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To: "[Lily Wong](#)"; [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Diane Chao](#); [Robert Chua](#)
Subject: RE: Signed letter of Support - Open Door Legal - BOS File No. 250357
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:36:00 AM
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Hello John:

I know this legislation was passed yesterday, but wanted to share this letter to support to include in the file.

Lily

Lily Wong 黃麗瑜
Director of Community Engagement 社區聯繫總監
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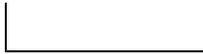
This is Sierra Sparks from Open Door Legal. I wanted to reach out to share our signed letter of support.

Thank you for all you do!

With appreciation,

Sierra

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Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of **Open Door Legal** to express our strong support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District's (SCCD) Cultural History, Housing, Equity, and Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) report, along with its findings and recommendations.

As a representative of Open Door Legal organization that serves this neighborhood, I believe it is critical that we uplift and implement the CHHESS framework to preserve the cultural integrity of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community.

The Sunset Chinese Cultural District is a vibrant area rooted in immigrant histories, intergenerational families, and a legacy of cultural resilience and activism. Yet without culturally informed policies and planning tools, this identity is at risk. The SCCD faces increasing threats from displacement, rising housing costs, commercial turnover, and systemic neglect.

The CHHESS report provides a clear and community-driven path forward. I urge the Land Use and Transportation Committee to prioritize its recommendations across six key areas critical to the long-term vitality of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District:

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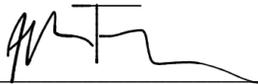
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Supporting the CHHESS report is a necessary step to honor the lived experiences of those who built the Sunset Chinese Cultural District and to advance a city that proactively values culture, equity, and belonging.

I respectfully urge you to adopt and implement the CHHESS recommendations for the SCCD and to work in close partnership with local organizations, residents, and community stakeholders to bring this vision to life.

Sincerely,



Adrian Tirtanadi, **Open Door Legal**
Founder/ Executive Director

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BY HAND

April 21, 2025

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE SUNSET CHINESE CULTURAL DISTRICT CULTURAL HISTORY,
HERITAGE, ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY REPORT**

Dear Committee Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Chen, Member Mahmood:

I am writing on behalf of the Japantown Cultural District to express unequivocal support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District's (SCCD) Cultural History, Housing, Equity, and Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) report, along with its findings and recommendations.

I believe it is critical that we uplift and implement the CHHESS framework to preserve the cultural integrity of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community.

The Sunset Chinese Cultural District is a vibrant area rooted in immigrant histories, intergenerational families, and a legacy of cultural resilience and activism. Yet without culturally informed policies and planning tools, this identity is at risk. The SCCD faces increasing threats from displacement, rising housing costs, commercial turnover, and systemic neglect.

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The CHHESS report provides a clear and community-driven path forward. I urge the Land Use and Transportation Committee to prioritize its recommendations across six key areas critical to the long-term vitality of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District:

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Supporting the CHHESS report is a necessary step to honor the lived experiences of those who built the Sunset Chinese Cultural District and to advance a city that proactively values culture, equity, and belonging.

I respectfully urge you to adopt and implement the SCCD CHHESS recommendations and to work in close partnership with local organizations, residents, and community stakeholders to bring this vision to life.

Sincerely,



Emily M. Murase, PhD
Executive Director

From: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Tina Aguirre](#)
Cc: [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Sciammas, Charlie \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Cooper, Raynell \(BOS\)](#); [Lily Wong](#)
Subject: RE: Letter of support for the SCCD CHHESS Report - BOS File No. 250357
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:59:00 PM
Attachments: [Castro LGBTQ Cultural District SCCD Letter of Support.pdf](#)
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From: Tina Aguirre <taguirre@castro-lgbtq.org>

Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 1:26 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Lily Wong <lwong@wahmei.org>

Subject: Letter of support for the SCCD CHHESS Report

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Hi John and Lily,

Here is a letter of support for the SCCD CHHESS Report as I am unable to be there in person.

Thank you!

Tina

Mx. Tina V. Aguirre
Cultural District Director
Castro LGBTQ Cultural District
pronouns: they/them/theirs



Land Use and Transportation Committee

To: John Carroll, john.carroll@sfgov.org

Support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District to express our strong support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District's (SCCD) Cultural History, Housing, Equity, and Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) report, along with its findings and recommendations.

As the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District Director, I recognize that the Sunset Chinese Cultural District's work is very important to maintaining the cultural integrity of the neighborhood. Additionally, the Sunset Chinese Cultural District is well positioned to protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community.

San Francisco is special because of our neighborhoods and the Sunset neighborhood is a vibrant area rooted in immigrant histories, intergenerational families, and a legacy of cultural resilience. At the same time, gentrification and displacement are very real threats to this. The CHHESS report provides a clear and community-driven path forward. I urge the Land Use and Transportation Committee to prioritize its recommendations across six key areas critical to the long-term vitality of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District.

The Castro LGBTQ Cultural District is committed to preserving, sustaining, and promoting the rich cultural legacy of the Castro and its significance to San Francisco's LGBTQ+ community and beyond. Our goals are to highlight the structures and sites important to our history; foster racial, ethnic, gender and cultural diversity among residents and businesses; and create a safe, beautiful, and inclusive space for LGBTQ+ and allied communities, to visit from around the world and call the Castro home.

Thank you for supporting the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's CHHESS report. I respectfully urge you to adopt and implement the CHHESS recommendations for the SCCD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina Aguirre" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tina Aguirre
Castro LGBTQ Cultural District Director

From: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
To: "Lamar Heystek"
Cc: [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [Shao, Sophie \(BOS\)](#); [MahmoodStaff](#); [Logan, Samantha \(BOS\)](#); [ChenStaff](#); [Prager, Jackie \(BOS\)](#); [Kimberly Szeto](#); [Lily Wong](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Sciammas, Charlie \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Cooper, Raynell \(BOS\)](#)
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Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 11:42 AM

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Subject: Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report - ASIAN, Inc. letter - SUPPORT

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Attached.

Sincerely,
Lamar Heystek
President, ASIAN, Inc.

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April 18, 2025

**Land Use and Transportation Committee
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RE: Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report – SUPPORT

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and Land Use & Transportation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of ASIAN, Inc. to express our strong support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District’s (SCCD) Cultural History, Housing, Equity, and Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) Report, along with its findings and recommendations.

As a proud member of the SCCD Advisory Board, ASIAN, Inc. believes it is critical that we uplift and implement the CHHESS framework to preserve the cultural integrity of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, a geography rooted in immigrant histories, intergenerational families, and a legacy of cultural resilience and activism. Yet without culturally informed policies and planning tools, this identity is at risk, as the SCCD faces increasing threats from displacement, rising housing costs, commercial turnover, and systemic neglect.

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Endorsing the CHHESS report is a necessary step to advance a city that proactively values economic equity. ASIAN, Inc. respectfully urges you to adopt and implement the CHHESS recommendations and work in close partnership with the SCCD to bring this vision to life.

Sincerely,

Lamar Heystek
President

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Cc: Lily Wong <lwong@wahmei.org>; rob@avenuesconsulting.net; diane@avenuesconsulting.net
Subject: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHES Report

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Dear Land Use and Transportation Committee,

On behalf of North East Medical Services (NEMS), I am writing to express our strong support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District's (SCCD) Cultural History, Housing, Equity, and Sustainability Strategies (CHHES) report, including its findings and recommendations.

NEMS is a community health center that provides linguistically competent and culturally sensitive healthcare services across multiple locations in the Sunset District. Our mission is to ensure equitable health outcomes for all by offering comprehensive, culturally responsive, and linguistically appropriate care, particularly for historically underserved communities.

Please find attached our Letter of Support for the SCCD CHHES report. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important community-driven effort. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Dee

Dee (Lirong) Wu

Community Relations Liaison

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As a representative of NEMS, a community health clinic that provides linguistically competent and culturally sensitive health care services across multiple locations in this neighborhood, I believe it is critical that we uplift and implement the CHHESS framework to preserve the cultural integrity of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community.

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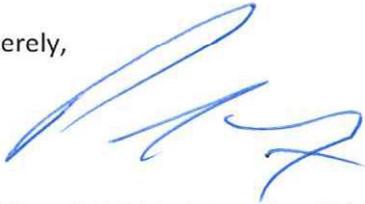
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Paul Fox, Chief Administrative Officer
North East Medical Services

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Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 11:48 AM

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Cc: Gloria Tan <awrcgloria@pacbell.net>

Subject: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

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Aloha, Supervisor Engardio and Members of the Land Use Committee!

On behalf of Gum Moon Residence Hall and Executive Director Gloria Tan, I am pleased to offer the attached Letter of Support for the Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report.

Thank you for your kind consideration!

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana

Montira Warran
Program Coordinator
Gum Moon Residence Hall/Asian Women's Resource Center
Phone: 415-788-1008
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April 18, 2025

Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

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Sincerely,



Gloria Tan
Executive Director

From: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
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Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 10:43 AM

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Good Morning Members of the Land Use Transportation Committee and Legislation Sponsor,

On behalf of Anni Chung, President and CEO of Self-Help for the Elderly I respectfully submit our letter of support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District's CHHESS Report. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Best Regards,
Vicki Lee

Vicki Tanabe Lee
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Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2025 8:00 AM

Cc: Lily Wong <lwong@wahmei.org>; diane@avenuesconsulting.net; rob@avenuesconsulting.net

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Cc: Diane Chao <diane@avenuesconsulting.net>; Robert Chua <Rob@avenuesconsulting.net>

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The support letter was sent from our intern last summer, who led the Asset Mapping outreach (see Appendix F)

Lily

Lily Wong 黃麗瑜
Director of Community Engagement 社區聯繫總監
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Please see attached letter.

Best regards,

Bob Goldfarb

Executive Director (Pronouns: he, him)

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Sincerely,

Bob Goldfarb
Executive Director

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To: "Erika Uribe"
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Subject: RE: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report - BOS File No. 250357
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 10:10:00 AM
Attachments: [SCCD CHHESS Draft Letter of Support.pdf](#)
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Subject: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHES Report

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Please find our letter of support attached.

Kind regards

Erika Uribe
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Support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHES Report

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The Sunset Chinese Cultural District is a vibrant area rooted in immigrant histories, intergenerational families, and a legacy of cultural resilience and activism. **As a consultant collaborating with the SF Survey team at SF Planning and the Sunset Chinese Cultural District**, I believe it is critical that we uplift and implement the CHHES framework to preserve the culture and history of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community.

I support the recommendations included in the CHHES report because they offer community-driven and culturally informed approaches to support the long-term vitality of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District. In particular, the recommendations related to Historic and Cultural Preservation and Cultural Competency aim to:

- ensure knowledge of what is meaningful to communities continues to guide land use decisions by the Planning Department and other City agencies,
- expand a shared sense of belonging and agency in our city and advance equity goals by sharing and uplifting the stories of those who overcame discrimination, honoring early contributions, and supporting entrepreneurs and culture-bearers,
- set cultural competency benchmarks that will help City agencies and collaborators better serve all communities.

I respectfully urge you to adopt and implement the CHHES recommendations for the SCCD, working in close partnership with community stakeholders, and championing approaches that prioritize collaboration, goal alignment, and synergies across City departments and programs.

Sincerely,

Erika Uribe
Creative Director
incommon

From: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jenny Leung](#)
Cc: [Lily Wong](#); [Diane Chao](#); [Rob Chua](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Sciammas, Charlie \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Cooper, Raynell \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Shao, Sophie \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [MahmoodStaff](#); [Logan, Samantha \(BOS\)](#); [ChenStaff](#); [Prager, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report - BOS File No. 250357
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 10:10:00 AM
Attachments: [2025 Letter of Support CCC CHHESS Sunset.pdf](#)
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From: Jenny Leung <jenny@cccsf.us>

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 6:43 PM

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Subject: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHES Report

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

Please find support letter for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHES report hearing on Monday 4/21.

Best,

Jenny

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Jenny Leung 梁凱欣

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Executive Director

Tel: 415-986-1822 ext. 023

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RE: Support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Chinese Culture Center and Foundation of San Francisco (CCC) to express our strong support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District's (SCCD) Cultural History, Housing, Equity, and Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) report, along with its findings and recommendations.

As representative of a cultural pillar in Chinatown, celebrating its 60th anniversary in uplifting underserved communities and to be a voice for equality, CCC has long served the Chinese and Asian American community, artists, students and diverse families across San Francisco with arts and education. It is critical that we uplift and implement the CHHESS framework to preserve the cultural integrity of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community. We believe the CHHESS report and arts and culture are an essential framework and strategy for building and sustaining healthy communities.

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Sincerely,

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Jenny Leung

Executive Director

From: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Carol Lau](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Lily Wong](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [Sciammas, Charlie \(BOS\)](#); [Cooper, Raynell \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report - BOS File No. 250357
Date: Friday, April 18, 2025 2:39:00 PM
Attachments: [SCCD CHHESS - Letter of Support.pdf](#)
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From: Carol Lau <carol@sunsetmercantilesf.com>

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 2:30 PM

To: Low, Jen (BOS) <jen.low@sfgov.org>

Cc: Lily Wong <lwong@wahmei.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>

Subject: Re: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

Great thank you Jen!

On Fri, Apr 18, 2025 at 2:25 PM Low, Jen (BOS) <jen.low@sfgov.org> wrote:

Thank you Carol for your support. We will include in the file as well.

Jen

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From: Carol Lau <carol@sunsetmercantilesf.com>

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 1:15 PM

To: MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Low, Jen (BOS) <jen.low@sfgov.org>

Cc: Lily Wong <lwong@wahmei.org>

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Dear Supervisor Melgar,

Sunset Mercantile strongly supports the Sunset Chinese Cultural District and their work in the community. Please find our letter of support attached.

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Carol Lau

Director of Operations

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Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

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As an individual that lives and works for a small business that is deeply connected to the Sunset community, I believe it is critical that we uplift and implement the CHHESS framework to preserve the cultural integrity of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community.

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Sincerely,

Carol Lau

Director of Operations

Sunset Mercantile

From: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
To: ["Kerri Young"](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mahmood, Bilal \(BOS\)](#); [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: RE: Support for Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report
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From: Kerri Young <kyoung@sfheritage.org>

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 10:44 AM

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Thank you for your consideration,

Kerri Young



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Programs and Communications Director

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April 18, 2025

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Support for the Sunset Chinese Cultural District CHHESS Report

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As San Francisco's leading historic preservation organization and one of SCCD's early community planning partners, we support the protection of the tangible and intangible elements that define a community's cultural character and believe it is critical to uplift and implement the CHHESS framework. This will help preserve the cultural integrity of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, protect long-standing residents, support small businesses, and ensure the neighborhood grows in a way that reflects the values, voices, and history of its community.

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Kerri Young, San Francisco Heritage
Programs and Communications Director