FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Contact: Natalie Gee, 415-619-0878, natalie.gee@sfgov.org

***PRESS RELEASE***
***SF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY PASSES INTERIM ZONING CONTROLS ON PARCEL DELIVERY SERVICES***

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - On Tuesday afternoon, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Supervisor Shamann Walton’s legislation on interim zoning controls on parcel delivery services with a 10-0 vote with Supervisor Aaron Peskin excused due to owning Amazon stocks. The legislation was co-sponsored by Supervisors Preston, Ronen, Chan, Melgar, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, and Safai.

Over the last decade, there has been a rapid evolution of the parcel service delivery industry with companies like Amazon in San Francisco without adequate community input. This has caused an increase of pollution and traffic, jobs that pay below industry-standard wages, and in some cases, facilities with serious health and safety concerns in San Francisco.

This legislation will implement an 18-month interim zoning controls to require a Conditional Use authorization and specified findings for proposed Parcel Delivery Service uses and require community input on such projects. The 18 month period will also allow San Francisco to study and assess the land-use impacts of parcel delivery services and consider new permanent land-use controls appropriate for the City. The legislation will also allow community input to decide whether or not to allow these types of facilities and businesses to enter the community and make sure incoming facilities will benefit residents living and working in San Francisco.

Earlier today, Supervisor Walton joined residents, community members, as well as the San Francisco Labor Council, the United Food & Commercial Workers, the Teamsters Joint Council 7, the San Francisco Building Trades, SEIU Local 87, and the San Francisco Southeast Alliance in a rally in support of the legislation. Labor leaders emphasized bringing quality jobs with living wages and benefits for San Francisco and residents expressed concern for the lack of community input in the current planning process for parcel delivery services like Amazon.
“When companies like Amazon come into the community, the community and residents should have a say on their proposed locations—that is not the case right now as projects come in and increase pollution and traffic, bring in jobs that pay below living wages, and in some cases, facilities with serious health and safety concerns,” said Supervisor Walton, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. “Amazon and companies that come into the community need to respect the community and work with the community to come to an agreement to mitigate pollution, traffic, and other potential harms that will impact the community.”

At the time of the vote, Amazon expressed that they will pause work on the proposed last-mile warehouse at 900 7th Street instead of working with labor, community, and city leadership to come to an agreement. Supervisor Walton will be exploring permanent zoning controls during this 18-month period.

###