SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 13, 2016

The Honorable John Avalos
The Honorable Katy Tang
The Honorable Mark Farrell
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: SUPPORT: File #160014, Thea Selby for Cannabis State Legalization Task Force Business Seat

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Tang and Farrell,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,500 local businesses, supports the appointment of Thea Selby for a business seat on the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force that will come before the Rules Committee tomorrow, January 14, 2016. We understand Supervisor Farrell will be sitting in for Supervisor Cohen at this meeting.

Ms. Selby is a small business owner in the city, co-founded the Lower Haight Merchant and Neighbor Association and is Vice President of the City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees. She has also raised a family on Haight Street at Fillmore, a location which has had three medical cannabis dispensaries nearby over the last eight years. As a community member and leader she has worked with local medical cannabis dispensaries and understands the benefits and challenges of having them located in neighborhood commercial districts. Her experiences as a small business owner help her understand these matters from a business and economic perspective as well.

We at the San Francisco Chamber believe Ms. Selby would be an excellent representative of the business community on this Task Force, and encourage the Rules Committee to vote to recommend her appointment to the full Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President of Public Policy

cc: Supervisor Malia Cohen; Supervisor London Breed