

1 [Fostering a strong business environment in Chinatown.]

2

3 **Resolution supporting efforts to foster a healthy, expanding business environment in**
4 **San Francisco's Chinatown during these economically challenging times.**

5

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Chinatown is the most vibrant and concentrated Chinese
7 community in North America; and

8 WHEREAS, Chinatown holds a rich history dating back to San Francisco's origins,
9 providing a supportive community for millions of Chinese immigrants, a safe haven for
10 Chinese Americans in the midst of xenophobic and racist activities in the late 19th Century,
11 and a vibrant cultural and commercial district as San Francisco evolved; and

12 WHEREAS, Chinatown is positioned as a critical component in San Francisco's
13 economy and is home to hundreds of small and large businesses, restaurants, and
14 professional service firms; and

15 WHEREAS, Chinatown is known throughout the world as a premier tourist destination
16 and is a primary destination of visitors to San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, Chinatown tourism contributes greatly to the economic health of the city
18 and the entire San Francisco Bay Area; and

19 WHEREAS, Recent events beyond San Francisco's reach, including the national
20 economic recession, terrorist attacks, the war, and recent SARS epidemic in Asia have
21 decreased tourist visitation to San Francisco, have presented tremendous economic
22 challenges to business owners in Chinatown; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its recognition of
24 the tremendous cultural, civic, and economic value of Chinatown to the City of San Francisco
25 and the State of California; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors pledges to partner with leaders
2 in Chinatown, as well as important international dignitaries, to foster a healthy business and
3 community environment in Chinatown, and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors will actively support efforts to
5 stimulate visitation to Chinatown, including the recently initiated nightly lion dance down Grant
6 Avenue, a “scrub-down” campaign to maintain cleanliness in eating and public
7 establishments, and the restoration of the Koban on Grant Avenue which will host the
8 Chinatown Visitors Information Center.

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25