

1 [Urging the Passage of SB 307.]
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3 **Resolution urging the Governor and State Legislature to support SB 307 which would**
4 **create, until July 1, 2004, the California Japantown Preservation Pilot Project, which**
5 **would require the State Librarian to provide a one-time grant to the City of Los**
6 **Angeles, the City of San Jose, and the City and County of San Francisco, for the**
7 **purposes of aiding in the preparation, adoption, or implementation of specific plans**
8 **that promote the preservation of existing Japantown neighborhoods in those**
9 **jurisdictions.**
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11 WHEREAS, About half of the Japantown District, located in San Francisco's Western
12 Addition, was seized by eminent domain and razed to the ground in 1960, displacing 1,500
13 residents and more than 60 small Japanese American businesses; and,

14 WHEREAS, In 1942, an estimated 110,000 Japanese Americans were taken from their
15 communities and placed in interment camps following the entrance by the United States
16 Government into World War II; and,

17 WHEREAS, Historical events, including the internment of Japanese Americans and
18 their relocation resulting from urban renewal activities, have dispersed the Japanese
19 American community and due to this disbursement the Japantown District has become a
20 place for visiting cultural, educational, commercial and entertainment facilities; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Japantown district provides unique opportunities for Japanese
22 Americans to retain their cultural heritage; and,

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Japantown neighborhood is one of only three remaining
24 Japantown districts in the entire country; and;
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1 WHEREAS, SB 307 will allow community based organizations and local government to
2 engage in a planning process which will ensure the continuing vitality of these important
3 cultural centers; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the State
5 Legislature to support SB 307; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed
7 to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Honorable
8 John Vasconcellos, the Honorable John Burton, the Honorable Carol Migden, the Honorable
9 Kevin Shelly.

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June 4, 2001 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

June 4, 2001 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Neighborhood Services and Parks Committee

July 2, 2001 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

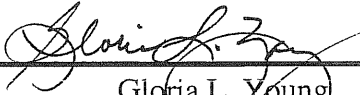
July 9, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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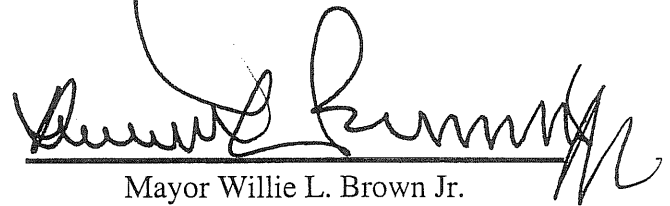
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 9, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date Approved