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### Sanctuary City says “NO” to the ‘Summer of Love 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert’

**City of San Francisco (6/3/2017)** says no to our Summer of Love 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert denying a second permit application accusing us of advertising the concert without permission. Other grounds for denial include the use of volunteers and refusing to use a production manager handpicked by their permits department, a pretext to privatization and cultural cooption of this event.

#### The city’s onerous demands and conditions include:

- We cannot use volunteers
- We must hire someone to run the event from a list compiled by the Permits Department
- We are not allowed to post the event date
- We cannot advertise the concert until given permission
- You must have a paid web master

#### SF Permits Department horrendous actions:

- Intentionally delaying– application started 18 months ago.
- Requiring us to adhere to different standards than other applicants
- Privatizing access to the ‘commons’ not allowing us use of a public park
- Denying local community groups while permitting large corporations
- Imposing outrageous permit fees and costs in the hundreds of thousand
- Refusing to meet with volunteer leaders, and denying us due process

We the Council of Light demand the city of San Francisco, restrain and discipline Dana Ketcham and Diane Rea who are the permits officers involved. We have met all standards of compliance and have a long history of peaceful and well run organized events. Despite decades of successful events produced in the past, this administration refuses to work with our volunteer team. These permit officers have directly and intentionally denied our permit on onerous and unfounded grounds denying us due process which are a pretext for privatization.

**To help:** contact the San Francisco Permits department 415 831-6868, 415 831-5504, Diane Mayor Ed Lee (415) 554-6141 and make your words heard, don’t take no for an answer. They are intentionally trying to stop this event and all cultural non-profit events in our public park. **For more information** and the email string documenting these abuses and permit denial please contact. Boots2b1@yahoo.com