



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

January 19, 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. 201415 – Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees.

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Support.**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On January 11, 2021 the Small Business Commission (SBC or Commission) heard BOS File No. 201415 – Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees. Andrew Mullan, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Catherine Stefani provided the SBC with an overview of the legislation. The SBC voted (7-0) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors support the legislation.

The Commission engaged in a substantive discussion with Mr. Mullan. They had an opportunity to discuss the possibility of waiving fees in perpetuity, Mr. Mullan shared that the sponsor's office would take this under consideration through a separate and distinct legislative effort. The priority for this proposal is to get relief to small businesses more expeditiously. The Commission also discussed Section 4. Refund of Waived Fees and Penalties Paid to City and contemplated challenges that small businesses may have in requesting their refund, particularly for limited-English proficient business owners. Mr. Mullan committed to ensuring that businesses would be opted in to a refund and they would not have to specifically request one.

This proposal advances the Economic Recovery Task Force's recommendations to preserve the operation and lessen regulatory burdens for small businesses and would advance the Small Business Commission's advocacy to provide direct economic relief.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Catherine Stefani, Member, Board of Supervisors
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
Joaquin Torres, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Linda Wong, Clerk, Budget and Finance Committee