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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 4, 2024  
To: Carla Short, Director, Public Works  
From: *ACC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors  
Subject: Declaring the Intent to Waive Fees for Major Encroachment Permit - Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project (File No. 240794)

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On July 30, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 446-24, sponsored by Supervisor Catherine Stefani (File No. 240794, Declaring the Intent to Waive Fees for Major Encroachment Permit - Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project), which was enacted on August 9, 2024.

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, or by email: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Catherine Stefani, Rafael Mandelman, Ahsha Safai  
David Steinberg, Public Works  
Ian Schneider, Public Works  
John Thomas, Public Works  
Lena Liu, Public Works  
Tom Paulino, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors  
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director

1 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fees for Major Encroachment Permit - Vicha Ratanapakdee  
2 Mosaic Stairway Project]

3 **Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fees and the General Plan**  
4 **Referral fee associated with the Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Vicha Ratanapakdee Way Stairway is the public right-of-way in the  
7 Anza Vista Neighborhood between O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, runs parallel to  
8 Anza Vista and St. Joseph's Avenues, and is perpendicular to O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza  
9 Avenue; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee was an 84-year-old immigrant from Thailand who was  
11 well known in the Anza Vista neighborhood for his hour-long walks each morning, a ritual that  
12 kept him vibrant and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, On January 28, 2021, Mr. Ratanapakdee, while walking peacefully in the  
14 neighborhood, was suddenly and violently shoved to the pavement by an assailant, resulting  
15 in severe head injuries from which Mr. Ratanapakdee tragically died shortly after the attack;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, in recognition of this tragic event and its impact on San  
18 Francisco, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 235-22, officially changing the  
19 name of Sonora Lane to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way", a copy of this Resolution is on file with  
20 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220248; and

21 WHEREAS, The Justice for Vicha Ratanapakdee Foundation plans to create a  
22 collaborative public art mosaic installation at Vicha Ratanapakdee Way; and

23 WHEREAS, Such an art installation (the "Project") would enhance the pedestrian  
24 experience on the Vicha Ratanapakdee Way Stairway by making a more attractive passage  
25 that will visually honor the life of Mr. Ratanapakdee in the form of symbols and patterns and

1 reinforce the importance of peace among all peoples, in accordance with Mr. Ratanapakdee's  
2 deepest values; and

3 WHEREAS, The Justice for Vicha Ratanapakdee Foundation intends to partner with  
4 mosaic artists Sarah Siskin and Thitiwat Phomratanapongse to complete the Project with  
5 volunteers assisting in maintaining the stairway; and

6 WHEREAS, The Project received a letter of support from San Francisco Public Works  
7 on January 31, 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 6, 2024, the San Francisco Arts Commission, in Resolution No.  
9 0506-24-137, approved the Project; and

10 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Works Code, Section 786, the Board of Supervisors  
11 must approve a proposed Major Encroachment Permit for the Project; and

12 WHEREAS, In order to maximize use of the financial contributions to the Justice for  
13 Vicha Ratanapakdee Foundation and others for purposes of design, fabrication, installation,  
14 and maintenance of the Project and in recognition of the dedication and commitment of the  
15 Anza Vista neighborhood, the Board of Supervisors intends to waive certain fees associated  
16 with the Project; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive all Major  
18 Encroachment Permit fees and the General Plan Referral fee associated with the Vicha  
19 Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to  
21 expeditiously review the Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project and bring the  
22 proposed Major Encroachment Permit to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration.



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Date Passed: July 30, 2024

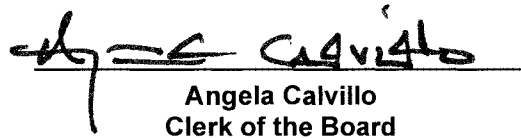
Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fees and the General Plan Referral fee associated with the Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project.

July 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Stefani  
Excused: 1 - Walton

File No. 240794

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/30/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

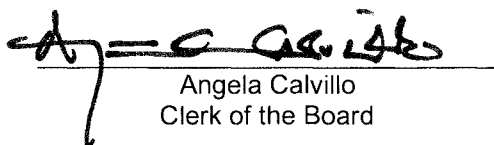
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Unsigned

London N. Breed  
Mayor

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8/9/2024

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

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8/9/2024  
Date