

FILE NO. 992287

RESOLUTION NO. 1176-99

1 [Wen Ho Lee]

2 URGING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE MEDIA TO EXERCISE CAUTION AND
3 FAIRNESS IN THE INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST
4 FORMER LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST DR. WEN HO LEE.

5 WHEREAS, On Friday, December 10, 1999, nuclear physicist Dr. Wen
6 Ho Lee was arrested and charged with 59 counts of mishandling
7 classified information and violating secrecy provisions of the Atomic
8 Energy Act; and,

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Wen Ho Lee is currently being held without bail in
10 a New Mexico detention facility; and,

11 WHEREAS, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officials in
12 March 1999, after three years of investigation of Dr. Wen Ho Lee for
13 possible espionage, have acknowledged that they still lack concrete
14 evidence that Dr. Wen Ho Lee has committed any espionage; and,

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Wen Ho Lee was abruptly and summarily dismissed
16 from his position at Los Alamos National Laboratory by the Department
17 of Energy (DOE) on March 8, 1999, two days after the *New York Times*
18 reported that Taiwan-born American scientist Dr. Wen Ho Lee was under
19 investigation by the FBI for possible espionage; and,

20 WHEREAS, All Americans -- whether by birth or by naturalization
21 -- are entitled to due process of law, as guaranteed by the United
22 States Constitution; and,

23 WHEREAS, The premise under the United States Constitution is the
24 presumption of innocence unless proof beyond the shadow of a
25 reasonable doubt is established; now, therefore be it,

SUPERVISOR TENG, Yaki
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
2 of San Francisco hereby urges government officials and the media to
3 exercise caution and fairness in the investigation and reporting of
4 allegations against former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist
5 Dr. Wen Ho Lee; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
7 County of San Francisco directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this
8 resolution to California's Congressional delegation, including
9 Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Nancy
10 Pelosi and Congressman Tom Lantos; representatives in the State
11 Legislature, including Assemblymembers Kevin Shelley, Carole Migden,
12 and State Senators John Burton and Jackie Speier; Governor Gray
13 Davis; and the City's Lobbyist in Washington, D.C.



City and County of San Francisco

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Date Passed:

Resolution urging government officials and the media to exercise caution and fairness in the investigation and reporting of allegations against former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist, Dr. Wen Ho Lee.

December 20, 1999 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

December 20, 1999 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

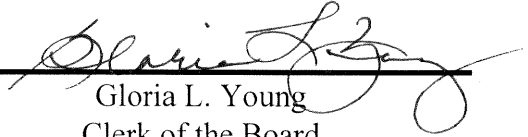
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

December 20, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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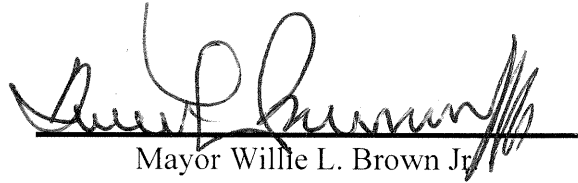
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on December
20, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the
City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

DEC 30 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.