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1 [Supporting the 2010 National Asian Pacific Islander American Historic Preservation Forum]

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3 **Resolution supporting the 2010 National Asian Pacific Islander American Historic**  
4 **Preservation Forum to protect and preserve the legacies of Asian and Pacific Islander**  
5 **cultures in America.**

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7 WHEREAS, The historic preservation movement in the United States is just beginning  
8 to expand its concept of what "historic preservation" means in culturally diverse communities;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, This defining process should be based in the needs and precepts of the  
11 diverse communities themselves; and,

12 WHEREAS, In California alone, the bulk of the historic Japantowns that dotted the  
13 state before World War II have largely disappeared, and the three remaining historic  
14 Japantowns (San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles) are being threatened with  
15 demographic and economic gentrification and change; and

16 WHEREAS, Historic Chinatowns are also undergoing change and facing threats across  
17 the country, and these stories are multiplied in the Korean, Filipino, Pacific Islander and other  
18 Asian American communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the past few years, key members of the APIA communities around  
20 the country began to discuss with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) the idea  
21 of a national conference in order to collaborate and gain further insight, education, and  
22 inspiration about historic preservation; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2007, the APIA caucus of the National Trust for Historic Preservation  
24 was formed to begin planning for the first-ever National Historic Preservation Forum; and

1           WHEREAS, This forum will be the first time that APIAs convene to share their  
2 experiences and stories and to support one another in a common struggle not to lose their  
3 heritage and their American stories; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the 2010 National  
5 Asian Pacific Islander American Historic Preservation Forum as a defining step toward  
6 protecting and preserving the legacies of Asian and Pacific Islander cultures in America  
7 through the following goals:

8           Demonstrating how preserving Asian Pacific Islander America can be synonymous with  
9 promoting community pride, cultural identity, and neighborhood vitality;

- 10           • Creating opportunities for stewards and advocates for Asian Pacific Islander heritage  
11 resources to forge consensus, share best practices, and increase capacity and  
12 outreach;
- 13           • Strengthening connections between the stewards of America's Asian Pacific Islander  
14 heritage and the organized historic preservation movement by broadening the  
15 understanding of API cultural heritage in America;
- 16           • Expanding the discussion about who we are and the variety of API resources and API  
17 chapters in American history that we are struggling to preserve;
- 18           • Sharing best practices, advice, and success stories to equip attendees with proven and  
19 innovative tools with which to pursue preservation efforts in their own communities;
- 20           • Engaging new audiences and developing fresh approaches for preserving API heritage  
21 resources in these challenging times; and
- 22           • Putting forth a pan-Asian preservation agenda and demonstrating as expanded  
23 meaning for "historic preservation" that will continue to ensure a place for diverse  
24 groups at preservation's table.



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Resolution

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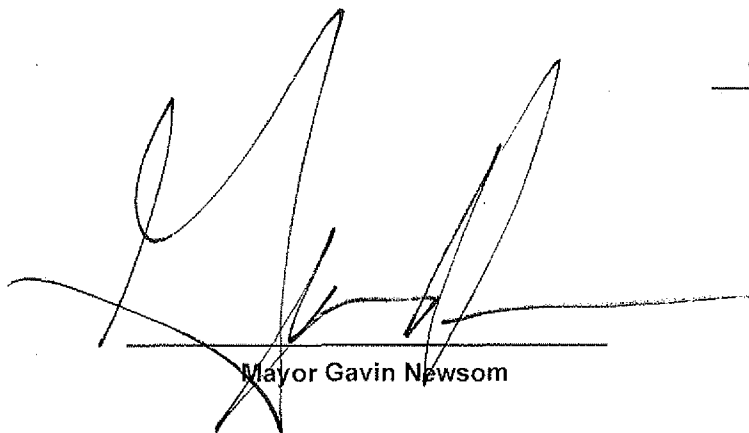
May 25, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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


Absent: 1 - Elsbernd

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/25/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Mayor Gavin Newsom



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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

6/02/2010  
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Date Approved