## AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 7/18/2022 MOTION NO. M22-130

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[Advanced Written Determination Regarding Statement of Incompatible Activities - Small Business Commission - Tiffany Carter

Motion finding that Tiffany Carter's proposal to apply for grants and contracts administered by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development ("OEWD") and to seek assistance from OEWD relating to the growth of the restaurant she owns and to benefit the mission of SF Black Wallstreet LLC and SF Black Wallstreet Foundation are not incompatible with the Statement of Incompatible Activities of the Small Business Commission, of which she is a member, subject to conditions.

WHEREAS, Tiffany Carter ("Carter") is a member of the Small Business Commission ("SBC"), appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and the owner of a restaurant, Boug dot LLC (doing business as Boug Cali), which generates less than \$1 million in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, Carter is a founding member of the SF Black Wallstreet Foundation, a community organization which promotes Black sovereignty through advancing home ownership, economic development, and spatial justice in San Francisco's Black communities. Carter receives no financial compensation as a member of the SF Black Wallstreet board;

WHEREAS, Carter is a member of the SF Black Wallstreet LLC, the business entity with the same mission as the SF Black Wallstreet Foundation, and may receive compensation in the future under this position; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Small Business Commission are subject to a Statement of Incompatible Activities ("SIA") that guides employees of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development ("OEWD") and members of the SBC about the kinds of activities that are incompatible with their public duties and therefore prohibited; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.218 of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code authorizes City employees and officers to seek an Advance Written Determination ("AWD")

from their employer or appointing officer that a proposed activity is or is not incompatible with the governing SIA; and

WHEREAS, An AWD that a proposed activity is not incompatible with the applicable SIA provides the requestor with immunity from any subsequent enforcement action for violation of the SIA if the material facts are as presented in the requestor's written submission; and

WHEREAS, Carter submitted a request for an AWD confirming that the following activities are not incompatible under the SBC's SIA: 1) applying for OEWD grants to support her restaurant, Boug Cali, and 2) seeking assistance from OEWD to identify a new location for her restaurant ("Proposed Activities"), and 3) applying for OEWD grants to support the SF Black Wallstreet Foundation Carter's request is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. 2220777; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding this prohibition, Carter's proposed activities are not incompatible with the SBC's SIA because the City and County aspires to a diversity of representation on its Boards and Commissions, particularly encouraging women and members of the BIPOC, Immigrant, LGBTQ+, Reentry and other underrepresented communities to serve on their own time; and

WHEREAS, BIPOC, Immigrant, LGBTQ+, Reentry and other underrepresented communities also experience significant barriers to accessing small business financial and technical support, as well as pre-development, lease, capital tenant improvement and acquisition funding, and having to choose between equitable access to small business grants, loans or other forms of public assistance can be a disincentive to authentic and diverse representation on the Small Business Commission; and

WHEREAS, Small business owners in the restaurant industry have very small margins, and without significant outside investment from private investors, are unable to afford high

commercial rents, required upgrades to bring restaurant spaces up to code, or even broker services to help locate viable space; and

WHEREAS, Carter does not receive compensation for her volunteer service on the board of SF Black Wallstreet Foundation, which is a community organization that seeks to bolster economic development among Black San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, Carter's small business, Boug Cali, does not generate enough revenue currently to qualify her to pay gross receipts tax; and

WHEREAS, Carter does not currently but may receive compensation as a member of the SF Black Wallstreet LLC, now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That based on the information submitted, the Board of Supervisors finds that the Proposed Activities are not incompatible with the SIA of the SBC, subject to the following conditions:

- Carter will submit another AWD request if she applies for additional grants,
   loans or support after two years of the adoption of this motion or if Boug Cali
   begins to generate over \$1 million in revenue annually; and
- Carter will submit another AWD request if she receives compensation totaling over \$1,000 per month as a member of the SF Black Wallstreet LLC; and
- The Board of Supervisors may hold a hearing to re-evaluate this AWD approval at any point.

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July 18, 2022 Rules Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

July 18, 2022 Rules Committee - CONTINUED AS AMENDED

July 25, 2022 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

July 26, 2022 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on 7/26/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board