

1 [Resolution condemning AsianWeek, February 23, 2007, January 12, 2007, and November
2 24, 2006 Issues]

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4 **Resolution condemning AsianWeek and its columnist Kenneth Eng for the**
5 **inappropriate and damaging column explicitly encouraging racial discrimination in the**
6 **AsianWeek’s February 23, 2007 issue titled, “Why I Hate Blacks”, January 12, 2007**
7 **issued titled “Why I Hate Asians”, and November 24, 2006 issued titled “Proof That**
8 **Whites Inherently Hate Us”.**

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10 WHEREAS, Ethical standards for journalists demand a code of behavior and practice
11 that minimizes harm to the community in which they practice; and

12 WHEREAS, The First Amendment is the cornerstone of democracy and to maintain
13 and protect it requires constant vigilance; and

14 WHEREAS, Conscientious journalists from all media and specialties should strive to
15 serve the public with thoroughness and honesty; and

16 WHEREAS, AsianWeek has violated those standards of journalistic ethics by
17 repeatedly publishing a commentary employing using stereotypes by race, religion, and
18 ethnicity; and

19 WHEREAS, AsianWeek is one of the City’s designated outreach newspapers in which
20 the municipal government regularly publishes its official notices; and,

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco strives to promote tolerance and respect among all its
22 residents, and it is the goal of this body to make this city a safe place to live for all kinds of
23 people; and

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco expects much more from publications that set the tone for
25 public dialogue in the City; and,

1 WHEREAS, We believe that community dialogue must be respectful for it to be
2 constructive; now, therefore, be it

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4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns AsianWeek and its columnist
5 Kenneth Eng for the inappropriate and damaging column in the AsianWeek's February 23,
6 2007 issued titled "Why I Hate Blacks", January 12, 2007 issued tittle "Why I Hate Asians",
7 and November 24, 2006 issued tittle "Proof That Whites Inherently Hate Us"; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Board of Supervisors urges AsianWeek's owners to
9 examine their own cultural values and motives for lowering the level of public discourse on
10 issues of race; and be it,

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all City departments and
12 other government entities to withdraw any money spent on advertising in AsianWeek.