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> OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTOR KATY TANG

November 6, 2024 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. 240982 – Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public Accommodation -Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On October 28, 2024, Supervisor Mandelman presented BOS File No. 240982 – Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public Accommodation to the Small Business Commission (the Commission).

The legislation sunsets the City's Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) Program, which Supervisor Mandelman explained had made significant progress in helping thousands of businesses become more accessible. The legislation also redirects City resources to support broader accessibility initiatives. Through ongoing partnerships between the Department of Building Inspection, the Mayor's Office on Disability, and the Office of Small Business, a range of resources will be made available to assist small businesses in meeting ongoing accessibility needs.

The Commission supports this legislation and thanked Supervisor Mandelman for this thoughtful approach to make San Francisco more inclusive while also acknowledging the challenges that some small businesses face in making physical improvements to their spaces. The Commission agreed that the ABE program was very successful and looks forward to future collaboration between small businesses and the disability community.

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

Sincerely,

Katy Tang Director, Office of Small Business