FILE NO. 991599

RESOLUTION NO. 826-99

1 [Leap of Compassion Mural]

2 OPPOSING THE REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF PAUL SCOFIELD'S MURAL TITLED

3 "A LEAP OF COMPASSION" LOCATED ON 665 EDDY STREET AND FURTHER URGING

4 CITI PROPERTIES TO ALLOW THE MURAL TO REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION OR

5 PERMIT ENOUGH TIME FOR THE REPLICATION AND RELOCATION OF THE MURAL TO

6 A MORE SUITABLE LOCATION.

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8 WHEREAS, In 1992, Chip Conley, chief executive of Joie de Vivre Hospitality Inc.,

9 commissioned artist Paul Scofield to create mural on the walls of the 42 unit Phoenix Hotel

10 located on 665 Eddy Street in the Tenderloin neighborhood; and

11 WHEREAS, The mural, titled "Leap of Compassion", inspired from African, Asian, and

12 Native American artistic traditions; was dedicated to youth of the Tenderloin;

13 WHEREAS, The mural presents to the viewer that in for humanity as whole to evolve

14 heal and become empowered, individuals must have faith take leap beyond one's racial,

15 cultural and national boundaries to see commonality off all people and inter-connectivity of

16 nature and all phenomenon; and

17 WHEREAS, These unique and invaluable murals throughout San Francisco are being

18 threatened by advertisers who are willing to pay high rental fees to hotel owners for

19 advertising space; and

20 WHEREAS, Citi Properties, the new owners of the property located at 665 Eddy Street,

21 has expressed the intent to remove the mural to replaced by advertisement on north side and

22 another mural by a different artist on the south side of the building ; and

23 WHEREAS, A 1991 federal statue prohibits removal of murals, privately or public

24 funded, unless the original artist waives his or her right and unless the work can be separated

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Supervisors Ammiano, Leno, Bierman, Katz

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1 from the building without damage to the artwork in which case the original artist must be given

2 90 days notice and the chance to remove the artwork; and

3   WHEREAS, This mural has become part of the cultural landscape of the Tenderloin

4 and on the cultural landmarks which unite the Tenderloin neighborhood as well an important

5 and valuable artistic contribution which all San Franciscans can be proud of; and

6   WHEREAS, Paul Scofield's work adds another unique contribution to the great San

7 Francisco tradition of mural artists and the removal of his work would be great blow to all San

8 Franciscans, residents of the Tenderloin and the greater arts community; now, therefore, be it

9   RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

10 strongly opposes the removal and destruction of Paul Scofield's mural titled "A Leap of

11 Compassion" located on 665 Eddy Street; and

12   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Citi

13 Properties to allow the mural to remain where it is or permit enough time to safely replace and

14 relocate the mural to a more suitable location.

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Resolution

File Number: 991599   **Date Passed:**

Resolution opposing the removal and destruction of Paul Scofield's mural titled "A Leap of Compassion" located on 665 Eddy Street and further urging Citi Properties to allow the mural to remain at its present location or permit enough time for the replication and relocation of the mural to a more suitable location.

August 23, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Kaufman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 23, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
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Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

September 7, 1999

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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