



CITY COUNCIL
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CONSENT CALENDAR

July 15, 2003

TO: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Linda Maio

SUBJECT: Fee Waiver for and Sponsorship of the San Francisco Mime Troupe

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt a resolution to sponsor and waive Special Event fees and the Required Maintenance Deposits associated with the San Francisco Mime Troup's five days of performance in Berkeley parks throughout the summer.

BACKGROUND:

The Mime Troupe creates and produces socially relevant theater of the highest professional quality and performs it before the broadest possible audience. Reflective of the company's relationship to a changing world, the Mime Troupe performs plays that make sense out of the headlines by identifying the forces that shape our lives. The company seeks to dramatize the operation of these giant forces in small, close-up stories that make the audience feel the impact of political events on personal life by attacking the barrier that American culture has successfully erected between the public and private spheres.

The Mime Troupe is able to perform this work for free in the parks by keeping a strict eye on their operating costs. Support from the cities where they perform is integral to the success of their production.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost to the COB in foregone fees: \$1,058.00, which includes \$555.00 for daily Special Event fees plus \$603 for Required Maintenance Deposits minus \$100 toward the cost of the fees from the San Francisco Mime Troupe, which will also pay \$140 for the Sound Permits and the cost of Porta-Potties.

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