

1 [This resolution names the Japantown Task Force, Inc. as the community organization with  
2 which the City and County of San Francisco will work to develop a plan for historic and  
3 cultural preservation of San Francisco's Japan town, as per SB 307.]

4 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to directly apply for**  
5 **and receive SB 307 funds to allocate to the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community**  
6 **organization, to define cultural preservation and to prepare the specific plan and be the**  
7 **community planning entity for San Francisco's Japantown, as defined in SB 307.**

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco is distinguished as one of the most culturally and ethnically  
10 diverse cities in the State and the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Japantown is one of three remaining Japantowns (San  
12 Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles) in the entire United States of America; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of California through Senate Bill 307, California Japantown  
14 Preservation Project, has directed the State Librarian to provide grants to the City and County  
15 of San Francisco, and cities of San Jose and Los Angeles; and

16 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on March 5,  
17 2002 accepting State funding through Senate Bill 307 (SB 307) to fund a Japantown Pilot  
18 Program; and

19 WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community development, planning and  
20 preservation organization is the only non-profit, community based entity that has developed a  
21 comprehensive Japantown Community Plan for San Francisco's Japantown; and

22 WHEREAS, the Japantown Community Plan was created by the largest and most  
23 representative community-based Japantown planning entity, a 50 member Japantown Task  
24 Force, Inc. of residents, business owners, property owners, community-based organizations;  
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1           WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. has conducted its community-based  
2 planning efforts for over three years in developing the “Concepts for the Japantown  
3 Community Plan” (November 2000) and the “Japantown Community Plan Proposed  
4 Strategies With Community Input (September 12, 2001); and

5           WHEREAS, the “Concepts for the Japantown Community Plan” was the recipient of  
6 the American Society of Landscape Architects, Professional Awards 2001; and

7           WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. meets all the qualifications and  
8 requirements of SB 307; and

9           WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. shall form a SB 307 standing committee  
10 comprised of 50% Japantown Task Force Inc. board members and 50% community members  
11 who are Japantown residents, merchants and property owners; and

12           WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. SB 307 standing committee shall be  
13 appointed by the President of the Japantown Task Force, Inc. Board of Directors; and

14           WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. shall define cultural preservation as a  
15 format for future Japantown planning and prepare a final report to the California State Library,  
16 State of California no later than December 2004; and

17           WHEREAS, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and members of San  
18 Francisco’s Japantown ask Force, Inc. comprised of residents, businesses, property owners  
19 and community organizations and churches have a long history of working closely together on  
20 issues affecting the development of Japantown; and

21           WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency in Los Angeles and San Jose was selected  
22 as the public agency to receive the SB307 funds to allocate to the community-based  
23 organizations and to oversee the SB307 process;

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1           WHEREAS, the San Francisco Planning Department has expertise in the area of  
 2 historic cultural preservation that could be utilized to review and comment on the Cultural  
 3 Preservation report to be prepared by the Japantown Task Force; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
 5 authorizes the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to directly apply for and receive SB 307  
 6 funds to allocate to the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community organization, as defined in  
 7 SB 307 to prepare the definition for cultural preservation and be the community planning  
 8 entity for San Francisco’s Japantown, as defined in SB 307; and be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redevelopment Agency staff shall coordinate with  
 10 Planning Department staff to review and give comments on the Cultural Preservation report  
 11 developed by the Japantown Task Force, Inc., and on the overall planning that is being  
 12 considered in conjunction with SB 307.

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