



SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Department: Police Department

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City Manager Approval: AS

TOPIC: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO SUPPORT VACCINATION EFFORTS IN THE CANAL NEIGHBORHOOD

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALTO STREET ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022 TO SUPPORT CANAL ALLIANCE’S EFFORT TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Alto Street on Saturday, December 17, 2022 to Support Canal Alliance’s Effort to Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations.

BACKGROUND:

Canal Alliance will host a mobile COVID-19 vaccination event on Saturday, December 17, 2022 and has requested a street closure on Alto Street. This street closure will allow the mobile vaccine clinic to operate without a physical hindrance and will encourage community participation in the vaccination effort. Canal Alliance has operated a mobile vaccination site on Alto Street on Saturdays throughout the COVID-19 pandemic as previously approved for closure by the City Council.

ANALYSIS:

Mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics have been a popular, convenient and effective method to encourage vaccination drives in urban communities. Canal Alliance has requested a temporary closure of Alto Street, which would allow the deployment of a vaccine mobile unit on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

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

FOR CITY CLERK ONLY

Council Meeting: _____

Disposition: _____

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

Street to be closed:

Alto Street between Larkspur Street and Belvedere Street from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Canal Alliance is advertising the opportunity to be vaccinated through their public outreach network.

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 and absorbed by the Police Department and Public Works Department budgets.

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 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Alto Street on Saturday, December 17, 2022 to Support Canal Alliance’s Effort to Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALTO STREET ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022 TO SUPPORT CANAL ALLIANCE'S EFFORT TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

WHEREAS, the San Rafael City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the public health and safety to encourage COVID-19 vaccination drives; and

WHEREAS, Canal Alliance's temporary road closure on Alto Street would facilitate community participation in the mobile vaccination clinic event; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the request, City staff has determined and recommended that, in the interest of the safety and welfare of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area, that Alto Street should be temporarily closed to through traffic on Saturday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday December 17, 2022 for vaccination efforts; and

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

1. That all the above findings are true and correct; and
2. That pursuant to the authority of Vehicle Code section 21101(e), for the safety and protection of persons, including pedestrians and vehicle drivers and passengers, the City Council hereby authorizes the temporary closure of the listed streets for the locations and dates described in the Staff Report accompanying this Resolution.

I, Lindsay Lara, City Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council held on the 5th day of December 2022 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Lindsay Lara, City Clerk