

1 [Paul Osaki Day - August 29, 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing and commending Paul Osaki upon his retirement after 38 years**
4 **of outstanding service to Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern**
5 **California and the community; and declaring August 29, 2026, as “Paul Osaki Day” in**
6 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, Paul Osaki has dedicated 38 extraordinary years of visionary leadership,
9 advocacy, and tireless service to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern
10 California (JCCCNC) and the broader San Francisco community; and

11 WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Paul’s steady and inspiring leadership has
12 shaped not only JCCCNC, but also the cultural and community life of San Francisco and the
13 Japanese American community throughout California; and

14 WHEREAS, Paul’s impact reached well beyond San Francisco, and throughout his
15 career, he helped build and strengthen meaningful connections between San Francisco and
16 Japan through cultural exchange, friendship, and shared understanding; and

17 WHEREAS, Through initiatives, such as the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the San
18 Francisco-Osaka Sister City relationship, Kristi Yamaguchi’s Goodwill Mission to Japan, and
19 the Shinzen Nikkei Youth Goodwill Program, Paul helped deepen ties with Osaka and Kobe
20 and foster relationships that continue to connect communities across generations and across
21 the Pacific; and

22 WHEREAS, Paul has also been deeply committed to honoring the past while investing
23 in the future, establishing one of his lasting gifts to the community, the Takahashi Issei
24 Heritage Center, which will help preserve and share the stories, values, and contributions of
25 the Issei pioneers with future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, Paul's leadership, character, and lifelong work reflect the spirit, values,
2 and perseverance of the Issei immigrants and Nisei generation - whose sacrifices, resilience,
3 and commitment to building community created opportunities for those who followed; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
6 Francisco hereby extends its deepest gratitude, respect, and admiration to Paul Osaki for his
7 38 years of leadership, transformative vision, and unwavering devotion to the Japanese
8 Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, the preservation of Japanese
9 American heritage, and the City of San Francisco; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco declares August 29, 2026, as "Paul Osaki Day" in the City and County of San
12 Francisco.