



**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: February 5, 2024
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Request for a Temporary Street Closure for the “Bohème Out of the Box” Event Hosted by San Francisco Opera and Albany Recreation & Community Services Department

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SUMMARY

The action before the City Council is to approve a street closure for the “Bohème Out of the Box” event hosted by San Francisco Opera and Albany Recreation & Community Services Department on June 27, 2024.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-08 approving a temporary street closure for the “Bohème Out of the Box” event on June 27, 2024.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

California Vehicle Code section 21101 requires the City to approve by resolution the temporary closure of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes when the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.

“Bohème Out of the Box” is a one-day event hosted by San Francisco Opera and Albany Recreation & Community Services Department featuring an opera performance on Solano Avenue as a way to generate economic development, community engagement, and provide access to the arts on Solano Avenue. The 1000 block of Solano Avenue between Talbot Avenue and Masonic Avenue would be closed to accommodate the event. Staff will be coordinating with businesses in the vicinity to help feature our local businesses through this event. Staff is also coordinating with AC Transit regarding the street closure.

Periodic street closures are recognized as an effective way to give residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy a neighborhood or commercial area in a different way than experienced by driving on the street. During the past several years, the City has been gradually implementing updates to incorporate best practices from other cities that have similar large

events, including safety parameters, trash management, and protection of the public right-of-way.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The “Bohème Out of the Box” has a positive impact on environmental sustainability including promotion of alternative modes of transportation (biking/walking) to shop locally.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

Goal 4: Encourage Community connectivity Through Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

No substantial financial impact. San Francisco Opera is providing this program in our community free of charge.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2024-08

