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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, #244
San Francisco, CA 94012

RE: Support of File #201415 “Waiver of Business Registration Fees and Certain License Fees”

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce supports File #201415, introduced by Supervisor Stefani and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Mandelman, and Haney that will waive business registration fees for eligible small businesses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and those fees due on March 31st, 2020.

This ordinance is a needed step to support our struggling small business in San Francisco. Recent data on small business closures shows that approximately 50% of our local small businesses have closed. We need to make sure that the businesses who have survived this past year remain open, and work towards cultivating means for other businesses to return.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce actively supports policies that uplift our small business community, which contributes so greatly to San Francisco’s vibrance and culture. We believe this ordinance will help small businesses maintain a foothold in San Francisco’s neighborhood commercial districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Fong", written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Rodney Fong
President & CEO
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

cc: Clerk of the Board, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed; OEWD