

1 [Urging Plan Approval - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation - Up  
2 Your Alley Fair]

3 **Resolution urging the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation**  
4 **to approve a proposed plan to allow gated admission for Up Your Alley Fair.**

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6 WHEREAS, Up Your Alley fair has been a much-loved community event for the  
7 LGBTQ and Leather community for the last 34 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Up Your Alley, also known as Dore Alley, takes place in the South of  
9 Market (SOMA) area at the center of the Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District along two-blocks  
10 of Folsom Street between 9th Street and 11th Street and the length of Dore Street from its  
11 origin at Howard Street until it dead ends half a block South East of Folsom Street; and

12 WHEREAS, Up Your Alley started in 1985 at the height of the AIDS epidemic as an  
13 anti-displacement measure demonstrating the strength, perseverance, and importance of the  
14 LGBTQ and Leather communities to Western SOMA; and

15 WHEREAS, Anti-LGBT sentiment is on the rise due to an openly hostile Federal  
16 Administration and gated entry would allow for security screenings to ensure that participants  
17 and residents remain safe; and

18 WHEREAS, The Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation  
19 (ISCOTT) requires a Resolution from the Board of Supervisors in order for Up Your Alley fair  
20 to place barriers on the sidewalk to funnel pedestrian traffic through security check-points; and

21 WHEREAS, Up Your Alley is a free event with suggested donations that are collected  
22 at the entry points to the fair; and

23 WHEREAS, No one is turned away from Up Your Alley for lack of funds; and

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1           WHEREAS, Up Your Alley is produced by Folsom Street Events, a non-profit  
2 organization that re-invests all event proceeds from donations and beverage sales to the  
3 production of future events and donates the remaining proceeds to charitable causes; and

4           WHEREAS, Folsom Street Events has raised over \$7 million for charity through the  
5 proceeds of gate donations and beverage sales from Up Your Alley and Folsom Street Fair  
6 since 1984; and

7           WHEREAS, Non-profit organizations, small businesses, and street fairs are struggling  
8 to operate in the City and County of San Francisco due to the high costs of labor, permitting,  
9 and services; and

10           WHEREAS, Folsom Street Events has worked with the Police Department (SFPD) and  
11 ISCOTT staff on all of their plans for the event; and

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

14           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
15 urges ISCOTT to approve of the plan for gated entry for the Up Your Alley Fair; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of  
17 Supervisors instructs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this Resolution to the  
18 Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT).

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