

## San Francisco Out to Help Small Businesses w/ ADA Laws as Some Suits Called "Frivolous"

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Yesterday some San Francisco supervisors, led by **Carmen Chu**, held a press conference to discuss steps the city is taking to help stem the tide of lawsuits against small business owners under the Americans With Disabilities Act and California's Unruh Civil Right Act.

Chu said that "many people in the ADA community also feel that many of these lawsuits may be frivolous and that may give them a bad name... (But) what we really want to do is help businesses understand what they need to do to come under compliance with ADA...and help protect them... against some of these lawsuits we've seen against the city."

Chu said the city would help small businesses comply with the disability access laws through an outreach program that includes sending information by mail and going door to door.

The initiative comes on the heels of a Chronicle article last weekend describing a spate of letters notifying businesses in Noe Valley and the Mission of their non-compliance with disability access laws.

Link to interview by KQED's Kelly Wilkinson with Supervisor Chu:

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