

1 [Support for the passing of ACR 42 (Fong). Acknowledgement of discriminatory practices
2 against Chinese in California and commending the contributions Chinese in California made
3 towards the economic growth and development of California.]

4 **Resolution supporting ACR 42 (Fong) that recognizes the extraordinary hardships of**
5 **Chinese in California as a result of systematic discriminatory practices implemented at**
6 **the legislative level, which conflict with the principles upon which our country was**
7 **founded.**

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9 WHEREAS, The California Gold Rush and the construction of the transcontinental
10 railroad called upon and required the labor of Chinese immigrants; and

11 WHEREAS, Chinese workers received unequal treatment in regards to compensation,
12 housing conditions and work environment; and,

13 WHEREAS, The United States legislature enacted discriminatory laws, including the
14 Chinese Exclusionary Act, targeting Chinese in America in order to discourage further
15 immigration from China and sought to severely limit the success of the Chinese laborers
16 already here; and,

17 WHEREAS, Chinese in California were denied legal protections and rights including
18 due process, the right to vote, the right to own property, the right to attend public schools, the
19 right to marry a white person and were wrongfully detained on Angel Island; and,

20 WHEREAS, despite the hardships endured, Chinese in California transitioned to other
21 types of employment, making considerable contributions to the progress and growth of our
22 state; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That in support of ACR 42, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
24 acknowledges the history of Chinese in California, recognizes the contributions made to the
25 State of California by Chinese Americans and Chinese immigrants, and expresses regret for

1 past discriminatory laws and constitutional provisions which resulted in the persecution of
2 Chinese living in California; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
4 Francisco supports ACR 42, and urges the California Assembly to pass ACR 42.

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