

February 19, 2019

Board of Supervisors Rules Committee  
City Hall  
Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors Ronen, Walton and Mar:

We, the undersigned, kindly request that you officially appoint the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee members that are designated as Board-appointed seats. These committee members, eight of the sixteen seats on the committee, must be officially appointed and allowed to complete their important work.

When San Francisco voters passed the soda tax in 2016, they did so knowing that this committee would make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor for how the revenue from the tax would best be spent to further support the health of San Franciscans and report on the impact and effectiveness of the tax.

As outlined in the ordinance, Advisory Committee members serve on the committee for two years and the first two-year appointments ended December 31, 2018. We understand that the committee clerk has received applications for the second round of appointments, but that the committee has not yet scheduled a hearing on these appointments.

It is critically important for the credibility of San Francisco's commitment to upholding the intent of the soda tax ordinance that the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee be officially appointed in a timely manner.

**With this in mind, we request you:**

- Schedule the Rules Committee hearing to consider appointments and recommend appointments to the full Board of Supervisors for final approval by March 4, 2019.
- Publicly publish the final list of appointed Advisory Committee members on the Board's website and/or the Department of Public Health's Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee website.

Sincerely,

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Community Health Advocate

**Katie Ettman**  
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