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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
DIRECTOR KATY TANG

October 13, 2022

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. 220970 – Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses - SUPPORT

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On October 11, 2022 the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File No. 220970 – Waiver of Permit, License, and Business Registration Fees for Certain Small Businesses. Ana Herrera, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Ronen, presented the legislation. Ms. Herrera explained that this proposal would continue and expand the current First Year Free program which waives initial license, permit, and registration fees for new businesses. She clarified that First Year Free would be extended until June 30, 2023, would include businesses with gross receipts up to \$5 million (up from \$2 million), and would be available to all new businesses (not just those with ground floor commercial storefronts).

The Commission unanimously voted to support this legislation noting that the new guidelines would make it more accessible to a variety of new businesses, and that the extended timeline is necessary given the slow economic recovery from COVID-19. The Commission is committed to pursuing policies that support new business creation such as this.

The Commission commends Supervisor Ronen and her staff for their willingness to extend this valuable program for another year. Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendations. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Tang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business