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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: October 2, 2023

To: Nick Chapman, Committee Staff, Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT)

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation - How Weird Street Faire Admission Fee for 2023 (File No. 230946)

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On September 12, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 428-23, sponsored by Supervisor Matt Dorsey (File No. 230946, Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation - How Weird Street Faire Admission Fee for 2023); enacted on September 21, 2023.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Member of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Matt Dorsey  
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director  
Susanna Conine-Nakano, Mayor's Office

1 [Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation -  
2 How Weird Street Faire Admission Fee for 2023]

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 2023 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 Second Street between  
10 Clementina Street and Minna Street and along Howard Street between New Montgomery  
11 Street and 1st 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

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 for 2023.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

File Number: 230946

Date Passed: September 12, 2023

Resolution urging the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation to approve a proposed plan to allow the How Weird Street Faire for 2023 to charge an admission fee.

September 12, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

File No. 230946

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/12/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

09/21/2023

Date Approved

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.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

09/21/2023

Date