## **Agenda Report**



**Agenda of:** June 10, 2025

**Department:** Administration

**Subject:** Discussion and possible action of a street closure and use of Houston Square

for "Show Your Ride" Car Show – July 18, 2025

**Recommended Motion:** I move to authorize the closure of streets around Houston Square and its use for a car show as presented and discussed (OPTIONAL: and to waive the \$100 application fee)

**Background:** The City has received a request from Mr. Josh Colón, owner of HP Tint Graphics and Signs, to host a community car show—"Show Your Ride"—at Houston Square on Friday, July 18, 2025. The event aims to feature over 50 vehicles, along with local and regional vendors, food booths, and entertainment. The applicant has indicated that the event is not expected to include alcohol sales and is intended to provide a family-friendly experience that fosters community connection and draws visitors to downtown Castroville.

This would be the second event of its kind hosted by Mr. Colón, following a successful earlier event that drew strong attendance and positive feedback, including from Mayor Bruce Alexander, who supports use of the public square for this purpose. If successful, Mr. Colón would like to host similar events every other month on the third Friday of the month i.e. September 18<sup>th</sup>, and November 21<sup>st</sup> with others following the same pattern in 2026.

## **Event Summary**

- **Date/Time**: Friday, July 18, 2025 (and other dates as referenced above, exact hours TBD)
- **Expected Attendance**: 50+ car entries, with additional guests and spectators from surrounding communities
- **Vendors**: Local and regional (food, crafts, automotive-related businesses)
- Sponsorships: Secured from North Park Chevrolet, Carwash Express, and others
- Law Enforcement: Requesting police presence; no alcohol sales planned
- **Barricades/Street Closures**: Applicant intends to provide a street closure plan pending drone review; final closure map is still pending submission
- **Public Outreach**: Applicant has contacted area business owners, churches, and venues with generally positive feedback reported
- **Recurring Request**: Applicant has expressed interest in holding this event every other month on the third Friday

## **Staff Recommendation**

Staff is supportive of the request **in principle**, but final approval should be conditioned on the following:

- 1. **Receipt and review of a street closure plan** identifying impacted areas, times, and coordination with the Emergency Services District (ESD)
- 2. Confirmation of outreach to all affected downtown businesses and churches, with documentation of any objections or requests
- 3. Coordination with the Police Department regarding staffing and any additional public safety concerns
- 4. **Confirmation that no alcohol will be sold** unless a TABC-permitted vendor is engaged and appropriate controls are in place
- 5. **Waiver of City fees** for barricades or use of public space, as requested, is subject to Council approval

Fiscal Impact: N/A (may waive \$100 application fee)
☐ Budgeted ☐ Requires Budget Amendment
Source of Funding:
Attachments: Blank Special Event Form, Special Event Registration Website
Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 4 Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 3
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