



September 16, 2025

Dear Small Business Commission,

I'm writing today on behalf of the Golden Gate Restaurant Association in support of Supervisor Melgar's measure 250782, Small Business Rezoning Construction Relief Program. We appreciate the Supervisor's proactiveness on this issue.

While we are supportive of the Mayor's Family Zoning Plan, we share the concerns of many small businesses around possible displacement. As such, we strongly support Supervisor Melgar's legislation which would:

- Create the Small Business Rezoning Construction Relief Fund and the Small Business Rezoning Construction Relief Program.
- Utilize monies collected in the Fund to assist Small Businesses displaced or impacted by increased residential construction resulting from the City's residential rezoning program.
- Allow taxpayers to designate up to four percent of their annual gross receipts tax liability for deposit in the Fund beginning with the 2025 tax year, with an annual total cap of \$8 million in designated amounts from all taxpayers.

These legislative proposals allow business owners to feel safer given the key changes coming to zoning in our city. This is a common sense solution that I hope you can support.

Laurie Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Thomas".

Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association