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July 7, 2017

The Honorable Mark Farrell, Chair  
Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support File No. 170209 Bicycle Chop Shops (Sheehy)

Dear Supervisor Farrell:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,500 local businesses and over 200,000 employees, urges the Land Use Committee to give a "Due Pass" recommendation to Supervisor Sheehy's legislation prohibiting bicycle chop shops from operating on the city's streets and sidewalks.

In recent years, on sidewalks downtown and in other neighborhoods, the demolition of what often appear to be stolen bicycles is occurring with more and more frequency. One location on Montgomery Street, between Post and Sutter, has been used for this purpose off and on for the last two or three years. As soon as DPW cleans the mounds of junk, the two or three people operating the hop shop return with a new set of bikes to disassemble.

Allowing these chop shops to continue to operate pose a public safety risk to pedestrians, encourages theft of personal property and creates visual blight. Furthermore, many of the individuals involved with these operations are in desperate need of medical and mental health services.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce urges the Land Use and Transportation Committee to recommend that the Board of Supervisors to adopt this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus  
Senior Vice President of Public Policy

cc: Clerk of the Board, to be distributed to all Supervisors