Resolution urging passage of California State Senate Bill No. 314, Bar and Restaurant Recovery Act, authored by Senator Scott Wiener, to provide much-needed relief for restaurants and bars and to ensure they are able to recover economically after the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and United States of America have declared local, state, and national emergencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Public health precautions required to slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and minimize loss of life are resulting in severe economic impacts for our city, state, and country, with the restaurant and bar industry being among the hardest hit sectors; and

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Planning Department’s most recent Commerce and Industry Inventory Report, which was published prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, eating and drinking places in San Francisco employed more than 65,000 people – the most of any retail sector; and

WHEREAS, According to the Office of the Controller’s Five-Year Financial Plan, the hospitality industry, including restaurants and bars, sustained a 28% decrease in employment from March-November 2020, and data provided to the San Francisco Economic Recovery Task Force showed that sales in San Francisco restaurants and bars were down by 65% due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, As part of San Francisco’s local efforts to support local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has targeted fee relief, grants and other resources to restaurants and bars; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco implemented the Shared Spaces program to allow businesses to use the sidewalk or parking lanes for business operations, including dining, and many restaurants and bars have been able to use these spaces to continue operations during portions of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control instituted temporary regulations allowing significantly expanded outdoor restaurant/bar seating with alcohol service in outdoor spaces like parking lots and sidewalks, including businesses using Shared Spaces permits in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 314 (Wiener) will support California restaurants and bars by doing the following: making permanent some of these temporary pandemic regulations allowing for outdoor alcohol beverage service, making it easier for bars and restaurants to share commercial space with other bars and restaurants or with non-alcohol-serving businesses thus allowing businesses to reduce their rent costs, streamlining and adding flexibility to California’s alcohol license process, creating a new entertainment venue liquor license separate from a regular restaurant license and authorizing cities and counties to create open container entertainment zones where people can purchase and consume alcohol from surrounding businesses during festivals, street fairs or other outdoor events; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the passage of State Senate Bill 314 – Bar and Restaurant Recovery Act to provide much-needed relief for California’s local restaurants and bars to ensure they are able to recover economically after the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State Legislature and City Lobbyist upon passage.
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February 23, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/23/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/5/2021

Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/5/2021