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To: Governing Body, Quality of Life Committee, Public Works and Utilities Committee

From: Sam Burnett, Public Works Director 
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RE: Updating Closure Rules on Plaza for Vehicular Traffic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached resolution would amend Resolution Nos. 2014-49 and 2016-80 to close the streets surrounding Plaza Park annually from Memorial Day to October 31st or later. It would also permanently close Lincoln Avenue and Palace Avenue, next to Plaza Park. Specifically, the resolution directs the City Manager to effectuate the following actions:

- 1) Amend Resolution 2014-49 to remove the “continuation” of the closure of Palace Avenue along Plaza Park and establish that it shall remain closed to vehicular traffic permanently; and
- 2) Amend Resolution 2016-80 to establish that Lincoln Avenue along Plaza Park shall remain closed to vehicles permanently; and
- 3) Amend Resolution 2016-80 to establish that the restriction of vehicular traffic around Plaza Park, including San Francisco Street, shall occur annually from Memorial Day to October 31st or such later date determined by the city manager; and
- 4) Designate Palace Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Avenue exclusively as a loading and unloading zone for Plaza vendors and Palace of the Governors vendors, and prohibit vehicular traffic, pedicab operations, walking tours, and bicycle tours from operating within this area; and
- 5) Designate cruise nights which will permit all four streets surrounding the Plaza to be open during the designated cruise nights.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution No. 2014-49 notes that as a result of a 2003 safety recommendation from the “Plaza Task Force,” that “Palace Avenue in front of the Palace of the Governors was closed to vehicular traffic with the exception of loading and unloading and emergency vehicle access,” and the resolution goes on to authorize a “[c]ontinuation of the closure of Palace Avenue.” Lincoln Avenue has not been reopened to vehicles after the summer closure for multiple years.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
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