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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 7, 2022
To: Carla Short, Interim Director, Public Works
From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors
Subject: Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit -
Goettingen Street Steps of Wisdom Stairway (File No. 220216)

On March 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 86-22, sponsored by Supervisor Hillary Ronen (File No. 220216, Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit - Goettingen Street Steps of Wisdom Stairway) enacted on March 18, 2022.

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 Hillary Ronen
Tom Paulino, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director
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1 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit - Goettingen Street Steps
2 of Wisdom Stairway]

3 **Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee and ongoing fees for**
4 **the Goettingen Street Steps of Wisdom Stairway.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Goettingen Street Stairway, are located by 255 Dwight Street and 700
7 Goettingen Street, at the corner of Dwight and Goettingen Streets, in the Portola
8 neighborhood; and

9 WHEREAS, The Goettingen Street Stairway is used as a recreational pathway, and
10 provides an access point to many public, commercial, and faith institutions such as the Portola
11 Public Library, Phillip Burton High School, Church for All Nations, and is one of the only
12 throughways for pedestrians to catch the 8 bus line, and links the Visitacion Valley and
13 Portola neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group plans to create a collaborative public
15 arts installation on the Goettingen Street Stairway called the Steps of Wisdom project; and

16 WHEREAS, A community art installation would enhance the pedestrian experience on
17 the Goettingen Street Stairs by making a more attractive passage with art and landscaping
18 celebrating the natural history and diverse demographic in the Portola neighborhood; and

19 WHEREAS, In the past two years, there have been several muggings and physical
20 assaults on the stairway, and the Goettingen Neighborhood Group is aiming to mitigate these
21 safety concerns with the Steps of Wisdom project that would include added lighting at night;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group is partnering with local artist Phillip
24 Hua, and collaborating with local residents, garden members to complete this project; and
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1 WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group submitted an application for a Major
2 Encroachment Permit to install the project, (Permit No. 21ME-00020); and

3 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Works Code, Section 786, the proposed Major
4 Encroachment Permit must be approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

5 WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group has already received funding from
6 the Community Challenge Grant program to help fulfill its vision of the Steps of Wisdom
7 project at the Goetteingen Street Stairway that would include illuminating and beautifying this
8 pedestrian walkway, and is fundraising for the cost of the Steps of Wisdom; and

9 WHEREAS, The Goettingen Neighborhood Group has already commenced community
10 clean up, beautification with native plants and benches, litter and graffiti abatement in the
11 area, started a nighttime volunteer buddy system to help with safety in the area, created a
12 project mockup of the Goettingen Steps of Wisdom, and has put a considerable amount of
13 work to beautify this City property for the use of all neighbors, their work on the Goettingen
14 Steps of Wisdom cannot continue if the Board does not waive the fees now and on an
15 ongoing basis, and the City and Portola neighborhood will receive much more benefit than
16 cost at the waiving of this fee; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive the Major
18 Encroachment Permit fees associated with Permit No. 21ME-00020; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to review the
20 project associated with Major Encroachment Permit No. 21ME-00020.



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Date Passed: March 08, 2022

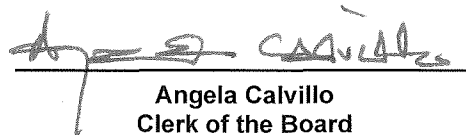
Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee and ongoing fees for the Goettingen Street Steps of Wisdom Stairway.

March 08, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220216

I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/8/2022 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

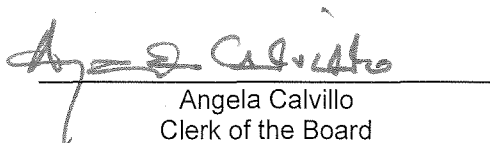
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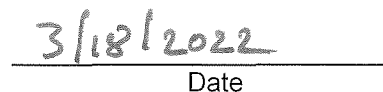
3/18/2022

London N. Breed
Mayor

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.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Date