

The Solano Avenue Association and Stroll

Detailed description of Lunar New Year Celebration and Parade

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There are two primary components to our event, **the parade and performances**.

Part one of this document will detail the performances, part two the parade scenario(s).

This is a “rain or shine” event.

Performances (Noon until 3PM):

There will be a stage set-up on Albany Unified School District property between the YMCA and the Chinese After-School Program classroom; south side of Solano Avenue between Cornell and Talbot. There will be activity on the sidewalk nearby, including food vendors and information tents. All activities will be within the immediate vicinity of the stage (we will not have any other activities on any of the other surrounding blocks).

We intend to block approximately 25 or more feet of parking spaces using “crowd control” barriers (small children can not crawl through / around them) on the south side of Solano Avenue to create a “safety barrier”. These barriers will run side-by-side, on Solano – the south side of the Avenue, approximately 25 feet. Traffic on Solano Avenue will not be affected or impeded, and our event will ultimately be responsible for the loss of three parking spaces.

The crowd viewing the performances will be on the sidewalk in front of the stage, and across the street. Portable toilets, permits, and other logistic items have been addressed. We will take measures to minimize waste, including the use of recycling bins.

Parade (11AM to noon):

The parade participants are to meet at Washington Mutual Bank, 1870 Solano Avenue at Modoc in Berkeley. At 11AM the parade will go eastbound up to “The Alameda” from the bank, cross The Alameda and head down Solano, westbound, on the north sidewalk. The parade will stop in front of the Chinese food restaurants for a one-minute performance.

The parade will have approximately 200 individuals. We will have approximately 25 volunteers including Solano Avenue Association Board Members; Chinese After-School Program parents and staff, and more. Our goal is one adult volunteer for every 10 parade participants. The expected parade length shall be no more than two city blocks.

At Sante Fe and Solano in Albany our parade will reposition into the street, taking up the westbound lane of Solano Avenue from Sante Fe to Kains (11 blocks / intersections). We will make sure there will be ample space between the parade participants and the oncoming lane of traffic. Additionally, event volunteers will make certain that side-streets and cross traffic is closed-off with the use of wooden barriers. Again, we anticipate

minimal impact to the flow of [Saturday morning] traffic. Once we reach Kains, parade participants will be directed to return to Cornell School by walking up the sidewalk's south side. (This is to keep participants a full city block away from the [not as safe] intersection of Solano and Solano San Pablo Avenue.)

Thank you for your attention.

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