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Committee Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

Board Item No. 44

## COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Date: April 15, 2025

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Date: April 11, 2025

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Marking the 100th Anniversary of the Great Star Theater]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Great Star Theater in the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco.**  
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6 WHEREAS, The Great Star Theater was originally built in 1925 to feature Chinese  
7 opera, a theater art form that incorporates music, song and dance, martial arts, acrobatics,  
8 costume and make-up arts, as well as literary arts, that dates back to ancient China where it  
9 reached its peak popularity in the 13th century, during the Song dynasty; and

10 WHEREAS, The Great Star Theater, formerly known as the Great China Theater, is a  
11 410-seat performing arts and film theater, located at 636 Jackson Street in San Francisco's  
12 historic Chinatown neighborhood, and is the last remaining Chinese theater in any Chinatown  
13 in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, For centuries, Chinese opera was as a primary form of entertainment in  
15 China and within the Chinese diaspora, serving as a powerful medium for telling the stories of  
16 the Chinese people and their lived experiences; and

17 WHEREAS, During to World War II, Chinese opera performances declined due to the  
18 disbandment of many Chinese opera troupes; and

19 WHEREAS, To preserve and promote cultural heritage, The Great Star Theater began  
20 offering Chinese-language movies produced in China as well as American shorts films to  
21 meet the community's appetite and embrace of culturally-relevant entertainment; and

22 WHEREAS, The Great Star Theater, along with its major competitor located a block  
23 apart, became cultural centers and a powerhouse for Chinese Americans in Chinatown,  
24 hosting protests and political events for causes both local and afar, including honoring the  
25 Chinese revolutionary and political philosopher, Sun Yat-sen; and

1 WHEREAS, As the popularity of Chinese opera declined, the Great Star Theater  
2 pivoted to expand showing of movies while reserving the theater for operas for special cultural  
3 celebrations like the Dragon Boat and Mid-Autumn Moon Festivals; and

4 WHEREAS, The Great Star Theater helped launched film legend Bruce Lee's career  
5 when he was just an infant and played a newborn girl in the premiere of the Cantonese-  
6 language film "Golden Gate Girl" in 1941; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2021, Alice Chu and Roger Pincombe re-opened the venue and created  
8 a nonprofit to continue the Theater's legacy of cultivating traditional Asian art forms, nurturing  
9 emerging artists, and revitalizing the San Francisco Chinatown community; and

10 WHEREAS, The Great Star Theater in its renewed form hosts an eclectic array of  
11 performances, ranging from Cantonese opera and guzheng music to modern cabaret,  
12 comedy, and film premieres; and

13 WHEREAS, Since it's opening in 2021, the Great Star Theater hosted over 650 events,  
14 117 unique productions that represented diverse voices and talents, and housed more than  
15 80,000 audience members; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That That on the occasion of the Great Star Theater's centennial  
17 celebration, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby extends its highest  
18 commendation and appreciation to Alice Chu and Roger Pincombe for revitalizing the Great  
19 Star Theater's artistic legacy and ensuring that the arts remain a powerful force for connection  
20 and change in the Chinatown community and San Francisco.

## Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. \_\_\_\_\_ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission    ☐ Youth Commission    ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission    ☐ Building Inspection Commission    ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes    ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Connie Chan

Subject:

Resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Great Start Theater

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

