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March 30, 2011

At the March 30, 2011 Small Business Commission meeting, the following findings and resolution were adopted:

FILE NO. R-2011-002-SBC
RESOLUTION NO. 002-11-SBC

SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 32 (LENO)

WHEREAS, Infused alcoholic beverages are made with fruits, vegetables, herbs, spices and other ingredients and are part of a creative, innovative food and drink culture

WHEREAS, These drinks often define business establishments and are a key offering for many small businesses who sell alcoholic beverages

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, a significant number of establishments sell infused alcoholic beverages to their customers

WHEREAS, In 2010, The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control began issuing warnings to businesses selling infused alcoholic beverages

WHEREAS, These warnings were based on a revised interpretation of an outdated state statute, written over 75 years ago, and was originally designed to protect the public from dangerous beverages produced in the prohibition and post prohibition era

WHEREAS, Senator Mark Leno introduced Senate Bill (SB) 32, which clarifies existing law and specifically allows businesses to sell infused beverages that will be consumed in their establishment

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Small Business Commission of the City and County of San Francisco supports SB 32, and urges the California Senate and Assembly to pass SB 32, and urges the Governor to sign SB 32 into law.



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April 1, 2011

The Honorable Mark Leno
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Leno:

At our March 30, 2011 meeting, the San Francisco Small Business Commission discussed and passed a resolution in support of your proposed Senate Bill 32.

The Commission appreciates the work that you have done to correct this outdated and burdensome law.

Your commitment to small businesses both locally and across California is recognized and it is with great pleasure that I submit to you the attached resolution in support of SB 32.

Regards,

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Executive Director, Office of Small Business