



President Shamann Walton
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

May 20, 2021

Dear President Walton:

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) San Francisco, I write to express my support for the Small Business Recovery Act (SBRA), File Number 210285. BOMA believes that this important legislation, introduced by Mayor Breed, will be a critical step in helping Downtown San Francisco recover from the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For Downtown to thrive, we must reactivate our streets to allow for the success of our small businesses including restaurants, retail and more. We firmly believe that the SBRA will work towards achieving this goal.

From Union Square to the heart of the financial district, to the Embarcadero to SOMA, time and again we hear from our members that the burdensome application and permitting process has undermined the ability for small businesses in our City to thrive. In addition to creating a more predictable and less costly process, the SBRA will also result in more businesses receiving their permits to operate in 30 days or less, provide small businesses with more options to diversify or expand their revenue sources, simplify outdated and unnecessary planning code definitions, and enable more businesses to partner with local artists, helping businesses include more art and performances in their spaces and corridors.

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, our City's small businesses already faced a difficult landscape. Now, it is more critical than ever to implement these changes to entice San Franciscans to return to our Downtown neighborhoods. Our neighborhoods, corridors, and the entire City benefit when our small businesses thrive, and that is exactly what the SBRA will help accomplish. BOMA San Francisco is proud to stand with a wide array of San Franciscans in supporting this common-sense legislation. Thank you for your consideration, and we respectfully ask for your support too.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant
CEO, BOMA San Francisco

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May 17th, 2021

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The SOMA West Community Benefit District is a 501c3 nonprofit, improving our neighborhood's safety, health, and economic vitality is proud to support this piece of common-sense legislation, which will benefit small businesses throughout all of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

SOMA West Community Benefit District

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May 21, 2021

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Castro Merchants strives to support, protect and promote small businesses in the district and is proud to support this piece of common-sense legislation, which will benefit small businesses throughout all of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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cc:

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UNIBAIL-RODAMCO-WESTFIELD

May 21st, 2021

The Honorable Mayor London Breed and San Francisco Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94012

RE: Support of File# 210285 Small Business Recovery Act

Dear Honorable Mayor and Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to express our support for the Small Business Recovery Act (SBRA) File Number 210285 introduced by Mayor Breed. This important legislation will help our business community in Union Square and across the City recover from the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by making it easier to open and operate a small business, and cutting the bureaucracy that leads to long-term vacancies in commercial and retail spaces in San Francisco.

Reducing the challenges that businesses face, particularly small businesses, when trying to open, will allow for small business owners and entrepreneurs to quickly open and adapt their businesses, thereby allowing for more hiring to take place and allowing quicker recovery of the San Francisco economy.

Commercial Districts and the entire City benefit when small businesses can successfully open and operate throughout our City. Allowing businesses to open and operate more quickly, with less need for professional support, will save small businesses significant financial and time resources, thereby allowing them to reinvest and grow their businesses and hire more people.

In addition to helping businesses rebound, the art, entertainment, and cultural institutions that have been devastated by the pandemic will see incredible benefit from this legislation, allowing for businesses to support the communities that make San Francisco the unique cultural gem that it is.

Please approve the legislation as it is currently drafted.

Thank you,

Abby Jagoda
Vice President of Government and Community Affairs at Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield

May 24, 2021

President Shamann Walton
City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Walton:

The Tenderloin Community Benefit District (TLCBD) is writing to provide strong support for the Mayor's Small Business Recovery Act (SBRA) currently under consideration at the Board of Supervisors. This proposed legislation will help ensure that the Tenderloin's small businesses have a chance to bounce back from the economic devastation visited on the neighborhood by the COVID-19 pandemic, by making it easier to open and operate a small business, cutting bureaucracy, increasing flexibility, and encouraging more arts and culture partnerships.

The pandemic made the already difficult regulatory landscape in San Francisco even harder for small businesses. In the Tenderloin, small businesses from our amazing restaurants to retail to bars to theaters and jazz clubs have had to remain closed, reduce operation, or in some cases close for good. The health of the Tenderloin and whether we have safe, clean and vibrant sidewalks is directly tied to the health of our small businesses.

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performances in their spaces and corridors. We also know that our theaters and entertainment venues have been particularly hard hit over the last year and the SBRA provides crucial protections for these spaces, making it easier to maintain these cultural institutions and economic drivers.

TLCBD is dedicated to leading the evolution of the Tenderloin into a vibrant community for ALL. TLCBD works tirelessly to provide clean and safe sidewalks and shared public spaces for the people who live in, work in and visit San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood. Our services are focused on implementing neighborhood improvements to the physical environment (clean, safe and inviting), to economic opportunity and to neighborhood pride.

TLCBD is proud to support this piece of common-sense legislation, which will benefit small businesses throughout all of San Francisco.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc:

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Subject: Small Business Recovery Act: File#: 210285 - Response Letter from REP Coalition
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Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston and Supervisor Peskin,

I'm attaching this letter on behalf of the Race & Equity in all Planning (REP) Coalition regarding the Small Business Recovery Act (File #: 210285). The REP Coalition is a coalition of 33 organizations across San Francisco representing multiple neighborhoods and working together to create a new race and equity framework for self-determination of marginalized communities.

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We are urging you to not recommend this legislation, and to make equity adjustments to the proposals laid out in the Small Business Recovery Act until more community engagement has taken place and critical issues have been resolved that will point us in the direction of an equitable recovery. This legislation has been rushed through the process despite repeated requests for more engagement on its problematic provisions.

Please review and accept the attached letter for our full comments and concerns.

Respectfully,

Jeantelle Laberinto
Community Organizer, People Power Media
on behalf of the REP Coalition

May 24, 2021

Land Use and Transportation Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
File #: 210285: Small Business Recovery Act

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We have some overall equity concerns that must be addressed, including:

- **This massive, 17-part, 70-page, one-size-fits-all proposal has no structural equity lens guiding it.** It must be reconsidered with an equity-first lens that meets the needs of our sensitive communities or it will help create yet another inequitable recovery -- just like the Dot-Com recovery -- and the Great Recession recovery -- and all the other San Francisco collapses and recoveries.
- **This proposal will likely help most existing businesses with some of its provisions, so we should move just those provisions forward--** but it contains far too many complex and potentially dangerous strategies to pass this whole thing blindly without working the sensitive items through within our neighborhoods one at a time as individual pieces of separate legislation that meet the needs of our communities. We don't want to confuse supporting our small businesses and helping them navigate city bureaucracy with the free-market deregulation and the removal of community cultural protections found in a number of the provisions, including favoring landlords at the expense of our existing small businesses.
- **Neighborhoods, especially low-income and BIPOC communities, need to be allowed to tailor their neighborhood recovery plans** to the needs of their residents, small businesses, and the health of their overall cultural ecosystems. The City already runs a number of neighborhood-tailored initiatives such as Invest in Neighborhoods, MAP 2020, and other similar local stabilization programs that are far better suited to gather the needs of the local community and move them forward in separate, tailored legislation and supportive programming.

- **The proposed conversion of commercial space into market-rate housing “accessory dwelling units”** is one of several provisions in this legislation that benefits landlords and threatens our small businesses. This provision incentivizes landlords to convert the majority of lower-value retail space into higher-value market rate apartments. This change could significantly damage our low-income and immigrant corridors by incentivizing the displacement of our low-income shops with more upscale smaller spaces with a market-rate housing unit in the back. A thoughtful local equity approach might be to consider options such as making the units live/work and permanently affordable on low-income corridors.
- **Community process and equity are under attack** from several city proposals right now including this one -- it is critical that we allow time and space for our community members to participate in the process of shaping their neighborhoods -- that’s what equity looks like. Removing project notifications and culturally protective zoning are not the solution to the problems facing our struggling corridors. Localized neighborhood strategies, including Cultural District Special Use Districts and others that advance our diverse, community-based businesses through culturally competent technical and financial support, are the solution for an equitable recovery.
- **This legislation does little to address the principal problem on our commercial corridors right now** -- retail and personal services have been primarily closed for more than a year, have built up massive debt, and on our low-income corridors those spaces are facing an uphill battle to stay open and return to prosperity. We would like to see this problem addressed through neighborhood stabilization programs with localized legislation, funding, and technical support.

Specific proposed provisions are problematic for our communities, including:

- **Removes the concentration of Formula Retail** as a reason that the Planning Commission can disapprove a commercial proposal (in all of the city except for the Upper Market NCD (Castro)). It also waters down the definition of Formula Retail so a company can have up to 20 sites and still not be considered Formula Retail (currently it’s 11 sites). [p.28]
 - This is big-business deregulation, and these decisions need to be made by each neighborhood according to their needs around these corporate businesses.
 - Community Planning: There may be some neighborhoods that want and can accommodate more formula retail of certain kinds to provide family-friendly shopping and jobs and meet other needs. This is more complex than allowing a saturation of these corporate businesses across the board.
- **Allows the conversion of Commercial Space into Market-Rate Housing (ADUs)** [p.33]
 - Currently a downward expansion of any upstairs units is allowed in these “mixed-use” buildings with housing and retail, but this proposal allows more profitable, **entirely new Accessory Dwelling Units** to be built on the ground floor, incentivizing landlords to convert all but the front 25 feet of lower-paying mom and pop storefronts into market-rate housing.
- **Expedites Changes of Use in Eastern Neighborhoods through Removing 311 Community Noticing Process** as well as for principally permitted uses and accessory dwelling units citywide.
 - This is another proposal seeking to stop BIPOC community voices from shaping the health, stability, and prosperity of their neighborhoods. Our families need more information and empowerment--not less--as they fight to stay in the city during this crisis recovery.

- **Removes Restaurant concentration as grounds for disapproval** (from all but the Mission).
 - An oversaturation of restaurants can lead to an area becoming a more upscale destination hub rather than a community resource for existing residents, and creates an atmosphere that is difficult for local mom and pop retail to thrive.

This legislation also brings up a number of other concerns, including:

- **Makes Rooftop Deck outdoor spaces Principally Permitted in all Neighborhood Commercial Districts** - How do we make sure working-class people have access to these spaces and not just more high-end spaces that usually build them? Noise problems? How is the concentration of these spaces regulated; are lesser resourced businesses expedited first?
- **Accessory Catering Uses now Allowed to operate in “Full Service Restaurants” (those allowing alcohol) for 75% of the time the restaurant is open.** This could help our struggling small restaurants, but also concerns in this Ghost Kitchen environment that the catering company could take over the entire shop for all practical purposes. Enforcement is very difficult.
- **Allowing Conditional Uses to remain permanent after three years of “Abandonment” (non-use).** Currently the space returns to its previous permitted use. This change may incentivize landlords to keep their spaces empty and retain their more valuable CU status.
- **Removes the definition of “Trade Shop”** from the code. This Eastern Neighborhoods blue-collar use definition would be deleted and would now be allowed almost everywhere, but this also erases it from community goals like protective tracking and legislative support. It is important we track “Trade shop” uses, as these uses are a metric for the health of our EN ecosystem.
- **Removes Conditional Use for Night Time Entertainment and General Entertainment spaces** and removes the limits to their hours of operation (was 2am-6am) [p.27]

This legislation also has some potentially beneficial provisions, including:

- **Replacing a Nighttime Entertainment Use would require a Conditional Use** (Stated goal - protect our entertainment spaces who are deep in debt and facing evictions)
- **Removes requirement that non-amplified music at events need a permit** (Stated goal - allow small cultural events with a performer to happen without the permit cost and hassle.) [p.53]. If the goal is to allow small cultural events, there should be an allowance for up to 2-4 performers to allow small ensembles, such as mariachis and jazz and string quartets.
- **Speeds up the review of all principally permitted business permits to 30 days (no enforcement mechanism for this).** Could be beneficial to a community-serving business and also means speeding up gentrifying businesses before the community can engage with them.
- **Entertainment Space hours extended to 11pm.**

Please contact me for further questions.

Respectfully,

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Subject: OPPOSE: Measures for transitioning shared spaces and simplifying restrictions on small businesses.

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Supervisors,

I oppose the proposed measures for transitioning shared spaces and simplifying restrictions on small businesses.

We need to protect the unique small businesses that make San Francisco special. Family-owned shops cannot pay the same rent as chain stores. Opening the door for the proliferation of chain stores will lead to the loss of the wonderful variety of small businesses that are vital to the unique character of San Francisco's neighborhood business districts.

The prospect of our neighborhoods becoming full of the same stores is depressing. I am reminded of the classic *New Yorker* cartoon of a couple sitting in a coffee shop. One coffee drinker turns to the other and says, [“Are we in this Starbucks or the one down the street?”](#)

Opening up rooftops to nighttime entertainment is going to be a nightmare for residents. San Francisco City government talks a lot about having mixed uses in commercial districts, with families living above commercial units. Are families really going to want to live near bars and restaurants that play loud music all the time? The sound will carry a lot further than when on the street. In fact, the newly expanded outdoor seating in many neighborhoods already has loud music that is played constantly – it must be very difficult for families who live above commercial in rent-controlled apartments and don't have the financial ability to move to a quieter area.

The same concerns apply to late-night entertainment.

The outdoor seating on the street is a benefit to restaurants, who suddenly have free

increased square footage. But I wonder - are bars and restaurants the only businesses that we are going to support in San Francisco? People do still drive for errands and shopping, often to neighborhoods that are not near where they live. How can a hardware store, for example, attract customers from more than a few blocks away when most of the street parking is taken up for restaurants? Is the City providing one more incentive for people to drive to the big box stores, that already tempt shoppers with lower prices and easy parking?

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We all hope that COVID is going away. A longer-term plan for protecting ALL neighborhood businesses, business district character, and the rights of the residents who live in those neighborhoods should be drawn up and evaluated with stakeholders from all of those groups.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Katherine Howard
Resident
The formerly-quiet Outer Sunset



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