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October 21, 2013

Ms. Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**Subject:** Resolution approving re-designation for 6 months 1 temporary selling space on Leavenworth Street, west side, at Jefferson Street, for street artists certified by Arts Commission; exempting space from Police Code Section 2405 relating to artists selling near an entrance and near each other

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On behalf of the Arts Commission and its licensed street artists, we are respectfully requesting that you please submit to the Board the enclosed resolution approving re-designation for six (6) months one (1) temporary street artist selling space on Leavenworth Street, west side, at Jefferson Street.

The space was one of ten street artist spaces on the west side of Leavenworth Street at Jefferson Street previously approved by the Board of Supervisors in 1977 in Resolution No. 572-77. In the 1980's the creation of a doorway in the adjacent Cannery building rendered the first two spaces in violation of Police Code Section 2405(c)(6) which prohibits street artists from selling within ten feet from the outer edge of an entrance of a building. Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors in Resolution Nos. 629-89 and 407-90 re-designated for one year only the two spaces, known as "Leavenworth-1" and "Leavenworth-2", by exempting them from the Police Code regulation.

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On December 3, 2012, the Arts Commission, after hearing a proposal from its staff and representatives of the street artists and The Cannery, unanimously voted to request the Board of Supervisors to re-designate for six months the one space known as "Leavenworth-2" subject to its exemption from Police Code Section 2405(c)(6), which prohibits artists from selling within ten feet of an entrance, as well as its exemption from Police Code Section 2405(c)(11) which prohibits a street artist from selling within five feet of another street artist (it was recommended that the space be relocated four feet from the next space, "Leavenworth-3"). Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors in Resolution No. 053-13 approved the re-designation of space "Leavenworth-2" for a trial period of six months with its exemption from Police Code Section 2405(c)(6) and (c)(11).

On October 7, 2013, the full Arts Commission unanimously voted to request the Board of Supervisors to re-designate the space for another six months with the same exemption.

We would greatly appreciate your submitting the enclosed resolution to the Board for its referral to the Land Use Committee.

An electronic version of this legislation is also being sent to you.

If you have questions, please call me: 252-2583.

Sincerely,

Howard Lazar  
Street Artists Program Director

Attachments: (a) Original resolution draft and 2 copies  
(b) Map of spaces on Leavenworth Street, west side,  
at Jefferson Street

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Cc: Arts Commissioners Greg Chew, Simon Frankel, Abby Sadin  
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