

1 [Recognizing the 35th Anniversary of the Murder of Vincent Chin]

2

3 **Resolution recognizing the 35th anniversary of the murder of Vincent Chin, and**
4 **declaring the City and County of San Francisco’s support of Asian American**
5 **communities against racialized hate and violence.**

6

7 WHEREAS, On June 23rd, 1982, Vincent Chin, a 27 year old Chinese American
8 engineer from Detroit was beaten to death by two unemployed autoworkers blaming Asian
9 communities for the loss of American automobile manufacturing jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, The two men who brutally murdered Vincent Chin were sentenced to three
11 years’ probation and fined \$3,000, sparking outrage from Asian American communities across
12 the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, For 35 years the Asian American community has fought to make hate
14 crimes and racialized violence a national priority, led initially by American Citizens for Justice,
15 a group from Detroit seeking justice for Vincent Chin; and

16 WHEREAS, Asian American residents are too often seen as perpetual immigrants and
17 “other” in their own country; and

18 WHEREAS, In the era of a Trump Administration and rising incidents of hate crimes
19 and racialized violence across the country, Asian American communities have been
20 increasingly impacted; and

21 WHEREAS, There is dearth of efforts to track hate crimes against Asian American in
22 the United States, and to address this issue, Asian Americans Advancing Justice this year
23 launched a new website www.standagainsthatred.org to track racialized assaults; and

24 WHEREAS, More than one-third of San Francisco residents are of Asian American
25 descent, and there are rising concerns about public safety within San Francisco’s Asian

1 American community; and

2 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has long stood united in support of
3 Asian American communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Many San Francisco Asian American organizations have worked to raise
5 awareness to the issues faced by these communities, particularly around inclusion and safety;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the 35th
8 anniversary of Vincent Chin’s tragic murder motivated by racial violence; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands firmly
10 against hate crimes perpetrated against the Asian American community in San Francisco and
11 beyond; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands strongly
13 in support of all communities being impacted by hate, bigotry and racialized violence.

14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25