

1 [Declaring the Intent to Waive Fees for Major Encroachment Permit - Vicha Ratanapakdee
2 Mosaic Stairway Project]

3 **Resolution of intent to waive the Major Encroachment Permit fees and the General Plan**
4 **Referral fee associated with the Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Vicha Ratanapakdee Way Stairway is the public right-of-way in the
7 Anza Vista Neighborhood between O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, runs parallel to
8 Anza Vista and St. Joseph's Avenues, and is perpendicular to O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza
9 Avenue; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee was an 84-year-old immigrant from Thailand who was
11 well known in the Anza Vista neighborhood for his hour-long walks each morning, a ritual that
12 kept him vibrant and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, On January 28, 2021, Mr. Ratanapakdee, while walking peacefully in the
14 neighborhood, was suddenly and violently shoved to the pavement by an assailant, resulting
15 in severe head injuries from which Mr. Ratanapakdee tragically died shortly after the attack;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, in recognition of this tragic event and its impact on San
18 Francisco, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 235-22, officially changing the
19 name of Sonora Lane to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way", a copy of this Resolution is on file with
20 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220248; and

21 WHEREAS, The Justice for Vicha Ratanapakdee Foundation plans to create a
22 collaborative public art mosaic installation at Vicha Ratanapakdee Way; and

23 WHEREAS, Such an art installation (the "Project") would enhance the pedestrian
24 experience on the Vicha Ratanapakdee Way Stairway by making a more attractive passage
25 that will visually honor the life of Mr. Ratanapakdee in the form of symbols and patterns and

1 reinforce the importance of peace among all peoples, in accordance with Mr. Ratanapakdee's
2 deepest values; and

3 WHEREAS, The Justice for Vicha Ratanapakdee Foundation intends to partner with
4 mosaic artists Sarah Siskin and Thitiwat Phromratanapongse to complete the Project with
5 volunteers assisting in maintaining the stairway; and

6 WHEREAS, The Project received a letter of support from San Francisco Public Works
7 on January 31, 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 6, 2024, the San Francisco Arts Commission, in Resolution No.
9 0506-24-137, approved the Project; and

10 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Works Code, Section 786, the Board of Supervisors
11 must approve a proposed Major Encroachment Permit for the Project; and

12 WHEREAS, In order to maximize use of the financial contributions to the Justice for
13 Vicha Ratanapakdee Foundation and others for purposes of design, fabrication, installation,
14 and maintenance of the Project and in recognition of the dedication and commitment of the
15 Anza Vista neighborhood, the Board of Supervisors intends to waive certain fees associated
16 with the Project; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states its intention to waive all Major
18 Encroachment Permit fees and the General Plan Referral fee associated with the Vicha
19 Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Public Works to
21 expeditiously review the Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project and bring the
22 proposed Major Encroachment Permit to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration.

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