

1 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fee for Major Encroachment Permit and Street Improvement -  
2 Detroit Street Stairs]

3 **Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit Fee and the Street**  
4 **Improvement Fees for the Detroit Street Stairs project.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Detroit Steps Project (DSP) was launched at the Sunnyside  
7 Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting on November 5, 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, The Detroit Steps are a two-block public stairway in the Sunnyside  
9 neighborhood in District 7 of San Francisco, comprising 185 steps that run from Detroit and  
10 Hearst to Detroit and Joost, bisected by Monterey Boulevard; and

11 WHEREAS, The Detroit Street Steps Project is a multi-phase community-led project  
12 that aims at improving with lighting, and beautifying with landscaping and tiling a 185-step  
13 stairway spanning two sections: the Lower Steps (from Hearst to Monterey) and the Upper  
14 Steps (from Monterey to Joost; and

15 WHEREAS, This beautification project is transforming a neglected neighborhood site  
16 into a safe pedestrian walkway; and

17 WHEREAS, The Detroit Street Steps project is also turning the steps into an inspiring  
18 local destination promoting health and well being to residents and visitors; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2019 the beautification began with the replacement of the lower steps  
20 fence replacement and a water meter and backflow device installation; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2020 The San Francisco Parks Alliance became the Detroit Street  
22 Steps fiscal sponsor; and

23 WHEREAS. In 2021, the Upper Steps Fence was replaced with funds from the District  
24 7 Community Grant Initiative, and

1           WHEREAS, The Detroit Street Steps in 2021 became one of twenty-eight recipients of  
2 a grant from the Neighborhood Beautification Grant Fund; and

3           WHEREAS, A Request for Proposals went out to local artists and Brad Kessler  
4 Welding was selected and signed on by the San Francisco Parks Alliance as a contractor for  
5 the Detroit Steps Archway in July, 2022; and

6           WHEREAS, The proposed Archway is an integral part of the multi-year and multiphase  
7 community lead project to beautify the Detroit Street Steps; and

8           WHEREAS; The Civic Design Review Committee of the San Francisco Art  
9 Commission approved the design of the archway on August 15, 2022; and

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

12          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive the Major  
13 Encroachment Permit Fees and Street Improvement Fees associated with the Detroit Street  
14 Steps Project; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to review the  
16 Detroit Street Steps Archway project.