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**San Francisco Small Business Payroll Expense Tax Exclusion to be Implemented as Part of Annual Payroll Expense Tax Filing**

*Treasurer-Tax Collector Streamlines Process to Benefit Taxpayers*

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SAN FRANCISCO – Today Treasurer José Cisneros, Supervisors David Campos, and Mark Farrell announced the small business payroll expense tax exclusion will be integrated into the annual business tax filing, offering a streamlined process for taxpayers.

“The Board of Supervisors and Mayor have passed a payroll expense tax exclusion for growing small businesses,” said Treasurer Cisneros. “My office has made claiming the exclusion part of the normal business tax filing so taxpayers do not have to file additional paperwork. Taxpayers simply have to file a timely business tax return by the standard February 28, 2013 deadline.”

In August 2012 Supervisors Mark Farrell and David Campos sponsored an ordinance to allow small businesses with less than \$500,000 in payroll expense to exclude up to \$250,000 in growth of their payroll expense over the previous year from San Francisco payroll expense taxes. That means a business could reduce their San Francisco payroll expense tax liability by as much as \$3,750 by hiring additional workers or adding hours for existing workers.

“This legislation will both help create new jobs for our residents in San Francisco and demonstrated our support for our small business community,” said Supervisor Mark Farrell. “I thank the Treasurer for making this easy for taxpayers to claim.”

“Small businesses are the heart of San Francisco,” said Supervisor Campos. “I am proud that the City government is helping them to grow with this tax exclusion.”

Businesses do not have to file any additional paperwork beyond their tax return to claim the exclusion. The exclusion will be automatically calculated as part of the business tax filing for tax year 2012 that is due February 28, 2013. The exclusion will continue to be calculated automatically as part of the payroll expense tax filing for the life of the exclusion.

The Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector will send notices to taxpayers in January 2013 reminding them of the payroll expense tax filing. Filing occurs online at [www.sftreasurer.org](http://www.sftreasurer.org).