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**A RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing City Sponsorship and Filing of an  
Application By Custer Street Fair, Inc. to the Congestion  
Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ),  
For Funding the Rehabilitation of the Main Street Metra Station  
And Streetscape at 600 Main Street**

WHEREAS, the CMAQ is a federally-funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to reduce congestion and to improve air quality and authorized by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, signed into law in June, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation administers the CMAQ Program in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Custer Street Fair, Inc. is a not-for-profit community-based corporation which desires to undertake the rehabilitation and restoration of the Main Street Metra Train Station ("Train Station") at 600 Main Street and the streetscape (collectively "The Project") at 600 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Train Station is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad and operated by Metra; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc. has a twenty-year lease from Union Pacific Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc. has obtained the consent of Union Pacific Railroad and Metra for The Project; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc., will manage the parking and passenger

services and establish the Train Station as a Cultural Center during non-commuter hours;  
and

WHEREAS, among the streetscape renovations are repaving of the last brick street in Evanston, installation of new street lights and fencing, and repair of the stairs leading from the brick street to the Train Station; and

WHEREAS, the subject brick street runs in a northerly direction between Washington Street on the south, Main Street to the north, Custer Avenue on the west, and Chicago Avenue on the east, as more particularly shown on the diagram in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, among the restoration and rehabilitation work to be performed on the Train Station are installation of new lighting, an interior staircase, lavatories which meet Americans With Disabilities Act Standards, and an increase in square footage of about sixty percent; and

WHEREAS, CMAQ monies are available to fund The Project; and

WHEREAS, the Custer Street Fair, Inc. will reimburse the City for any expenditures it may become liable for as sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the street restoration and rehabilitation project is estimated to be \$391,693.00 with a CMAQ Share of \$313,355.00 and a Sponsor Share of \$78,338.00;  
and

WHEREAS, the building rehabilitation project is estimated to be \$404,253.00 with

a CMAQ Share of \$323,403.00 and a Sponsor Share of \$80,850.00; and

WHEREAS, CMAQ requires private sector applicants, such as Custer Street Fair, Inc., to be sponsored by a government agency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston is an agency of local government which has agreed to sponsor the CMAQ application of Custer Street Fair, Inc. for The Project; and

WHEREAS, among the divers responsibilities of a sponsor are ensuring that the project meets federal design standards and costs, committing the local matching funds, assuring completion of projects for which federal funds have been expended, resolving any jurisdictional issues, oversight of the technical work to ensure that professional standards are maintained, and, if required, post-completion maintenance of the project and air quality studies; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc. and the City hereby agree that they will enter into an Agreement whereby Custer Street Fair, Inc. will assume all responsibilities of the sponsor arising out of or connected with The Project and will provide the City with all insurance deemed appropriate and applicable by the City; and

WHEREAS, the said improvements, designed to improve air quality by encouraging use of public transportation, are in the best interests of the citizens of Evanston; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

**SECTION 1:** The City of Evanston hereby agrees to sponsor and file the application

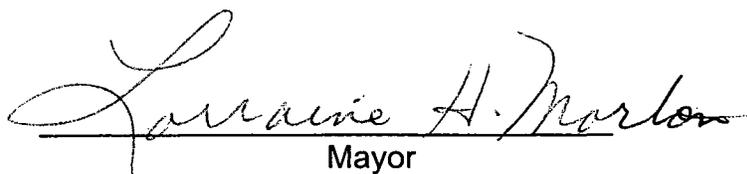
of the Custer Street Fair, Inc. to seek CMAQ funding for the rehabilitation and renovation of the Main Street Metra Train Station and of the streetscape at 600 Main Street.

**SECTION 2:** The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign, and the City Clerk to attest, all documents required by, or necessary to, such sponsorship and filing.

**SECTION 3:** The City Manager is hereby further authorized to execute an Agreement with Custer Street Fair, Inc., consistent with this Resolution 14-R-00, providing for Custer Street Fair, Inc. to perform all responsibilities imposed on the City arising out of or connected with its sponsorship of The Project and filing of the application. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate any additional terms and conditions deemed in the best interests of the City.

**SECTION 4:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner required by law.

Adopted: March 13, 2000

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk