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1	[Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation -
2	How Weird Street Faire Admission Fee for 2024]
3	Resolution urging the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation
4	to approve a proposed plan to allow the How Weird Street Faire for 2024 to charge an
5	admission fee.
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7	WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire has been a much-loved showcase of electronic
8	music, fashion, art, performance, food, unique vendors and creativity for the last 20 years; and
9	WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire takes place along 2nd Street between Clementina
10	Street and Minna Street and along Howard Street between New Montgomery Street and 1st
11	Street in a primarily commercial area; and
12	WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire provides an economic boost to businesses in the
13	vicinity of the faire which is especially important as many businesses are currently trying to
14	recover from the COVID-19 pandemic; and
15	WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire is classified as a full cost-recovery event and is
16	required to reimburse the City for all police, fire, public works, and other expenses related to
17	the event; and
18	WHEREAS, Non-profit organizations and small businesses are struggling to operate in
19	the City due to the high cost of labor, permitting, and services; and
20	WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire is produced by World Peace Through Technology,
21	a non-profit organization that re-invests all event proceeds into the production of future events
22	and donates the remaining proceeds to other non-profit organizations; and
23	WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire has in the past been a free event dependent upon
24	attendee donations for a large portion of its budget; and
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1	WHEREAS, Receipts from donations have not provided sufficient revenue to make
2	necessary improvements to the staffing and public security elements of the event; and
3	WHEREAS, The site of the How Weird Street Faire is approaching full capacity
4	attendance but expanding the site is not possible due to permitting and residential access
5	points; and
6	WHEREAS, An admission-based event would help moderate attendance and provide
7	additional revenue for event improvements, public safety, and community donations; and
8	WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) made an initial
9	recommendation for an admission fee for the dual purpose of crowd control and to provide
10	funding for increased public safety measures; and
11	WHEREAS, The organizers of the How Weird Street Faire have worked with SFPD and
12	staff from the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation ("ISCOTT") on
13	all of their plans for the event, including the proposal to charge admission; and
14	WHEREAS, In order to charge admission, How Weird Street Faire will close the
15	sidewalks at each entry gate and event side streets, but will allow for public access through a
16	lane marked "local access" at each entry gate; and
17	WHEREAS, In the spirit of accessibility, no one will be turned away from How Weird
18	Street Faire for lack of funds; and
19	WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire organizers will submit an access plan to allow free
20	access to affected residents, employees, and business patrons; and
21	WHEREAS, Approval of this access plan will be a requirement of their ISCOTT permit;
22	now, therefore, be it
23	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24	urges ISCOTT to approve the application including the plan to allow for gated admission and
25	a modest admission charge for the How Weird Street Faire.

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). ✓ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Building Inspection Commission Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Dorsey Subject: Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation - How Weird Street Faire Admission Fee The text is listed: Resolution urging the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation to approve a proposed plan to allow the How Weird Street Faire to charge an admission fee.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: Matt Dorsey

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