

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING “FREE USE” OF THE CITY HALL PLAZA AND JANET GRAY HAYES ROTUNDA ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 FOR THE INVISIBLE SKIES EVENT CO-HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND ET PROJECTS FOUNDATION

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 co-host the Invisible Skies Event in partnership with renowned artists Elizabeth Turk and Erik Thienes at the City Hall Plaza and the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda (“Rotunda”) on Saturday, January 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Invisible Skies San José is a community-focused temporary public art display and flash art event created by San José locals carrying umbrella props with approximately 2,000 attendees expected to gather in San Jose’s City Hall Plaza to engage in this participatory public art performance; 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 Plaza and the Rotunda for the event; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow for the free use of the City Hall Plaza and the Rotunda for the Invisible Skies Event because of the public benefits of bringing together residents, local artists, creative entrepreneurs, and internationally known artists to celebrate San José and create a truly unique experience that can drive economic development to make San José a more vibrant place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the Invisible Skies Event qualifies as official City business as the City Manager’s Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs, in partnership with ET Projects Foundation, will assume the lead role of planning and coordinating the event, including lighting of the City Hall Tower and the Rotunda, arrangements for traditional and drone photography to document the event and create images that can be used as promotional and marketing material by the City of San José and Team San José; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow for the free use of the City Hall Plaza and the Rotunda for the Invisible Skies Event on Saturday, January 31, 2026;

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

The City Council hereby authorizes “Free Use” of the City Hall Plaza and Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda on Saturday, January 31, 2026 for the Invisible Skies Event co-hosted by the Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs, in partnership with ET Projects Foundation.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk