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**Subject:** Rules Committee tomorrow

Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers, please find attached our letter supporting two items on tomorrow's Rules Committee agenda regarding a Fee Cap on Food Delivery Services and a Universal Extension of Development and Construction Deadlines Due to Covid-19.

Thanks again for your consideration and continued leadership in these difficult times. Scott



## SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

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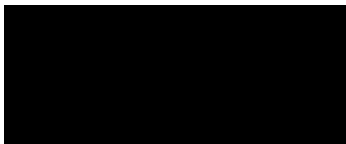
Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

The San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA), representing more than 2000 member businesses, voices its support for Councilman Diep's memo (agenda item 2) on the May 6 Rules and Open Government Committee Meeting. Restaurants and other hospitality businesses have shouldered a disproportionate amount of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and have thus far received little direct assistance at the local level. We applaud Councilman Diep for taking a substantive step toward allowing small businesses to keep more of the vital revenue they are able to collect under the shelter in place protocols.

SJDA also supports Mayor Liccardo's memo on development (agenda item 3) also on the May 6 Rules agenda. This suite of extensions on various development-related deadlines is common sense policy that reflects the unprecedented conditions the development industry is facing at this time. Allowing extra time for complex deals to find equilibrium in this new economic reality is necessary and we appreciate the Mayor's leadership in proposing to extend entitlements in order a few more projects from the pre-pandemic development cycle may finish.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership during these difficult days.

Sincerely,



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