

1 [Honoring the Life of Vicha Ratanapakdee and Reaffirming San Francisco's Commitment to  
2 Elder Safety]

3 **Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Vicha Ratanapakdee on the fifth anniversary**  
4 **of his passing, condemning violence against elders, and reaffirming San Francisco's**  
5 **commitment to elder safety, violence prevention, community healing, and standing**  
6 **against anti-Asian hate.**

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8 WHEREAS, Vicha Ratanapakdee, a beloved father and grandfather - known  
9 affectionately as "Grandpa Vicha" by his family and community - was a gentle and kind man,  
10 deeply devoted to his loved ones, who found joy in his daily morning walks and was a  
11 cherished presence in his San Francisco neighborhood; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 28, 2021, at the age of 84, Mr. Ratanapakdee was violently  
13 attacked while on his morning walk in the Anza Vista neighborhood, and he passed away from  
14 his injuries on February 1, 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee's death occurred amid an alarming surge in violence  
16 against Asian Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic, with reported hate crimes against  
17 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in San Francisco increasing by 567% in 2021, creating  
18 widespread fear and trauma, particularly among elders; and

19 WHEREAS, The tragic killing of Mr. Ratanapakdee galvanized communities across  
20 San Francisco, California, and the nation, helping to spark the Stop Asian Hate movement  
21 and bringing critical attention to the safety and dignity of Asian American elders; and

22 WHEREAS, Five years after his passing, Mr. Ratanapakdee's memory endures in San  
23 Francisco - including through Vicha Ratanapakdee Way, the street renamed in his honor near  
24 the site of the attack - and his legacy continues to inspire advocacy for elder safety and the  
25 dignity of all San Franciscans; and

1           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that violence against  
2 elders causes profound and lasting harm to victims, their families, and the collective sense of  
3 safety in San Francisco's neighborhoods, and

4           WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to one of the oldest and most vibrant Asian  
5 American communities in the United States, and the safety and wellbeing of seniors of all  
6 backgrounds remains a paramount concern; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco honors the life, dignity, and  
8 legacy of Vicha Ratanapakdee, extends sincere condolences to his family and loved ones,  
9 and recognizes that his loss was felt not only by those who knew him, but by communities  
10 across San Francisco and the nation who saw in him their own fathers, grandfathers, and  
11 elders; and, be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes the continuing community impact  
13 of Mr. Ratanapakdee's death, including the heightened fear and vulnerability experienced by  
14 elders and many Asian American families, and recommits to policies and partnerships that  
15 promote elder safety, violence prevention, and community healing; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board condemns acts of violence against elders and  
17 reaffirms San Francisco's commitment to ensuring that seniors of all backgrounds can move  
18 safely through their neighborhoods; and, be it

19           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board encourages City departments, public safety  
20 agencies, and educational institutions to engage in prevention-focused education and  
21 community engagement that promotes empathy, accountability, and respect for elders and  
22 vulnerable communities; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board affirms that any educational or programmatic  
24 use of Mr. Ratanapakdee's name or story should be conducted with dignity and cultural  
25 sensitivity, in a manner that honors his memory and respects his family's wishes; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes the continuing importance of  
2 standing against hate in all its forms and supporting the safety and dignity of Asian American  
3 communities in San Francisco; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit a copy of this  
5 Resolution to the Ratanapakdee family.  
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April 21, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

Excused: 2 - Chan and Fielder

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/21/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

05/01/2026

Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

05/01/2026

Date