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June 26, 2017

The Honorable Mark Dwight, President
San Francisco Small Business Commission
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 110
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: File Number 170599, Ordinance Prohibiting Autonomous Delivery Vehicles

Dear President Dwight:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,500 businesses of all types and sizes, urges the Small Business Commission to recommend the Board of Supervisors reject the proposed ordinance prohibiting autonomous delivery vehicles on the sidewalks and right-of-ways of San Francisco.

The development of cutting age technology is a large part of San Francisco's knowledge based economy. Prohibiting the use of new technology in the city, whether it is "robot" delivery vehicles or any other systems will force this product development, not only out of the city, but perhaps out of the Bay Area.

This legislation is in search of a problem where there is no evidence that one exists. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce urges the Commission to recommend a "do not pass" for this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President of Public Policy

cc: Clerk of the Commission to be distributed to all members of the Small Business Commission,
Supervisor Norman Yee