC design standards  
\*\* If triggered by certain thresholds





## 8.1 Clear Public Input Procedures: Neighbor Consent



Shared Spaces strongly encourages **cooperation between neighbors** to help ensure the public realm in our commercial districts is being leveraged in a **balanced and sustainable** manner.





## 8.1 Clear Public Input Procedures: Neighbor Consent



When one merchant wishes to occupy a neighbor's frontage with a Shared Space, **written consent from that neighbor** is required. Either:

- the groundfloor tenant, or
- in the absence of a groundfloor tenant, the property manager or owner

**This requirement still applies** if your neighbor changes their mind, or a new tenant is established in the neighboring groundfloor space.





# 9. Coordinated Enforcement

LEAD AGENCY

SF Public Works



Sidewalk



SF Fire Department



Curbside  
'Parklets'



SF Mayor's Office  
on Disability

SFMTA



Roadway  
'Travel Lanes'



SF Planning



On Parcel

SF Police Department



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SUPPORTING AGENCIES





THANK YOU!

# Questions?

Robin Abad Ocubillo  
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# GUIDELINES FOR CAFÉ TABLES AND CHAIRS PERMIT



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San Francisco Public Works may find it necessary to request additional information after initial review of the application.

## NEW APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Complete the Café Tables and Chairs Permit Application Form. (Please fill out the form completely)
- ☐ Submit fully dimensioned computer generated site plan. (See Sample Diagram)
- ☐ Submit photos of the existing site conditions fronting your business.
- ☐ Submit San Francisco Business Registration Certificate for the requested address.
- ☐ Pay non-refundable processing fee: payable to San Francisco Public Works by a check, electronic check, money order or all major credit / debit cards. (See Fee Schedule)
- ☐ Copy of valid Certificate of Insurance (COI). The COI is evidence of general commercial liability coverage with language that must comply with Public Works Bureau of Street-Use & Mapping's requirements as identified in the Sample COI. *NOTE: The COI may be submitted when the Site Plan is approved by BSM, but prior to issuance of the permit.*

### COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION EITHER IN PERSON OR THROUGH EMAIL



#### IN PERSON

San Francisco Public Works, **Permit Center**  
Bureau of Street-Use & Mapping, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 200  
**Processing Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Closed on official holidays**



#### EMAIL

Electronic copies (PDF) of the application materials may be sent to:  
[BSMPermitDivision@sfdpw.org](mailto:BSMPermitDivision@sfdpw.org)

## RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

### Applicants can now renew permits online:

- Renewal Website: <http://bsm.sfdpw.org/permittracker/renew.aspx>
- Fee Payment Website: <http://bsm.sfdpw.org/cashiers/Kiosk.aspx>

### For renewals in-person or by mail, submit the following:

1. Copy of valid Certificate of Insurance that must comply with Public Works' requirements as identified in the Sample COI.
2. Renewal fee payment by check, electronic check, money order or all major credit /debit cards. (See Fee Schedule)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

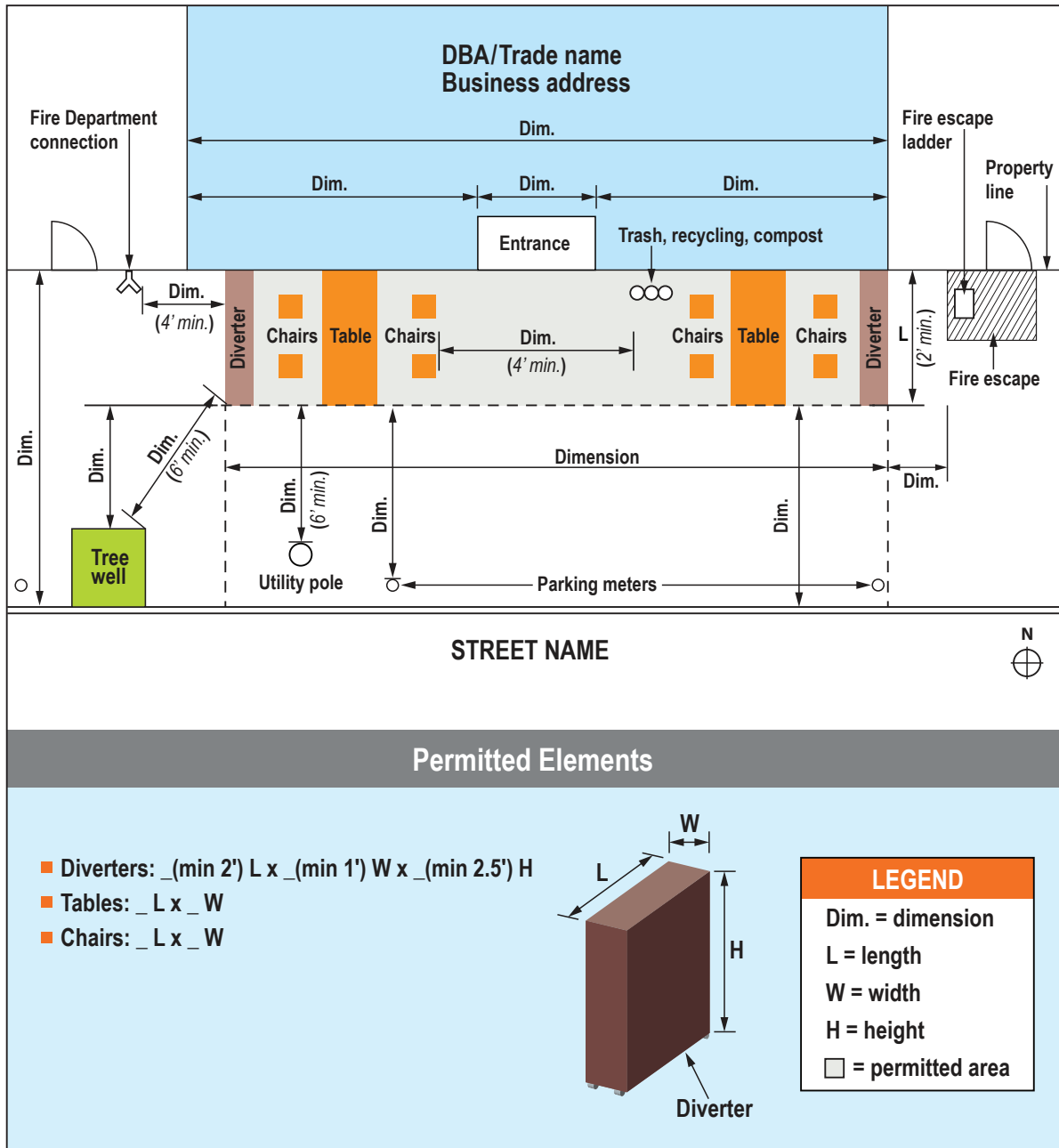
Article 5.2, Section 176 of the Public Works Code and Public Works Order 183,188 pertain to how San Francisco Public Works administers the Café Tables and Chairs permit in the City and County of San Francisco. It is the applicant's responsibility to renew their permit before the expiration date. The inspector will issue citations if the permit is not renewed and/or not clearly displayed. Permit fees may be updated annually by the City.



## INFORMATIONAL LINKS

- Public Works Order 183,188: <http://www.sfpbpublicworks.org/services/permits/public-works-orders>
- SFPW Code: [http://www.amlegal.com/codes/client/san-francisco\\_ca/](http://www.amlegal.com/codes/client/san-francisco_ca/)
- Permit Webpage: <http://www.sfpbpublicworks.org/services/permits/cafe-tables-and-chairs>
- SF Environment: <https://sfenvironment.org/recycling-composting-faqs>

## SAMPLE DIAGRAM





DPW Order No.: 183188

## CAFÉ TABLES AND CHAIRS (SIDEWALK CAFÉ) IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

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Mayor

Mohammed Nuru  
Director

Jerry Sanguinetti  
Manager

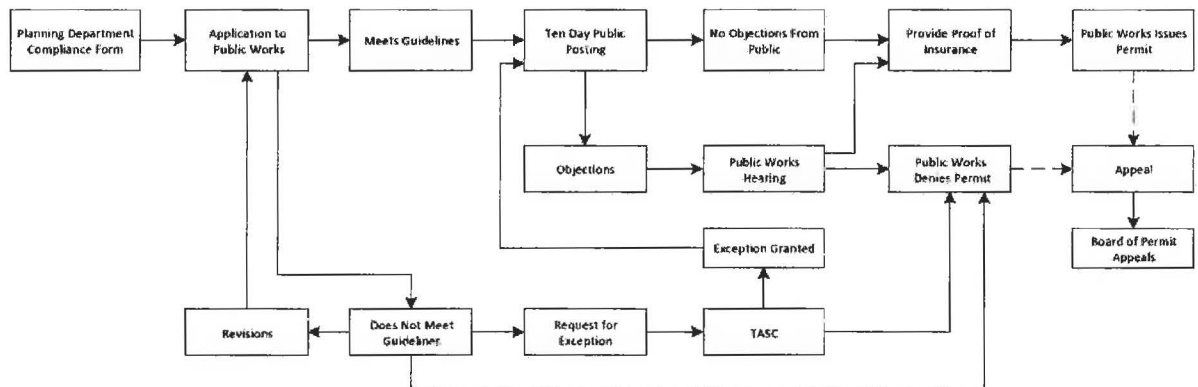
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I. **PURPOSE:** Article 5.2 of the Public Works Code establishes regulations for placing tables and chairs in the public right-of-way. This Public Works (PW) Order provides detailed implementation guidelines for restaurants or food and beverage establishments to occupy the public sidewalk, court, alley, or street with a Sidewalk Café.

## II. APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

A. This application process is summarized in the following flow chart:



B. Requests to setup a Sidewalk Café in the public right-of-way on a sidewalk, or pedestrian only street or alley, shall include the following:

1. Planning Code Compliance form including the business address, hours of operation, and number of tables, chairs, and benches, with an approval signature from the Planning Department indicating that the proposed Sidewalk Café is in compliance with the Planning Code.

2. PW Occupancy Permit Application including:

- a. The applicant's name and contact information (address, email, and phone number)
- b. The San Francisco Business License Number
- c. The proposed number of Tables, Chairs, and/or Benches
- d. The approximate proposed area to be occupied by the Sidewalk Café (tables, chairs, benches, and diverters, et al)
- e. The days and hours that the public right-of-way is to be occupied
- f. A non-refundable processing fee as specified in Public Works' current Fee Schedule

3. Valid San Francisco Business License Certificate



4. Site Plan – computer generated using CAD or other program(s) to create a fully dimensioned, detailed, and to scale layout plan of the Sidewalk Café. The plan shall include the placement of all tables, chairs, benches, diverters, trash receptacles, business entrance (s), and other required information. The plan must also indicate the property line, the width of the sidewalk, any existing sidewalk obstructions/furniture such as parking meters, sidewalk basement access hatches or stairs, tree wells, et al; the location of any curb ramps, fire exits/fire escapes, and the exact width of the pedestrian Clear Zone (See Figure One below). The applicant must also indicate the type of diverter proposed including all dimensions and materials.
5. Evidence of Liability Insurance as required by Public Works
6. NOTES: Tables, benches, and chairs in a ROADWAY area will be required to follow an additional permit procedure not covered in this Order. Street closure permits are issued by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and must be approved prior to obtaining approval from PW for all the placement of the tables, benches, and chairs.

C. If the application meets all design guidelines set forth in this Order:

1. PW Inspector shall post a 10 day public notice in a readily visible place on the frontage of the applying establishment.
  - a. If PW receives no objections, application may be approved (Refer to step C 2).
  - b. If PW receives objections, a PW public hearing will be scheduled.
2. Applicant submits payment for an annual fee charged per square foot of occupancy one year in advance in accordance with current fee schedule, and submits proof of commercial general liability insurance as described and required by PW.
3. PW issues permit.
4. Upon approval of the application and issuance of the permit, the Permittee shall display a copy of the approved permit and site plan in a conspicuous location in their business establishment, visible from the sidewalk, while occupying said sidewalk/street area with the Sidewalk Café.

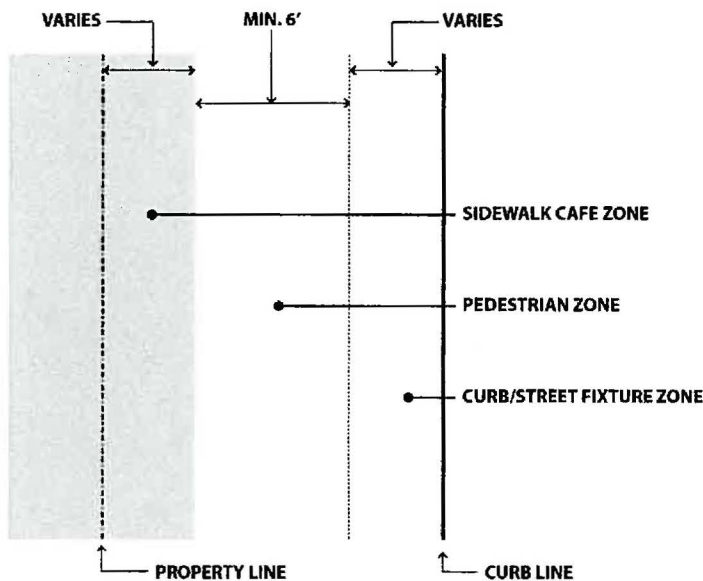
D. If application does not meet guidelines set forth in this Order:

1. Applicant may revise application documents in order to meet guidelines
2. Applicant may request an exception to said guidelines for review
  - a. If an exception is granted, refer to Paragraph "C".
  - b. If an exception is not granted, PW will disapprove the permit.

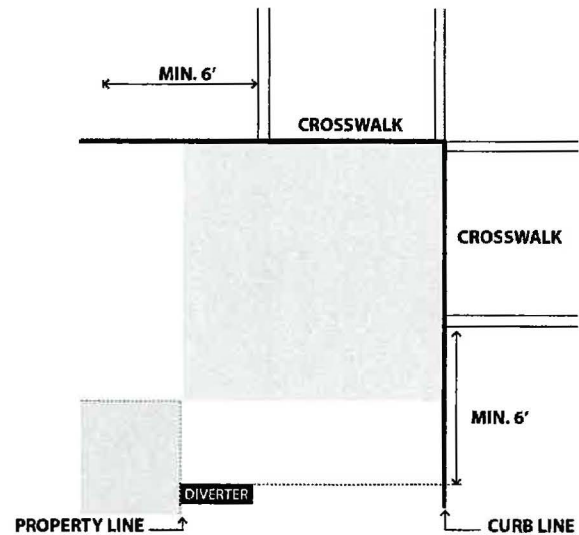
E. If PW disapproves or revokes a permit, applicant may appeal this disapproval or revocation to the Board of Appeals.

F. NOTE: Permits are subject to all applicable conditions specified in Sections III & IV below. Each permit is valid for a time period as determined by the Director of Public Works; or, until the applicant no longer owns or operates the business establishment,

until one (1) year from the date the permit was issued, or until the permit is revoked by the Director of Public Works, whichever occurs earlier. Café Tables & Chairs Permits



**FIGURE ONE: Sidewalk Zones**  
shall be non-transferable.



**FIGURE TWO: Corner Clear Zone**

### III. DESIGN GUIDELINES:

A. The Sidewalk Café must be located on the sidewalk, or pedestrian only street or alley, area fronting and adjacent to the applicant's business at the property line. The business must be an existing or proposed eating establishment with a valid San Francisco City business license.

B. The size of the Sidewalk Café shall be determined by the following factors: the width of the sidewalk, the level of existing or anticipated peak hour pedestrian congestion, and the existing neighborhood character.

C. Sidewalk Cafés shall not intrude on the "pedestrian zone" (Figure One). A minimum of six (6) feet clear pedestrian zone must be maintained on the sidewalk at all times. The six (6) feet of pedestrian clearance is a typical minimum, but may be increased at the City's discretion.

D. Sidewalk Cafés shall not intrude on pedestrian "corner clear zones" at corners (Figure Two). Sidewalk Cafes must also not interfere with curb ramps or driveways, maintaining a minimum six (6) foot clearance.

E. No element of the proposed installation may interfere with access to or egress from any building or facility.



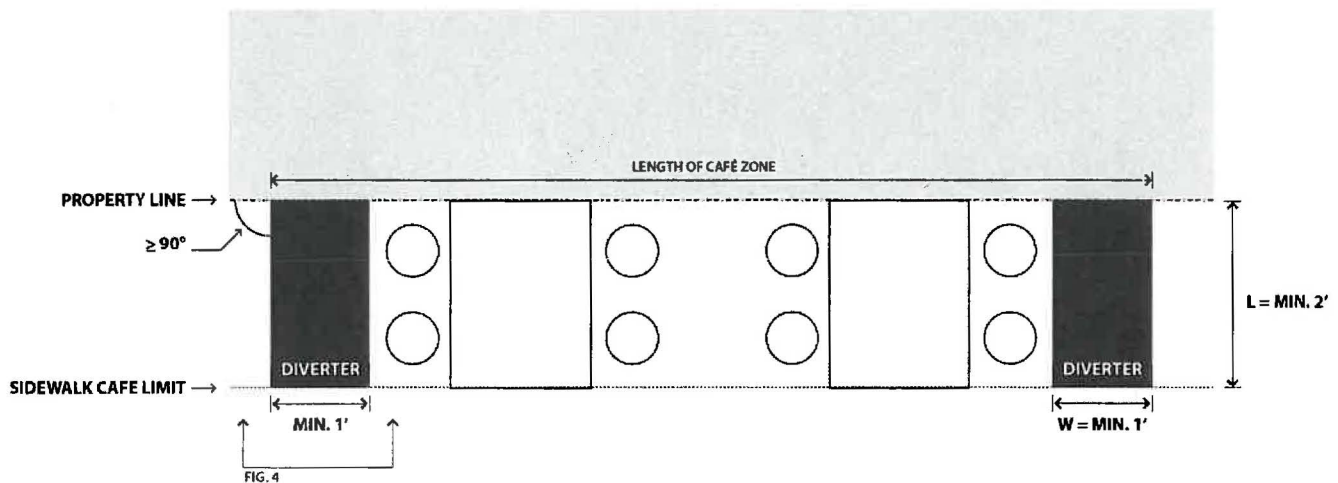
F. No elements of the proposed Sidewalk Café shall be permanently affixed to the public-right-of-way.

G. No element of the proposed occupancy may be below a fire escape, obstruct access to a Fire Department Connection (FDC), or fire hydrant.

H. All Sidewalk Café elements, including but not limited to accessible tables and other functional facilities, must conform to the rules and regulations outlined in the City and County of San Francisco Better Streets Plan: <http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/BetterStreets/proposals.htm> All sidewalk Café elements must conform to the rules and regulations outlined in the California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the provisions of the 2010 ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Accessibility Guidelines. Sidewalk Cafes also must not interfere with the requirement of California Civil Code Section 54 (a) that states in part; *"Individuals with disabilities or medical conditions have the same right as the general public to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, medical facilities, including hospitals, clinics, and physicians' offices, public facilities, and other public places."*

I. The Permittee must provide three (3) durable trash receptacles (compost, recycle, waste) within the sidewalk café zone as per Article 5.1, Section 173 of the Public Works Code and be shown on the layout plan. Further, per Section 173 of the Public Works Code, all trash receptacles shall be removed from the public right-of-way, concurrent with the removal of the tables and chairs, and end of each business day. The trash receptacles must be contained within the area demarcated by the diverters.

J. All installations of the Sidewalk Café must have a pedestrian diverter at each end to demarcate the Sidewalk Café Zone and to guide pedestrians around the Sidewalk Café into the Pedestrian Zone (Figure One). The depth of the diverter will determine the depth of the Sidewalk Café Zone. No part of any table, chair, bench or other Sidewalk Café element may extend beyond the depth of the diverters. It is the essential responsibility of the Permittee to ensure that all Sidewalk Café activity stays within the approved area at all times of operation.



**FIGURE THREE: Sidewalk Cafe Layout**

K. Pedestrian Diverters must conform to the following design guidelines:

1. Diverters must be flush with the building edge at an angle of 90 degrees or more as shown in Figure Three
2. Diverters must conform to the dimensional guidelines as shown in Figure Four
3. Diverters must be sturdy and stable, of sufficient weight as to not be tipped or blown over
4. Diverters may not have any protruding legs or supports
5. Free standing fences are not allowed
6. Attachments or fasteners to the sidewalk are not allowed
7. Diverters must be at least 30" high to prevent from being tripping hazard
8. Diverters with plantings higher than 30" are strongly encouraged
9. Plantings must remain within the planter edge envelope as illustrated in Figure Four.
10. Diverters must be solid within 30" of the adjacent sidewalk surface
11. Diverters must be of a contrasting color to the walking surface so that they are clearly visible to persons with low vision, at least 70% contrast between adjacent materials is desirable
12. Diverters must have a non-glare or reflective finish
13. Diverters must be kept free of advertising
14. Diverters must be maintained and kept free of litter and other debris
15. Diverters for Sidewalk Cafes proposing bench seating must extend a minimum of twelve (12) inches beyond the edge of the seat as shown in Figure Five

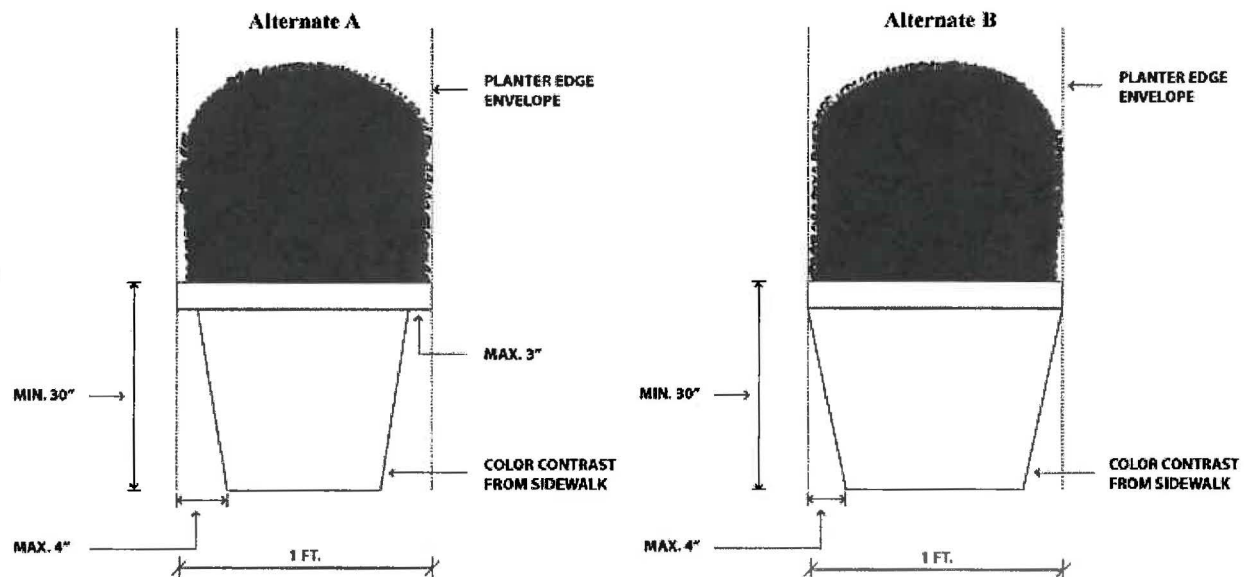


FIGURE FOUR: Diverter Dimensions

L. The Sidewalk Café area shall be determined by multiplying the distance from the outside edge from one diverter to the next diverter (Length of Café Zone), by the extent of the diverters (L) from the property line into the sidewalk (public right-of-way) to form a rectangle, see Figure



Three. The area shall include all the space between the diverters, including, but not limited to building entrance and exit ways.

M. Umbrellas placed in the Sidewalk Café must provide a minimum eighty-four (84) inch height clearance above the adjacent sidewalk surface if the canopy projects beyond the boundaries of the Sidewalk Café. No supporting element of the umbrella, including the base, shall protrude beyond the boundaries of the permitted Sidewalk Café.

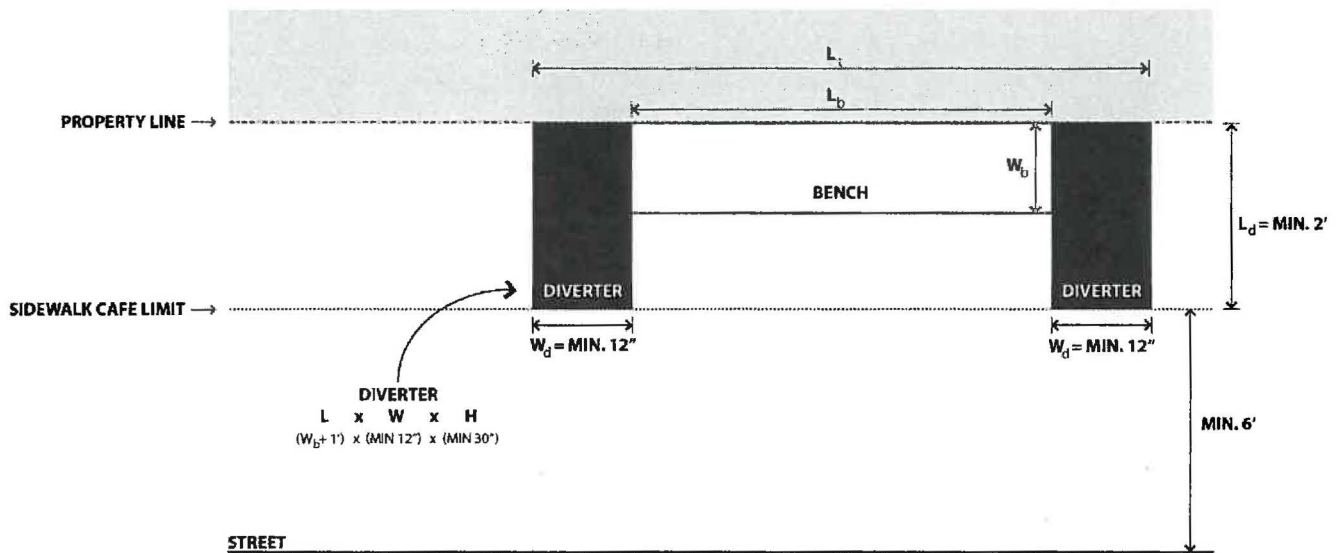


FIGURE FIVE: Bench Seating

#### IV. MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS:

A. All elements (tables, chairs, benches, diverters, et al) of the Sidewalk Café shall be confined to the area shown on the final plan approved by the Director of Public Works.

B. All elements of the Sidewalk Café shall be promptly removed from the public right-of-way at the end of each business day at the hour stipulated in the permit.

C. Food trays or carts, receptacles for dirty dishes, trays or carts for linen and utensils, and cooking appliances shall not be placed or stored on any portion of the sidewalk or roadway area of a public right-of-way.

D. The Permittee shall maintain all elements of the Sidewalk Café and the permitted area in a clean condition at all times. Graffiti shall be removed, cleaned off, or painted to match the existing walls within 24 hours of its appearance.

E. The Permittee shall be responsible for maintaining a clean and obstruction free sidewalk/roadway area fronting and adjacent to the Sidewalk Café at all times.

F. The Permittee shall keep the sidewalk/roadway area not occupied by a Sidewalk Café free of obstructions at all times.

G. The Permittee shall keep a copy of the permit and approved plan on the premises at all times and shall be produced immediately upon request by City personnel.

H. The Permittee shall maintain liability insurance as described and required by Public Works.

I. Assignment or sale of the permit is prohibited. No outside party shall display/sell produce or other items.

J. Failure to meet the above conditions may result in a Notice of Violation, which may be accompanied by a fine. Multiple violations of the above conditions may result in the Director of Public Works recommending revocation of the Sidewalk Café Permit.

K. A revocable permit issued under this procedure does not constitute a deed or grant of an easement by the City. The permit is revocable at any time at the will of the Director of Public Works.

L. There shall be no liability on the City or upon any of its officials, officers, agents, employees, or volunteers for any damage by the Permittee from any cause arising out of permitted activities. Furthermore, the Permittee agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City & County of San Francisco and its officials, officers, agents, employees, or volunteers from any liability arising out of permitted activities.

V. CATASTROPHIC EMERGENCIES:

A. In the event that the City experiences a catastrophic event that prevents Public Works from conducting normal business hours and business processes, including Sidewalk Café Permits, Public Works will continue to issue emergency Sidewalk Café Permits through its activated Neighborhood Emergency Coordination Centers.

B. Public Works will retain an electronic Spreadsheet that will contain all Sidewalk Café Permit information, including Permittee names, addresses, and applicable permit information. The spreadsheet shall be updated on a monthly basis.

C. Once Neighborhood Emergency Coordination Centers are activated, Public Works will assign staff to issue interim Sidewalk Café Permits to existing permit holders as well as process new applications and issue interim Sidewalk Café Permits in an expedited manner that will temporarily waive notification and Hearing procedures until such time where the City can conduct business in a non-emergency fashion.



D. The City and County of San Francisco reserves the right to move/remove Sidewalk Café elements without notice or liability to the Permittee if necessary to provide emergency services or the safe movement of people and emergency response apparatus and equipment.

The sidewalk or roadway area shall not be painted, landscaped or altered in any way without prior written approval of the Director of Public Works.

This DPW Order rescinds and supersedes DPW Order No. 162,240, approved July 7, 1993

5/13/2015

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Sanquinetti, Jerry  
Bureau Manager  
Signed by: Sanquinetti, Jerry

5/13/2015

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Deputy Director and City Engineer

X Mohammed Nuru

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Nuru, Mohammed  
Director, Public Works  
Signed by: Nuru, Mohammed

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**Subject:** FW: For public record - NO on making parklets permanent  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 4:56:12 PM

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**From:** Royee Chen <royeechen@earthlink.net>  
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**Subject:** For public record - NO on making parklets permanent

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Supervisors,

Please, **don't** make the parklets permanent. These parklets should go away when the COVID restrictions are lifted. In fact, the following should be instituted in the meantime, to improve the quality of life of those who live and work around these parklets:

- **SIZE:** the parklet's **width** should be limited to the physical footprint of the business, and NOT extend to adjacent properties. *Case in point:* Harry's Bar on Fillmore Street - whose parklet extends beyond its footprint and encroaches on the adjacent property's frontage. *Scary thought:* What if a business built a parklet the entire length of a city block? Is that permissible?
- **BLOCKING OF PARKING METERS:** it's bad enough that parklets take away parking spaces, but they should definitely **not block** special parking meters - such as those zoned for commercial parking only. *Case in point:* Roam Artisan Burger at 1785 Union Street. Not only does its parklet extend beyond its own footprint, but it is blocking three red-top, commercial parking meters that were put there to allow for truck deliveries. Where are those trucks supposed to park now?
- **ALCOHOL:** under no circumstance should alcohol be served in these parklets - especially at places like Blue Light at 1979 Union Street. *The result:* bars with all their attendant problems, are given free rein to operate outside. This is a nightmare for residents and police. And it's especially reckless when **crowds** drink in front of establishments like Blue Light, and **block** the sidewalk.
- **DENSITY:** some blocks are chock-full of parklets. Place a **limit** on the parklets on any given block - by number or by space taken.



Please preserve our quality of life. **DON'T** extend the life of these parklets beyond what is reasonable.

Thank you.

Royee Chen



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Board President Shamann Walton  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Walton,

This letter is written to express the support of the Castro Community Benefit District (Castro CBD) for the Shared Spaces legislation, BF 210284. We urge you and your colleagues to pass this important piece of legislation.

The Shared Spaces have been a life line to the Castro's small businesses during the pandemic. Without the ability to expand into the street, we would have seen the collapse of small businesses in the Castro and throughout the city. Shared Spaces has enabled businesses to be open outside, where it is safer to eat, drink, mingle, and even exercise. This experiment has not only proved successful during the pandemic, but has become widely popular with residents and merchants in the Castro and across the city.

The board of the Castro CBD believes that permanent Shared Spaces will help change the culture of the city in a positive direction. It will help to bring positive activity to our sidewalks and into our neighborhoods, and when tourists return, they will love being able to eat and drink outdoors.

We urge a vote of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrea Aiello".

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Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express my support for the continued closure of Valencia st. I live half a block from Valencia st, with my husband and two young daughters. Living in a city can be tough on families with kids. But the Valencia street closure has helped us to fully enjoy city-living in San Francisco. My daughter learned to ride a bike on the closed-off Valencia street, while diners eating on the street cheered her on. We meet friends for ice cream during the day, and enjoy live music and drinks at night.

We truly hope the closure/shared spaces program remains in effect.

Thank you  
Anna Sussman  
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Anna Sussman

**From:** [Richard Skaff](#)  
**To:** [Michael Newman](#)  
**Cc:** [Ida A. Clair](#)  
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Michael Newman, Chief  
Civil Rights Division  
California Department of Justice

Michael.

I'm writing to you today because the City of San Francisco Planning Department staff apparently believing that they can apply "equivalent facilitation" standards to NEW construction for the use of public sidewalks and street parking lanes for commercial "shared spaces" use. There are a number of other "issues" I'm concerned about that I would also like to include in a discussion with you.

What, if anything will you and Cal DOJ do to investigate this matter? This is an important issue because, as you've seen from the emails you've received from me, most cities, town's, and counties are adopting similar policies/programs that, in my opinion, don't include the required physical and "programmatic" accessibility for persons with disabilities.

As you can see, I'm also sending this to our new State Architect, Ida Claire with the hope that she will also respond to this email.

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