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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date:

March 15, 2019

To:

Nick Chapman, Committee Staff, Interdepartmental Staff Committee on

Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT)

From:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject:

Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and

Transportation - How Weird Street Faire Admission Fee (File No. 190176)

On February 26, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 101-19, sponsored by Supervisor Matt Haney (File No. 190176, Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation - How Weird Street Faire Admission Fee); enacted on March 8, 2019.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Supervisor Matt Haney, Member of the Board of Supervisors

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Resolution urging the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation to approve a proposed plan to allow the How Weird Street Faire to charge an admission fee.

WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire has been a much-loved showcase of electronic music, fashion, art, performance, food, unique vendors and creativity for the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire takes place along 2nd Street between Clementina Street and Minna Street and along Howard Street between New Montgomery Street and 1st Street in a primarily commercial area; and

WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire provides an economic boost to businesses in the vicinity of the faire; and

WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire is classified as a full cost-recovery event and is required to reimburse the City for all police, fire, public works, and other expenses related to the event; and

WHEREAS, Non-profit organizations and small businesses are struggling to operate in the City due to the high cost of labor, permitting, and services; and

WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire is produced by World Peace Through Technology, a non-profit organization that re-invests all event proceeds into the production of future events and donates the remaining proceeds to other non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire has in the past been a free event dependent upon attendee donations for a large portion of its budget; and

WHEREAS, Receipts from donations have not provided sufficient revenue to make necessary improvements to the staffing and public security elements of the event; and

WHEREAS, The site of the How Weird Street Faire is approaching full capacity attendance but expanding the site is not possible due to permitting and residential access points; and

WHEREAS, An admission-based event would help moderate attendance and provide additional revenue for event improvements, public safety, and community donations; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) made an initial recommendation for an admission fee for the dual purpose of crowd control and to provide funding for increased public safety measures; and

WHEREAS, The organizers of the How Weird Street Faire have worked with SFPD and staff from the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation ("ISCOTT") on all of their plans for the event, including the proposal to charge admission; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of accessibility, no one will be turned away from How Weird Street Faire for lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, How Weird Street Faire organizers will submit an access plan to allow free access to affected residents, employees, and business patrons; and

WHEREAS, Approval of this access plan will be a requirement of their ISCOTT permit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges ISCOTT to approve the application including the plan to allow for gated admission and a modest admission charge for the How Weird Street Faire.



## City and County of San Francisco **Tails**

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## Resolution

190176 File Number:

Date Passed: February 26, 2019

Resolution urging the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation to approve a proposed plan to allow the How Weird Street Faire to charge an admission fee.

February 26, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 190176

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/26/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

3/8/19 Unsigned London N. Breed **Date Approved** Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board