



February 7, 2024

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
Room 244, City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Five-Year Revocable Permit to Enter and Use Property at 850 Bryant Street (Hall of Justice) – Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc. (Permittee) for Children’s Waiting Room

Dear Board Members:

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution authorizing a Revocable Permit to Enter and Use Property Agreement for the City-owned property located at 850 Bryant Street ("Hall of Justice") between the City ("City") and Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation ("Permittee") (the "Permit").

The California Superior Court ("Court"), which operates court facilities at the Hall of Justice ("HOJ"), operated a children’s waiting room ("CRW") at HOJ for over eleven years under a Revocable Permit to Enter and Use Property issued to them by the City’s Real Estate Division. The CRW closed down at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

The Court desires to re-open the CRW and has contracted with a non-profit organization, Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc., to operate the children’s waiting room within the same space, Room 106 consisting of approximately 355 square feet, to 1) provide a safe place for children accompanying their parents, guardians, caregivers, etc., while tending to Court matters at the Hall of Justice, 2) protect children from the difficult and often stressful atmosphere surrounding Court proceedings, and 3) to reduce noise disruption in the courtroom.

Mission Neighborhood Center, Inc., as Permittee of the proposed Revocable Permit to Enter and Use Property Agreement ("Permit"), will accept the premises in "as is" condition and will use the premises in accordance with the public benefit to serve children while their caregivers are visiting the Hall of Justice, a benefit not only serving the California Superior Court, but other Hall of Justice tenants and users. City departments within the justice system, such as the Public Defender’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office, will also benefit from this free drop-in public service while their

clients attend court hearings as a litigant, witness, or for other court purposes at the Hall of Justice.

Importantly, the benefit will extend to the residents of San Francisco at large, i.e., the general public called upon to fulfill their civic duty as jurors or potential jurors. San Franciscans will be able to avail themselves of valuable and free child care services while participating in court proceedings.

In the two years prior to its closing, the CRW cared for 544 children in 2018 and 163 children in 2019. During the next five years, the Courts anticipate providing services to approximately 150 to 600 children per year.

In light of the benefits set forth above, the proposed annual permit fee is \$1.00. The value of services as a public benefit provided by the Mission Neighborhood Center to support parents, guardians, and caregivers at the Hall of Justice exceeds the proposed \$1.00 annual fee.

The Real Estate Division recommends approval of the proposed resolution authorizing the Permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Elsa Lamb of RED at 415-554-9861 or by email at [elsa.lamb@sfgov.org](mailto:elsa.lamb@sfgov.org).

Respectfully,



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