



2021 GGRA Advocacy Overview

- **[Shared Spaces Becomes Permanent](#)**- The GGRA has worked tirelessly with San Francisco city officials and departments to make the Shared Spaces program work for restaurants throughout the pandemic. It is clear that this program has not only served as a lifeline during the pandemic, but is also essential to the continued success of many restaurants even with the return of indoor dining at full capacity. After months of our advocacy, the Permanent Shared Spaces Legislation passed at the Board of Supervisors on July 20th. Under the current legislation the Shared Spaces permit holders have until June 2022 to renew permits and bring their areas into compliance with new rules & regulations. ** At the end of December the Mayor announced that she would be introducing new legislation to recognize the continued hardship on restaurants and businesses by the continued pandemic. This new legislation, if introduced and passed, would further extend the pandemic Shared Spaces until March of 2023. You can find the official press release [here](#).
- **[Permanent San Francisco Third-Party Delivery Commission Cap](#)**- San Francisco's Board of Supervisors voted on Tuesday, June 22nd to make the temporary 15% commission cap on third-party food delivery services permanent.
- **[Relax, We're Vaxxed Campaign](#)**- This campaign informed the public of San Francisco's vaccination policy for indoor dining with positive messaging. This includes ads displayed at BART stations and a digital campaign ran with our partners: SF Travel, SF Chamber of Commerce, and the Hotel Council of San Francisco.
- **[Advocated for BART to resume late night service](#)** - In late June, BART announced that Midnight service was slated to return on August 31st. GGRA advocated for BART to run late night trains sooner, as ending service early prevented hospitality staff from working evening shifts and returning home via a reliable, affordable transportation option, as well as operators' ability to hire those who do not have another way to return home after their shift. We are very grateful that our outreach resulted in BART implementing an immediate plan to run late-night limited trains from downtown San Francisco July 15-31st and return to Midnight service Monday-Saturday on August 2nd.

- [Worked with Recology to help restaurants obtain refunds](#)- Businesses that had an account with Recology in San Francisco at any point between July 1, 2017, and March 31, 2021, were entitled to receive possible payment.
- **Supported Mayor's [Small Business Recovery Act](#)**- The Small Business Recovery Act expanded upon November 2020 Proposition H to further eliminate bureaucracy and make it easier for small businesses to open and operate as San Francisco recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Right to Reemployment Ordinance** - Lobbied for raising the threshold; only applies to businesses with 200+ employees per location + Formula Retail. We are hopeful this new definition of 200+ employees could be a chance to change the threshold for ordinances, and to recognize that in our industry we have so many part-time employees that it is very easy to get to a threshold of 100 employees.