



**SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, June 25, 2012
2:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, ROOM 400
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco Ca 94102**

SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONERS,

Stephen Adams, President
Luke O'Brien, Vice-President
Kathleen Dooley, Mark Dwight, William Ortiz-Cartagena
Monetta White, Irene Yee Riley

- 1. Call to order and roll call:**
- 2. Approval of the June 11, 2012 meeting minutes: Explanatory Documents: Draft June 11, 2012 minutes.** (Action Item).
- 3. General Public Comment:** Allows members of the public to comment generally on matters within the Commission's purview, and suggest new agenda items for the Commission's future consideration. (Discussion Item)
- 4. Discussion and possible action to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on Board of Supervisors File No. 120681 [Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations Code - Enact Gross Receipts Tax and Phase Out Payroll Expense Tax]** Motion ordering submitted to the voters an: "Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to: 1) enact a new Article 12-A-1 (Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance) to impose a gross receipts tax and a gross expense tax on persons engaging in business activities in San Francisco; 2) amend Article 12-A (Payroll Expense Tax Ordinance) to reduce business payroll expense tax rates based on the amount of gross receipts tax collected under Article 12-A-1 (Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance); 3) amend Article 12 (Business Registration Ordinance) to establish business registration fees based on gross receipts and gross expenses and amend the current business registration fees to generate \$13 million in additional revenue; 4) amend Article 12-A (Payroll Expense Tax Ordinance) to add a sunset date to the surplus business tax revenue credit; and 5) amend Article 6 (Common Administrative Provisions) to establish requirements for filing a tax return under Article 12-A-1 (Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance) and establish penalties for non-filing, amend the requirements for filing payroll expense tax returns and penalties for non-filing to conform to the new gross receipts tax" at an election to be held on November 6, 2012. Explanatory Documents: BOS File No. 120681, BOS File No. 120681 Legislative Digest, Controller Summary dated June 12, 2012. Presentation by Ted Egan and Jay Laio, Controllers Office and Tony Winnicker, Mayors Office. (Discussion and Action Item)
- 5. Discussion and possible action to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on Board of Supervisors File No. 120682 [Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations Code - Enact Gross Receipts Tax and Phase Out Payroll Expense Tax]** Motion ordering submitted to the voters

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6. **Director's Report:** Update and report on the Office of Small Business and the Small Business Assistance Center, update on department programs, update on legislative matters, and make announcements regarding small business activities. (Discussion Item).
7. **President's Report:** Allows the President to report on recent small business activities and make announcements that are of interest to the small business community. (Discussion Item).
8. **Vice-President's Report:** Allows the Vice-President to report on recent small business activities and make announcements that are of interest to the small business community. (Discussion Item).
9. **Commissioner Reports:** Allows Commissioners to report on recent small business activities and make announcements that are of interest to the small business community. (Discussion Item).
10. **General Public Comment:** Allows members of the public to comment generally on matters within the Commission's purview, and suggest new agenda items for the Commission's future consideration. (Discussion Item)
11. **New Business:** Allows Commissioners to introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Commission (Discussion Item).
12. **Adjournment:** (Action Item)

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