[Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit - Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project]

Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee and ongoing fees, including the street improvement permit, annual assessment, and street improvement annual assessment fees, for the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project.

WHEREAS, The Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project is located on Pasadena Street and Velasco Avenue on a steep hillside segment of Pasadena Street in the Visitacion Valley neighborhood across from the Sunnydale Housing HOPE SF site; and

WHEREAS, This vacant lot is owned by San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) and is an 'Unaccepted Street' due to the dramatic grade change between Pasadena Street and Velasco Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Once a rocky mound jutting up from the floor of Visitacion Valley, this isolate landmark was slowly surrounded and encroached by development; and

WHEREAS, Homes were built along its rocky flanks, and in time Pasadena Street crested the barren summit, but due to the steep slope of the hill's northern face, a segment of this street could not be built; and

WHEREAS, Because the sidewalk fronting the site is incomplete, this this 100'x60' unaccepted street is regularly used as an illegal dumping site and is a source of blight within the community; and

WHEREAS, The concept of the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project began in 2019, when a neighbor and his family took an interest in tackling the overgrown and blighted lot; and

WHEREAS, Neighbors hosted regular Saturday work parties to pull out weeds and pick up trash as well as share ideas to beautify the open space; and

WHEREAS, A social media post in early 2020 featuring a concept sketch created by one of the Project Team members, illustrated a landscaped site with a long run of stairs generated interest throughout the neighborhood and this simple act began a series of shared ideas about how the concept could become a reality; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project was awarded a Community Challenge Grant to help fulfill its vision of a community open space that would beautify this vacant lot, and is fundraising for the costs of the project; and

WHEREAS, The Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project will submit an application for a Major Encroachment Permit to install the project; 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 Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project has already commenced community clean up, beautification, litter abatement in the area, initiated community weekend clean up events, and has put a considerable amount of work to beautify this City property for use of all neighbors, their work on the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project cannot continue if the Board dose not waive the feeds now and on an ongoing basis, and the City and the Visitacion Valley neighborhood will receive much more benefit than the 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 fee and ongoing fees, including the San Francisco Planning Department's General Plan referral application fees, street improvement permit, annual assessment, and street improvement annual assessment fees, associated with the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to review the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project.



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March 14, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/14/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 3/24/2023

London N. Breed Date Approved 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 Clerk of the Board 3 24 2023 Date