

1 [Commending Supervisor Gordon Mar]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Gordon Mar for his decades of work**
4 **for a fairer and more just San Francisco and his distinguished service on behalf of**
5 **District 4 as a Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**

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7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar has proudly served District 4 and the City and
8 County of San Francisco for four years as a Member of the San Francisco Board of
9 Supervisors; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar served diligently as the Chair of the Public Safety
11 and Neighborhood Services Committee, Chair of the Government Audit and Oversight
12 Committee, and as a Member of the Budget and Finance Committee, Budget and
13 Appropriations Committee, Rules Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission, Free City
14 College Oversight Committee, Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board, Bay
15 Area Air Quality Management District Board, and San Francisco County Transportation
16 Authority Board; and

17 WHEREAS, Prior to his service on the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Gordon Mar
18 served as the first-ever Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association, organizing
19 and empowering the low income and working class Chinese community in San Francisco, and
20 as Executive Director of Jobs with Justice San Francisco, a coalition of over 30 labor,
21 community, and faith-based organizations, where he led successful efforts to improve the
22 living and working conditions of families, seniors, students, and immigrants and to expand
23 access to good jobs, public education, affordable housing and healthcare; and

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1 WHEREAS, As promised, Supervisor Gordon Mar expanded opportunities across the
2 Sunset and San Francisco to ensure it is a place where all residents can live, work, learn,
3 thrive, and have a voice in the decisions that impact their lives; and

4 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar never stopped organizing and brought his deep
5 community roots, strategic thinking, compassion, and values-driven and consensus-building
6 leadership to City Hall; and

7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar led the creation of the Sunset Chinese Cultural
8 District, the first Cultural District on the west side of the City and the first Cultural District
9 dedicated to uplifting and empowering San Francisco’s Chinese community; and

10 WHEREAS, The launch of the Outer Sunset Farmers Market and Mercantile would not
11 have been possible without Supervisor Gordon Mar’s leadership and support, and today it is a
12 beloved institution providing economic opportunities to local merchants and artisans and
13 access to fresh produce, fantastic food, and locally-made goods for all who visit; and

14 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar had the vision to create the Great Highway Park
15 and reimagine our western waterfront as a gathering space and a place for joy, community,
16 civic action, and active transportation; and

17 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar took historic steps to champion affordable housing
18 and spearheaded District 4’s first 100% affordable housing project for working families, first
19 mobile outreach services for people experiencing homelessness, first permanent supportive
20 housing, first affordable housing acquisitions, and broke ground on the first 100% affordable
21 educator housing project in the entire City; and

22 WHEREAS, A champion for public education, Supervisor Gordon Mar secured a
23 decade of full funding for Free City College, led the fight to protect public teachers’ raises,
24 brought City College classes to the Sunset, and provided STEAM grants to every public
25 school in District 4; and

1 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar wrote and passed groundbreaking laws to prevent
2 crime and make our communities safer, including the Crime Victim Data Disclosure Act and
3 Crime Prevention Through Community Policing Act, and led community-based programs
4 including the Storefront Vandalism Relief Grant Program, the 5 Point Plan for a Safer Sunset,
5 and the Sunset Safer at Home Initiative, providing community ambassadors, safety escorts for
6 seniors, and home security upgrades; and

7 WHEREAS, Improving and expanding public transit and infrastructure to bike and walk
8 safely were top priorities and major accomplishments for Supervisor Gordon Mar, whose
9 leadership on transportation and commitment to Vision Zero included dozens of traffic calming
10 measures, bringing bikeshare to District 4, providing critical oversight for the L Taraval
11 Improvement Project, creating the first District-wide and data-driven Daylighting Initiative in
12 the City, and commissioning the District 4 Mobility Study to envision a Sunset Community
13 Shuttle, Neighborways network, new transit connections and subway service; and

14 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar always stood with the labor movement and
15 working families, and expanded labor rights with first-in-the-nation policies like Public Health
16 Emergency Leave, which expanded paid leave for hundreds of thousands of essential
17 workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Right to Reemployment Ordinance, which
18 helped thousands of laid off San Francisco workers regain employment and increased job
19 security; and

20 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar wrote and passed Sunlight on Dark Money, the
21 strongest dark money disclosure law in the nation, and Public Financing 2.0, which tripled the
22 impact of the public financing program for campaigns to uplift the political voice of the working
23 class; and

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1 WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar was a stalwart ally to veterans, expanding their
2 access to park facilities, prioritizing their access to affordable housing, and working to protect
3 the pay of military reservists; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong environmentalist, Supervisor Gordon Mar fought for the first and
5 largest general fund investments for the Department of the Environment, the creation of the
6 Climate Equity Hub, a financing plan for the City’s Climate Action Plan, a framework to
7 decarbonize and electrify San Francisco’s buildings, and historic investments for the
8 sustainability of Sunset Boulevard; and

9 WHEREAS, A true Supervisor-Organizer, Supervisor Gordon Mar hosted dozens of
10 town halls and community meetings, organized phone banks and flyering to reach vulnerable
11 populations during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, supported mutual aid and
12 community service efforts, and used his office to organize and foster civic actions and
13 marches never seen before in the Sunset; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15 commends Supervisor Gordon Mar for his community roots, strategic thinking, and values-
16 driven and consensus-building leadership; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Supervisor Gordon Mar — along with his kindness,
18 compassion, vision, and courage — will be sorely missed by the Board of Supervisors and
19 District 4; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution be tendered
21 to Supervisor Gordon Mar as a small token of the esteem, affection, and respect in which he
22 is held by this Board of Supervisors and to express to him their appreciation for his service
23 and high hopes for his future.

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