

1 [This resolution names the Japantown Task Force, Inc. as the community organization with  
2 which the City and County of San Francisco will work to develop a plan for historic and  
3 cultural preservation of San Francisco's Japan town, as per SB 307.]  
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5 **Resolution authorizing the Japantown Task Force , Inc. to directly apply for and receive**  
6 **SB 307 funds and to prepare the specific plan and be the community planning entity for**  
7 **San Francisco's Japantown, as defined in SB 307.**  
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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco is distinguished as one of the most culturally and ethnically  
10 diverse cities in the State and the nation; and  
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12 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Japantown is one of three remaining Japantowns (San  
13 Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles) in the entire United States of America; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the State of California through Senate Bill 307, California Japantown  
16 Preservation Project, has directed the State Librarian to provide grants to the City and County  
17 of San Francisco, and cities of San Jose and Los Angeles; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on March 5, 2002  
20 accepting State funding through Senate Bill 307 (SB 307) to fund a Japantown Pilot Program;  
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23 WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community development, planning and  
24 preservation organization is the only non-profit, community based entity that has developed a  
25 comprehensive Japantown Community Plan for San Francisco's Japantown; and

1 WHEREAS, the Japantown Community Plan was created by the largest and most  
2 representative community-based Japantown planning entity, a 50 member Japantown Task  
3 Force, Inc. of residents, business owners, property owners, community-based organizations;  
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6 WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. has conducted its community-based planning  
7 efforts for over three years in developing the “Concepts for the Japantown Community Plan”  
8 (November 2000) and the “Japantown Community Plan Proposed Strategies With Community  
9 Input (September 12, 2001); and

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11 WHEREAS, the “Concepts for the Japantown Community Plan” was the recipient of the  
12 American Society of Landscape Architects, Professional Awards 2001; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. meets all the qualifications and requirements of  
15 SB 307; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. shall form a SB 307 standing committee  
18 comprised of 50% Japantown Task Force Inc. board members and 50% community members  
19 who are Japantown residents, merchants and property owners; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. SB 307 standing committee shall be appointed  
22 by the President of the Japantown Task Force, Inc. Board of Directors; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force , Inc. shall define cultural preservation as a  
25 format for future Japantown planning; and

1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 authorizes and supports the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community organization, as  
3 defined in SB 307, to directly apply for and receive SB 307 funds and to prepare the specific  
4 plan and be the community planning entity for San Francisco's Japantown, as defined in SB  
5 307; and

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7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the planning that is being considered in conjunction with SB 307  
8 be a part of the overall strategy and plan presently being developed for Japan Town by the  
9 Japantown Task Force, Inc., San Francisco Planning Department, the San Francisco  
10 Redevelopment Agency, and other city agencies.

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