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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

September 14, 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. 210809: Administrative Code - COVID 19 Commercial Rent Relief Fund

The Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On September 13, 2021 the Small Business Commission (SBC) heard BOS File No. 210809 - Administrative Code – COVID 19 Commercial Rent Relief Fund. Supervisor Ahsha Safai provided the SBC with an overview of the legislation. The SBC voted (5-0,2 recusals) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors support the legislation.

The SBC engaged in substantive discussion regarding the legislation and timing that the relief fund could provide. Noting that San Francisco businesses owe nearly \$400 million in back rent accumulated during the COVID 19 pandemic, this legislation can help address this debt. The SBC looks forward to assisting the Office of Economic and Workforce Development in administering this program to ensure businesses take advantage of the fund.

The SBC is appreciative of Supervisor Safai and his staff for their continued support of San Francisco's small businesses as they navigate economic recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Small Business

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cc: Ahsha Safai, Member, Board of Supervisors,

Matt Haney, Member, Board of Supervisors

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Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors

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Linda Wong, Clerk of the Budget and Finance Committee