

1 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit - Ramsell Street Mosaic  
2 Mural Stairs]

3 **Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fee and ongoing fees for**  
4 **the Ramsell Street Mosaic Mural Stairs.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Ramsell Street Stairs were built in 2016, and are located at 220-298  
7 Brotherhood Way at the corner of Arch Street, in the Oceanview, Merced, and Ingleside  
8 neighborhood; and

9 WHEREAS, The Ramsell Street Stairs are located next to the Sisterhood Gardens, and  
10 serve as an important access point for people to connect to Brotherhood Way, which is used  
11 as a recreational pathway, and Randolph Street, where many public, commercial, and faith  
12 institutions such as the Oceanview Library, the I.T. Bookman Center, the M-Train Line are  
13 located; and

14 WHEREAS, The Sisterhood Gardens Steering Committee plans to create a  
15 collaborative public arts mosaic installation on the Ramsell Street Stairs; and

16 WHEREAS, A community art installation would enhance the pedestrian experience on  
17 the Ramsell Street Stairs by making a more attractive passage with art and landscaping  
18 celebrating the natural history and diverse demographic in the Oceanview, Merced and  
19 Ingleside neighborhood; and

20 WHEREAS, Beautification efforts can deter littering that often happens in the area; and

21 WHEREAS, The Sisterhood Gardens Steering Committee intends to partner with local  
22 mosaic artist and teacher Kim Jensen, and collaborate with local residents, garden members  
23 and students from surrounding schools to complete this project; and

24 WHEREAS, The Sisterhood Gardens Steering Committee submitted an application for  
25 a Major Encroachment Permit to install the project, (Permit No. 21ME-00016); and

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

3           WHEREAS, The Sisterhood Gardens is sponsored by the Chinese Progressive  
4 Association, a non-profit organization; and

5           WHEREAS, The Sisterhood Gardens Steering Committee has already commenced  
6 community clean up, beautification with native plants and benches, litter and graffiti  
7 abatement in the area, and has put a considerable amount of work to beautify this City  
8 property for the use of all neighbors, their work on the Ramsell Street Stairs cannot continue if  
9 the Board does not waive the fees, and the City will receive much more benefit than the costs  
10 of waiving this fee; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive the Major  
12 Encroachment Permit fees associated with Permit No. 21ME-00016; and, be it

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to review the  
14 project associated with Major Encroachment Permit No. 21ME-00016.