

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

July 13, 2021

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board City Hall Room 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 210741: Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for New Small Businesses. Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Approve** This motion passed 5 to 0, with 2 absent.

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On July 13, 2021, the Small Business Commission (SBC) conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting for BOS File No 210741: Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for New Small Businesses.

The SBC recommends the Board of Supervisor approve this ordinance. Incentivizing new businesses to open, particularly in ground floor commercial space will aid in San Francisco's rebuilding and economic recovery. These fee waivers will most definitely help to fill the vacancies that have resulted due to the pandemic, and it demonstrates the City's commitment in supporting equity owned businesses. The Small Business Commission thanks Supervisor Ronen, the Mayor and the full Board of Supervisors for securing \$12 million to fund the waivers.

The Small Business Assistance, in the Office of Small Business is now open to the public for walk-in business assistance and the majority of the counseling session are with individuals interested in opening a new business, with a significant number of sessions being conducted in Spanish and Chinese.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

AMDick Lidenzi

Regina Dick-Endrizzi Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Hillary Ronen, Member, Board of Supervisors, Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development Linda Wong, Clerk of the Budget and Finance Committee