

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING “FREE USE” OF CITY HALL EAST AND WEST PLAZAS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026, FOR THE SONIC LOVEWAY EVENT, CO-HOSTED BY THE CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND OPERA SAN JOSE

WHEREAS, in June 2019, the Council of the City of San José (“City”) adopted Resolution No. 79138, incorporating the fees and charges for use of City Hall facilities and plaza into the City’s Schedule of Fees and Charges under Resolution No. 72737, as amended (“Schedule of Fees and Charges”); and

WHEREAS, Section 13.080 of the Schedule of Fees and Charges authorizes City Departments to have “Free Use” of the City Hall facilities and plaza for events that 1) qualify as official City business; 2) are free and open to the public; 3) occur on a Sunday through Friday; and 4) are booked thirty (30) days in advance; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager’s Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs will host the *Sonic Loveway* event on the City Hall East and West Plazas on Saturday, February 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, *Sonic Loveway* is a community-focused activation of the Sonic Runway public art piece, produced in partnership with Opera San José; and

WHEREAS, this partnership will help drive economic development to make San José a more vibrant place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, “Free Use” does not apply to events which are held on Saturdays and, therefore, Council approval is necessary to authorize free use of the City Hall East and West Plazas for the event; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow for the free use of the City Hall East and West Plazas for the *Sonic Loveway* event because holding the event on a Saturday will maximize public participation by allowing residents of all ages, families, local artists, and visitors from across San José and beyond to attend and fully engage in this unique experience; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the *Sonic Loveway* event qualifies as official City business as the City Manager’s Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs will assume the lead role of planning and coordinating the event, including the agenda, designing the promotional collateral, securing performing groups and community resources, decorating, and coordinating other activities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow for the free use of the City Hall East and West Plazas for the *Sonic Loveway* event on Saturday, February 14, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Council hereby authorizes retroactively “Free Use” of the City Hall East and West Plazas on Saturday, February 14, 2026, for the *Sonic Loveway* event, co-hosted by the City Manager’s Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs and Opera San José.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk