

1 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit - Pasadena-Velasco
2 Hillside Open Space Project]

3 **Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee and ongoing fees,**
4 **including the street improvement permit, annual assessment, and street improvement**
5 **annual assessment fees, for the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project is located on
8 Pasadena Street and Velasco Avenue on a steep hillside segment of Pasadena Street in the
9 Visitacion Valley neighborhood across from the Sunnydale Housing HOPE SF site; and

10 WHEREAS, This vacant lot is owned by San Francisco Department of Public Works
11 (DPW) and is an 'Unaccepted Street' due to the dramatic grade change between Pasadena
12 Street and Velasco Avenue; and

13 WHEREAS, Once a rocky mound jutting up from the floor of Visitacion Valley, this
14 isolate landmark was slowly surrounded and encroached by development; and

15 WHEREAS, Homes were built along its rocky flanks, and in time Pasadena Street
16 crested the barren summit, but due to the steep slope of the hill's northern face, a segment of
17 this street could not be built; and

18 WHEREAS, Because the sidewalk fronting the site is incomplete, this this 100'x60'
19 unaccepted street is regularly used as an illegal dumping site and is a source of blight within
20 the community; and

21 WHEREAS, The concept of the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project began
22 in 2019, when a neighbor and his family took an interest in tackling the overgrown and
23 blighted lot; and

24 WHEREAS, Neighbors hosted regular Saturday work parties to pull out weeds and pick
25 up trash as well as share ideas to beautify the open space; and

1 WHEREAS, A social media post in early 2020 featuring a concept sketch created by
2 one of the Project Team members, illustrated a landscaped site with a long run of stairs
3 generated interest throughout the neighborhood and this simple act began a series of shared
4 ideas about how the concept could become a reality; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2021, the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project was awarded
6 a Community Challenge Grant to help fulfill its vision of a community open space that would
7 beautify this vacant lot, and is fundraising for the costs of the project; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project will submit an
9 application for a Major Encroachment Permit to install the project; and

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

12 WHEREAS, The Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project has already
13 commenced community clean up, beautification, litter abatement in the area, initiated
14 community weekend clean up events, and has put a considerable amount of work to beautify
15 this City property for use of all neighbors, their work on the Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open
16 Space Project cannot continue if the Board dose not waive the feeds now and on an ongoing
17 basis, and the City and the Visitacion Valley neighborhood will receive much more benefit
18 than the cost at the waiving of this fee; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive the Major
20 Encroachment Permit fee and ongoing fees, including the San Francisco Planning
21 Department’s General Plan referral application fees, street improvement permit, annual
22 assessment, and street improvement annual assessment fees, associated with the Pasadena-
23 Velasco Hillside Open Space Project; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to review the
25 Pasadena-Velasco Hillside Open Space Project.