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Supervisor Jackie Fielder Slams Breaks on DoorDash's Outdoor Drone Testing in The Mission with Unanimous Approval at San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Today, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Supervisor Fielder's legislation that requires additional review on any outdoor laboratory use space in the Mission, Dogpatch, and Potrero for the next 18 months. Without this legislation, DoorDash would be able to test delivery drones in the parking lot of their 1960 Folsom Street property in the Mission. Now, DoorDash will have to go to the Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Authorization before testing drones outside.

"Any company whose innovation is equated with killing jobs, injuring or killing humans and pets, and massive privacy violations, can no longer do what they want, when they want," said Supervisor Fielder. "The public wants transparency and regulation on these companies, not a free for all to line the pockets of tech billionaires."

DoorDash's application to use their space to test drone food delivery is one example of the increase in applications to convert space to Lab Uses in the Mission's Production, Distribution, and Repair (PDR) district that Supervisor Fielder says should be reviewed in more detail to determine whether the proposed Lab Use is meeting the goals of the zoning district.

"DoorDash testing delivery drones that can fly 150 feet up, 65 miles per hour next to families in an affordable housing complex was never a good idea, and we're grateful to Supervisor Fielder for her leadership, Supervisor Walton for his support, and the whole Board for supporting this legislation," said **Tony Delorio, Principal Officer of Teamsters Local Union No. 665**, the largest affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in San Francisco.

The legislation will require the San Francisco Planning Department to generate a report of how PDR space is being utilized and could inform more permanent controls on laboratory space use.

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