

1 [Condemning Anti-Italian Remarks at the Planning Commission]

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3 **Resolution condemning remarks of Commissioner Hisashi Sugaya that deeply**
4 **offended members of the Italian-American community, and urging members of City**
5 **boards and commissions to treat members of the public with respect.**

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7 WHEREAS, Members of City boards and commissions represent the entire City and
8 County of San Francisco, in all of its rich diversity; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of the public expect and deserve that they will be treated with
10 respect when they take time out of their day to attend and testify at commissions; and,

11 WHEREAS, On November 18, the San Francisco Planning Commission considered a
12 conditional use authorization for 414 Columbus Avenue so an Italian restaurant can host a
13 singing waiter; and,

14 WHEREAS, At this hearing, Commissioner Hisashi Sugaya said “I’m supportive but I
15 was kind of waiting for my brown paper envelopes to come from the Sicilians but I never got
16 anything so, you know, I may vote against it”; and,

17 WHEREAS, This statement, in addition to being derogatory, brings dishonor to the City
18 and County of San Francisco by implying that decision makers are waiting for envelopes of
19 cash, and the Board must speak out against these statements; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns the remarks of Planning
21 Commissioner Hisashi Sugaya on November 18; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges members of City boards
23 and commissions to treat members of the public with the respect they deserve.

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