

1 [Urging SFMTA to Provide Free Parking and Muni for Lunar New Year 2023]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to**  
4 **provide free parking for the first two hours at Portsmouth Square Garage for the**  
5 **months of January and February 2023 and free Muni service for the weekend of the**  
6 **Chinese New Year Parade, February 4 through 5, 2023, in celebration of Lunar New**  
7 **Year 2023.**

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9 WHEREAS, During the pandemic, Chinatown small businesses felt the impact by  
10 COVID-19 first, especially due to anti-Asian racism and concerns for public safety, causing  
11 many visitors to avoid the area, and the community continues to work to recover; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco is unfortunately still witnessing anti-Asian racism and  
13 attacks, leaving many Asian Americans and Asian seniors feeling unsafe in public areas; and

14 WHEREAS, Free Muni provided during the Chinese New Year parade weekend will  
15 encourage visitors to shop and dine in Chinatown; and

16 WHEREAS, The availability of discounted parking will boost visitors to Chinatown and  
17 support merchant recovery; and

18 WHEREAS, In February 2022, Mayor Breed and the Board of Supervisors worked with  
19 SFMTA to provide free parking for the first two hours at Portsmouth Square Garage in  
20 celebration of Lunar New Year and to encourage visitors; and

21 WHEREAS, In partnership with SFMTA, the agency provided free Muni for the  
22 weekend of the Chinese New Year parade, and the weekend saw an increase in ridership  
23 compared to past weekends in 2022; and

24 WHEREAS, The 2023 Chinese New Year Parade will take place in San Francisco on  
25 February 4, 2023; and

1           WHEREAS, February 4, 2023 is Transit Equity Day, which aims to highlight public  
2 transit as a workers rights, civil rights, and climate justice issue; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
4 urges SFMTA to provide free parking for the first two hours at Portsmouth Square Garage for  
5 the months of January and February 2023; and, be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
7 Francisco urges SFMTA to provide free Muni for the weekend of the Chinese New Year  
8 Parade, February 4 - 5, 2023; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED; The Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to pair any future  
10 temporary free parking incentive programs with corresponding free transit incentive programs  
11 of equal or greater value consistent with San Francisco’s Transit First Policy; and, be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
13 Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the  
14 SFMTA Board of Directors.