

Letter to the Commissioners as regards Agenda # 5

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To: Licouris, Alyssa

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Dear Commissioners:
San Francisco Street Artists Program

As regards Item # 5 .

"Hearing and possible motion to request the Board of Supervisors to amend Article 24 (San Francisco Municipal Code), Section 2401(b), by changing the definition of "Handcrafted Item" from its present definition of "An item predominantly created or significantly altered in form by the street artist" to "An item made by hand or by a hand process as contrasted to machine made."

I am in favor of strengthening the language wherever we can. In my opinion the SF Street Artists program finds itself in the position in the wharf and downtown selling locations having a predominant amount of tables offering items that are exactly the same as each other from table to table and further more which are available for sale wholesale on the internet. Some of those examples are - "animal knitted hats" - "hemp bracelets" - " religious icon elastic bracelets" - "bead necklaces" - just to name a few.

The purpose of the Street Artist Program is to provide an outlet for a hand craft artist to sell the one of a kind products that they make by hand. I believe in order for the street artist program to regain its integrity and good reputation every effort should be made to eliminate any loopholes for allowing mass produced items to be sold on street artist tables. Items cannot possible be one of a kind and hand crafted by the artist if the same items are duplicated on table after table in a 90% ratio.

Thank You

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