

1 [ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANT-OWNED SMALL  
2 BUSINESSES]

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4 **Resolution acknowledging the significant impact of immigrant-owned small businesses**  
5 **by adding to the fabric of San Francisco, strengthening its local economy, and**  
6 **enhancing the uniqueness of our city. It also calls on the City and County of San**  
7 **Francisco to prioritize strategies to support and preserve our iconic small business**  
8 **corridors that are part of our rich culture.**

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10 WHEREAS, Small businesses have substantially contributed to the unique character of  
11 San Francisco by enriching its corridors from Chinatown, Tenderloin, Mission, Clement, and  
12 Bayview to many other iconic corners of the city, accounting for approximately 95% of all  
13 businesses in San Francisco; and

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15 WHEREAS, Immigrant-owned small businesses play an outstanding role in creating  
16 jobs, boosting our local economy, and promoting diverse cultures in our business corridors;  
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19 WHEREAS, Small businesses strengthen and revitalize San Francisco's local economy  
20 and more than one-third are immigrant owned. These businesses include hairstylists,  
21 restaurants, flower shops, and many others that accentuate the uniqueness of cultural district  
22 corridors; and

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24 WHEREAS, The pandemic forced many small businesses to close due to the  
25 unforeseen economic and systemic challenges; and

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WHEREAS, The Immigrant Rights Commission emphasizes the importance of immigrant-owned small businesses and their achievements and contributions to making San Francisco more vibrant and diverse; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission commits to promoting immigrant-owned small businesses in different neighborhoods during this holiday season; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission urges the City and County of San Francisco to address language access needs, increase support for businesses facing displacement, and expand culturally competent small business outreach in order to support monolingual small business owners; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission shall transmit a copy of this to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Office of Small Business.