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Resolution approving re-designation of 22 selling spaces on Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter streets, for street artists certified by the Arts Commission, City and County of San Francisco; exempting said spaces from the regulation of Police Code Section

[Street Artist Spaces - Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter Streets]

2405(c)(8)(2) prohibiting selling adjacent to a yellow zone.

WHEREAS, The Street Artists Ordinance adopted by the voters of San Francisco as Proposition "L" at the election held on November 4, 1975, authorizes the Board of Supervisors, by resolution, to designate sales areas where any street artist or craftsperson previously certified may sell art or craft items; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 572-77 previously designated thirty (30) spaces on Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter streets, as a street artist sales area; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the designation by the Board of Supervisors of Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter streets, as a street artist sales area, the curb adjacent to twenty-two (22) spaces of the thirty (30) spaces of said area was designated as a yellow zone; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 388-83 authorizes the Board of Supervisors in a resolution designating or re-designating spaces in a street artist sales area to exempt the area from one or more of the regulations set forth in subsection (c) of Police Code Section 2405 if the Board finds that the exemption will not be inconsistent with or interfere with the purposes of the regulation from which the area is exempted; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors finds that use of the twenty-two (22) spaces on Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter Streets, as a street artist sales area will not be inconsistent with or interfere with the purpose of the adjacent yellow zone; now, therefore be it



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Subject:

Resolution approving re-designation of twenty-two (22) selling spaces on Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter streets, for street artists; and exempting spaces from prohibiting selling

adjacent to a yellow zone

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On behalf of the Arts Commission and its licensed street artists, we are respectfully requesting that you please submit to the Board the enclosed resolution approving a re-designation of twenty-two (22) selling spaces on Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter streets, for street artists certified by the Arts Commission; and exempting these spaces from the regulation of Police Code Section 2405(c)(8)(2) which prohibits street artists selling adjacent to a yellow zone.

This resolution reflects the unanimous approval of the full Arts Commission on October 3, 2011 to request the Board of Supervisors for redesignation of these spaces with their exemption from the yellow zone regulation.

In 1977, these twenty-two spaces were part of thirty spaces on Grant Avenue, O'Farrell to Sutter streets, designated for the street artists by the Board of Supervisors in Resolution No. 572-77. Since that time, they have been in continuous use by the artists. However, the twenty-two spaces have been adversely impacted by the creation of an adjacent yellow zone which has now automatically eradicated the artists' right to use the spaces.



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Making matters more acute, the winter holiday selling season is rapidly upon us and if the artists were unable to use these spaces especially for the season, it could spell economic setback for many of them.

We would greatly appreciate your submitting the enclosed resolution to the Board for its referral to the Land Use Committee. We will request the Committee's Chair to calendar the item for a hearing as soon as possible.

An electronic version of this legislation is also being sent to you.

If you have questions, please call me: 252-2583.

Sincerely,

Howard Lazar Howard Lazar

Street Artists Program Director

Enclosures: Original resolution draft and 4 copies
Maps of Grant Avenue street artist spaces

Cc: Arts Commissioners Greg Chew, John Calloway, Amy Chuang, Sherene Melania, Jessica Silverman – Street Artists Program Committee

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