

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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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 090863

**Date Passed:**

Resolution supporting Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 42 (Fong) that recognizes the extraordinary hardships of Chinese in California as a result of systematic discriminatory practices implemented at the legislative level, which conflict with the principles upon which our country was founded.

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July 7, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar,  
Mirkarimi

Absent: 1 - Maxwell

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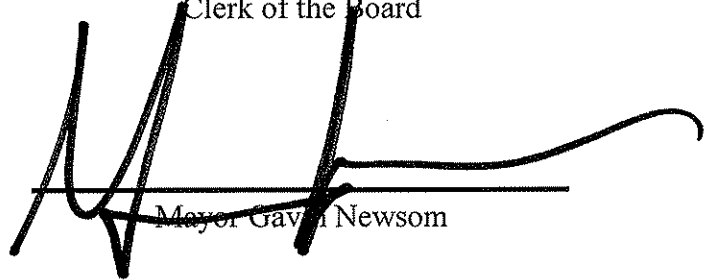
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 7, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

7/15/2009

Date Approved



Mayor Gavin Newsom