[Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit - Goettingen Street Steps of Wisdom Stairway]

Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee and ongoing fees for the Goettingen Street Steps of Wisdom Stairway.

WHEREAS, The Goettingen Street Stairway, are located by 255 Dwight Street and 700 Goettingen Street, at the corner of Dwight and Goettingen Streets, in the Portola neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The Goettingen Street Stairway is used as a recreational pathway, and provides an access point to many public, commercial, and faith institutions such as the Portola Public Library, Phillip Burton High School, Church for All Nations, and is one of the only throughways for pedestrians to catch the 8 bus line, and links the Visitacion Valley and Portola neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group plans to create a collaborative public arts installation on the Goettingen Street Stairway called the Steps of Wisdom project; and

WHEREAS, A community art installation would enhance the pedestrian experience on the Goettingen Street Stairs by making a more attractive passage with art and landscaping celebrating the natural history and diverse demographic in the Portola neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, In the past two years, there have been several muggings and physical assaults on the stairway, and the Goettingen Neighborhood Group is aiming to mitigate these safety concerns with the Steps of Wisdom project that would include added lighting at night; and

WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group is partnering with local artist Phillip Hua, and collaborating with local residents, garden members to complete this project; and
WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group submitted an application for a Major Encroachment Permit to install the project, (Permit No. 21ME-00020); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Works Code, Section 786, the proposed Major Encroachment Permit must be approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group has already received funding from the Community Challenge Grant program to help fulfill its vision of the Steps of Wisdom project at the Goetteingen Street Stairway that would include illuminating and beautifying this pedestrian walkway, and is fundraising for the cost of the Steps of Wisdom; and

WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group has already commenced community clean up, beautification with native plants and benches, litter and graffiti abatement in the area, started a nighttime volunteer buddy system to help with safety in the area, created a project mockup of the Goettingen Steps of Wisdom, and has put a considerable amount of work to beautify this City property for the use of all neighbors, their work on the Goettingen Steps of Wisdom cannot continue if the Board does not waive the fees now and on an ongoing basis, and the City and Portola neighborhood will receive much more benefit than cost at the waiving of this fee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fees associated with Permit No. 21ME-00020; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to review the project associated with Major Encroachment Permit No. 21ME-00020.
File Number: 220216  Date Passed: March 08, 2022

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March 08, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/8/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Unsigned  Date Approved

London N. Breed  3/18/2022
Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo  3/18/2022
Clerk of the Board