

1 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fees - Detroit Steps Project]

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3 **Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee, General Plan Referral**
4 **fee, Annual Assessment to Maintain Major Encroachment, and Street Improvement fee**
5 **associated with the Detroit Steps Project.**
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7 WHEREAS, The Detroit Steps Project (DSP) was launched at the Sunnyside
8 Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting on November 5, 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, The Detroit Steps are a two-block public stairway in the Sunnyside
10 neighborhood in District Seven of San Francisco, comprising 185 steps that run from Detroit
11 and Hearst to Detroit and Joost, bisected by Monterey Boulevard; and

12 WHEREAS, The Detroit Street Steps Project is a multi-phase community-led project
13 that aims at improving with lighting, and beautifying with landscaping and tiling a 185-step
14 stairway spanning two sections: the Lower Steps (from Hearst to Monterey) and the Upper
15 Steps (from Monterey to Joost; and

16 WHEREAS, This beautification project is transforming a neglected neighborhood site
17 into a safe pedestrian walkway; and

18 WHEREAS, The Detroit Street Steps project is also turning the steps into an inspiring
19 local destination promoting health and well-being to residents and visitors; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2019 the beautification began with the replacement of the lower steps
21 fence replacement and a water meter and backflow device installation; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2020 The San Francisco Parks Alliance became the Detroit Street
23 Steps fiscal sponsor; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2021, the Upper Steps Fence was replaced with funds from the District
25 7 Community Grant Initiative, and

1 WHEREAS, The Detroit Street Steps in 2021 became one of twenty-eight recipients of
2 a grant from the Neighborhood Beautification Grant Fund; and

3 WHEREAS, A Request for Proposals went out to local artists and Brad Kessler
4 Welding was selected and signed on by the San Francisco Parks Alliance as a contractor for
5 the Detroit Steps Archway in July 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, The proposed Archway is an integral part of the multi-year and multiphase
7 community lead project to beautify the Detroit Street Steps; and

8 WHEREAS; The Civic Design Review Committee of the San Francisco Art
9 Commission approved the design of the archway on August 15, 2022; and

10 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Works Code, Section 786, the proposed Major
11 Encroachment Permit must be approved by the Board of Supervisors; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive the Major
13 Encroachment Permit fee, General Plan Referral fee, and Street Improvement Fees
14 associated with the Detroit Steps Project; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to review the
16 Detroit Street Steps Archway project.