



SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Department: Public Works Department

Prepared by: Bill Guerin, Director
Department of Public Works

City Manager Approval: _____

TOPIC: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO SUPPORT VOCES DEL CANAL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALTO STREET CLOSURE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2022 TO SUPPORT VOCES DEL CANAL TO HOST AN OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution authorizing street closure of Alto Street on Saturday, February 26, 2022 to support Voces del Canal’s intent to host an outdoor photography exhibit.

BACKGROUND:

Residents in the Canal area of San Rafael have expressed interest in enhancing the street lighting and identifying other safety improvements in their neighborhood. Voces del Canal has partnered with Dominican University to identify and document commonly used walking routes in the neighborhood with the goal of making recommendations to enhance the routes to improve public lighting, pedestrian safety and control vehicle speeds.

Voces del Canal has requested that the City allow the closure of a portion of Alto Street, a one block street next to the Canal Alliance offices, from Larkspur Street to mid-block, on Saturday, February 26, 2022 to host a photography exhibit showcasing ideas for improvements from residents and others. The event is scheduled to occur between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm so the street would need to close from 9 am till 6 pm that day. The partial street closure will allow people to exhibit and view the ideas safely, in the open air during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Other businesses on this short street support this effort and can access their properties from the Belvedere Street end of Alto Street during the event.

ANALYSIS:

Temporary road closures require that the City Council adopt a resolution finding that the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons using the road during the closing, per Vehicle Code section 21101(e) which states:

*“(e) Temporarily closing a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes when, in the opinion of local authorities having jurisdiction or a public officer or employee that the local authority designates **by resolution**, the closing is necessary for the*

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safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.”

Department of Public Works staff will support the street closure by providing closure signage and traffic control support. The Police Department and Fire Department may provide ancillary support as well.

STREET TO BE CLOSED:

Alto Street from its intersection with Larkspur Street to mid-block at approximately the entrance to the Johnson and Daly Moving Company warehouse entrance, on Saturday, February 26, 2022 between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm. Public walk-up access to businesses will be maintained during event hours.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Voces del Canal will advertise the event and ensure that the public is aware and invited to participate.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will provide in-kind services, such as “no parking” signage and traffic control support and advice. Any cost associated with this support will be minimal.

OPTIONS:

The City Council has the following options to consider on this matter:

1. Adopt resolution.
2. Adopt resolution with modifications.
3. Direct staff to return with more information.
4. Take no action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution authorizing street closure of Alto Street on Saturday, February 26, 2022 to support Voces del Canal’s intent to host an outdoor photography exhibit

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
ALTO STREET CLOSURE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2022 TO SUPPORT
VOCES DEL CANAL TO HOST AN OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**

WHEREAS, residents in the Canal area of San Rafael have expressed interest in enhancing the street lighting and identifying other safety improvements in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Voces del Canal has partnered with Dominican University to identify and document commonly used walking routes in the neighborhood with the goal of making recommendations to enhance the routes to improve public lighting, pedestrian safety and control vehicle speeds: and

WHEREAS, Voces del Canal has requested that the City allow the closure of a portion of Alto Street, a one block street next to the Canal Alliance offices, from Larkspur Street to mid-block, on Saturday, February 26, 2022 to host a photography exhibit showcasing ideas for improvements from residents and others; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the request, City staff has determined and recommended that, in the interest of the safety and welfare of pedestrian and auto traffic, that Alto Street should be temporarily closed to through traffic on Saturday February 26, 2022 from 9 am to 6 pm to accommodate the event:

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL HEREBY RESOLVES AS
FOLLOWS:**

1. That all of the above findings are true and correct.
2. That, pursuant to the authority of Vehicle Code section 21101(e), for the safety and protection of persons, both pedestrians and vehicle drivers, the City Council hereby authorizes the temporary closure of Alto Street for the date and time described above.

I, LINDSAY LARA, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on Monday, the 7th day of February 2022 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Lindsay Lara, City Clerk