

**Draft Staff Recommendation to the Small Business Commission  
Regarding Criteria for Disqualification from Legacy Business Registry**

**EXISTING:**

**BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

A Legacy Business is a business that has been nominated by the Mayor or a member of the Board of Supervisors, and that the Small Business Commission, after a noticed hearing, has determined it is a legacy based on the following criteria:

1. The business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years. If the business has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years it may still satisfy this criteria if the Small Business Commission finds that the business has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, the business would face a significant risk of displacement.
2. The business has contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community.
3. The business is committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms.

**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION:**

**CRITERIA FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY**

1. The business has a break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years, except in the case of fire, natural disaster or other extraordinary circumstance.
2. The business relocates outside of San Francisco.
3. The business no longer commits to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms.