

1 [Traffic Regulation – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues Temporary Street Closure.]

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3 **Resolution enacting "Temporary Street Closure to Vehicular Traffic" regulations on**  
4 **portions of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Lake Street at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and**  
5 **15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gates, until December 1, 2005 for public safety reasons; making**  
6 **environmental findings; and providing for monitoring of local intersections.**

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8 WHEREAS, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Lake Street at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gate, is currently  
9 closed to vehicular traffic into and out of the Presidio; and

10 WHEREAS, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of Lake Street is currently open to northbound and  
11 southbound vehicular traffic into and out of the Presidio; and,

12 WHEREAS, the amount of automobile traffic traveling along the blocks of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
13 Avenues north of Lake Street and south of the Presidio has been minimal due to the lack of  
14 development in the Presidio; and,

15 WHEREAS, the Planning Department has determined that the action contemplated in  
16 this Resolution is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California  
17 Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) Said determination is on file with the Clerk of  
18 the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

19 WHEREAS, currently, the main traffic on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues north of Lake Street  
20 and into and out of the Presidio is bicyclists and pedestrians; and,

21 WHEREAS, the blocks of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues north of Lake Street and south of the  
22 Presidio are quiet, residential neighborhoods which allow children to play without a significant  
23 fear of pedestrian injury or death; and,

24 WHEREAS, the Presidio Trust is proposing to rehabilitate and reuse buildings at the  
25 former Public Health Service Hospital (PHSH) in the Presidio to provide new residential

1 housing units. The location for the new residential development is directly adjacent to the  
2 Richmond – Park Presidio neighborhood that encompasses the blocks of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
3 Avenues north of Lake Street and just south of the Presidio; and,

4 WHEREAS, the Presidio Trust has proposed a development plan that would add 350  
5 units of new residential housing at the PSHH site; and,

6 WHEREAS, the Presidio Trust has proposed to use 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues as primary  
7 entry and exit points for vehicular traffic associated with the residential uses of their  
8 development plan; and,

9 WHEREAS, the residents of the Richmond – Park Presidio neighborhood are  
10 concerned about the impact on public safety and the protection of bicyclists, pedestrians, and  
11 children if there is a significant increase in vehicular traffic as a result of the Presidio Trust's  
12 development of the PSHH site; and,

13 WHEREAS, residents of the Richmond – Park Presidio neighborhood have suggested  
14 several alternatives that would mitigate the likely impacts of Presidio development plans  
15 proposed for the site, but the Presidio Trust continues to favor the most intense development  
16 proposal while rejecting alternatives to reroute traffic proposed by the neighborhood; and,

17 WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code section 21101(e) provides that the City may  
18 temporarily close a portion of any street when such closure is necessary for the safety and  
19 protection of persons who will use the street during the temporary closure; and,

20 WHEREAS, it is necessary to temporarily close portions of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues,  
21 north of Lake Street at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gates, for the safety and protection  
22 of persons who will use the closed portion of these streets during the temporary closure; and,

23 WHEREAS, the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) will monitor local  
24 intersections during the term of this closure to assess vehicular and pedestrian impacts; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, should DPT find the intersection levels of service substantially deteriorate  
2 during this temporary closure, such closure shall automatically terminate; now, therefore, be it  
3           RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of the California Vehicle Code  
4 section 21101(e), the portions of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Lake Street at the 14<sup>th</sup>  
5 Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gates, are temporarily closed to vehicular traffic until December 1,  
6 2005, and the following regulation governing the movement of vehicles is hereby enacted as  
7 designated below:

8           Temporary Street Closure to Vehicular Traffic, At All Times, Every Day Including  
9 Holidays until December 1, 2005, Establish

10           14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Lake Street at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gate; and  
11           15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Lake Street at the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gate; and, be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the term of this closure DPT shall monitor local  
13 intersections to determine if levels of service for vehicles and pedestrians substantially  
14 deteriorate for vehicles and pedestrians; and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, That should DPT determine that such deterioration has  
16 occurred, the closure shall automatically terminate.