



November 3, 2021

Rafael Mandelman  
Supervisor District 8  
City Hall Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support File # 211093

Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

The Castro Community Benefit District is writing this letter to support the change in zoning in the Castro Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD) to allow for new bars to be conditionally permitted. Currently, new bars are not permitted in the Castro NCD. This effectively prohibits new bar owners from coming to the Castro with new ideas and new energy.

The Castro needs a new flow of entrepreneurs who represent the true diversity of the LGBTQ community and San Francisco. Allowing new alcohol serving establishments to open, effectively creates new opportunities for ownership. It is our hope that women, people of color, trans people and others will take this opportunity and open new bars that draw in a more diverse community. Diversity in business ownership is one of the factors in encouraging a diversity in clientele/customers and a more welcoming and diverse neighborhood.

The Castro CBD welcomes this zoning change and we look forward to welcoming our new merchants and the new customers they serve.

Thank you for your work in creating a more inclusive Castro!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Aiello".

Andrea Aiello  
Executive Director

cc: Joel Koppel, President SF Planning Commission  
Jonas Ionin, SF Planning Department  
Jacob Bintliff, Legislative Aide, D8  
Tom Temprano, Legislative Aide, D8