



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
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April 30, 2026

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 260361 – Smoke Free Places – Motion of No Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On April 27, 2026, the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 260361 – Smoke Free Places. Jen Low, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Melgar, presented the legislation which would prohibit smoking in outdoor patios associated with bars and taverns, and update local Health Code to match State regulations that eliminate exceptions for smoking indoors in certain circumstances.

The Commission had a robust discussion about the potential impacts that a prohibition could have on bars and taverns with patios that allow smoking. They shared concerns that customers may shift to smoking on the sidewalk in front of the businesses, which may create new tensions between neighbors regarding noise, smoke, and gatherings. Commissioners commented that the nightlife industry is still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and that this legislation could have a large negative impact on neighborhood bars and taverns. They also requested data on complaints associated with smoking at outdoor patios to understand the extent of the problem. The Commission voted to not support this legislation with a 6-0 vote. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Tang".

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business