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December 14, 2020

Resolution No. 003-2020-SBC

Supporting Entertainment and Nightlife Businesses

Resolution

WHEREAS, the global pandemic, ignited by COVID-19, has led to an economic crisis of an unprecedented magnitude;

WHEREAS, the City of San Francisco and the State of California are under a State of Emergency requiring a shelter in place that has severely impaired small businesses;

WHEREAS, entertainment and nightlife businesses were among the first non-essential businesses to close and will be the last to reopen; and

WHEREAS, entertainment and nightlife businesses are historical pillars of San Francisco's unique culture and contribute significantly to the vibrancy of the City, particularly those who operate in our Cultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Recovery Task Force recommended that the City explore policies and investments that encourage economic development and activity in San Francisco, such as funding public infrastructure projects, streamlining permitting processes, advocacy for state and federal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Recovery Task Force recommended that the City create flexibility for businesses to operate and consider reducing or eliminating regulatory burdens; and

WHEREAS, there are 318 active Place of Entertainment permits; and

WHEREAS, according to a May 2020 Entertainment Commission Industry Survey, nearly half of entertainment and nightlife businesses including many bars, live music venues, and nightclubs were highly concerned that their businesses would need to close permanently and that more than half of survey respondents reported having lost between 75-100% of their expected business income and between 75-100% of their expected individual income in 2020; therefore, so be it

RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission urges the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors strongly advocate for federal relief specifically for entertainment and nightlife businesses in the form of grants, Paycheck Protection Program loans, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans; and be it,

RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission urges the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors strongly advocate for State relief specifically for entertainment and nightlife businesses in the form of grants and zero interest loans; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission urges the Mayor's Office, the Board of Supervisors, and City agencies to work together to expeditiously develop a recovery and relief plan specifically for entertainment and nightlife businesses; and be it,

RESOLVED, that the moratorium on Commercial Evictions should be extended through the end of calendar year 2021 to support vulnerable entertainment and nightlife businesses; and be it,

RESOLVED, that entertainment and nightlife business permitting should be streamlined to support expedient business activation; and be it,

RESOLVED, that the tenets of Board Resolution No. 355-19 be expanded to apply to all places of entertainment; and be it,

RESOLVED, that an entertainment and nightlife business registry and program should be created to support the sustainability and preservation of these valuable cultural assets.

I hereby certify that the Small Business Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Resolution on December 14, 2020.



Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

Ayes – Adams, Dooley, Huie, Laguana, Ortiz-Cartagena, Yekutiel, Zouzounis

Nays – None

Absent – None