

1 [Adrienne Pon Day - May 6, 2022]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 6, 2022, as Adrienne Pon Day in the City and County of San**  
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco traditionally recognizes individuals  
7 who have made significant and remarkable contributions to the vitality of our City, the  
8 dedicated and remarkable work of Adrienne Pon truly represents San Francisco values at  
9 their best; and

10 WHEREAS, Adrienne Pon, a native of San Francisco, was first appointed in 2008 by  
11 former Mayor Gavin Newsom as Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office of Community  
12 Development; in 2009, she was selected to serve as the founding Executive Director of the  
13 Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) and Secretary to the San  
14 Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, Under Adrienne’s leadership, OCEIA grew from a small startup in 2009  
16 into a powerful office providing direct services, community grants, policy analysis, technical  
17 assistance and compliance with a budget of nearly \$13 million; and

18 WHEREAS, Adrienne has led the development of several innovative immigrant  
19 assistance programs that have enhanced the safety, inclusion, and civic integration of  
20 immigrants in San Francisco and have been regarded as effective models of success,  
21 including the Community Ambassadors Program (CAP), the DreamSF Fellowship, the San  
22 Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative, and citywide decennial census campaigns in  
23 2010 and 2020; and

24 WHEREAS, Due to OCEIA’s exceptional language access efforts, San Francisco has  
25 gained a national reputation for advancing language access, equity, and services; OCEIA has

1 created a robust citywide compliance and reporting mechanism for language access, provided  
2 thousands of hours of direct services and assistance to City departments, community  
3 partners, the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office, and the City Administrator, and has  
4 conducted numerous multilingual, multicultural public education and outreach campaigns; and

5 WHEREAS, Under Adrienne's guidance and leadership the San Francisco Immigrant  
6 Rights Commission grew its impact and visibility, hosting dozens of hearings on issues  
7 effecting immigrant residents and authoring powerful resolutions and reports on  
8 comprehensive immigration reform, language access and many other topics; and

9 WHEREAS, Before joining the City, Adrienne held numerous leadership positions in  
10 nonprofits and private sector organizations, including as the CEO of Zeum (now Children's  
11 Creativity Museum), Interim Director of the Asian Law Caucus, Founding Executive Director of  
12 the Community Technology Policy Council, External Affairs Director at Pacific Telesis (now  
13 AT&T), Statewide Local Government Liaison to California Cities and Counties, Loan  
14 Executive to the United Way of the Bay Area, and Management Recruiter; and

15 WHEREAS, Adrienne has dedicated herself to civic and community service, including  
16 serving for ten years as President/Commissioner on the SF Civil Service Commission; as  
17 board president of The Women's Foundation, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in  
18 Philanthropy, and the API Women's Leadership Institute; Co-Chair of the San Francisco 49ers  
19 Community Advisory Panel; and as board member on numerous organizations such as the  
20 National Broadband Resource Center (formerly Alliance for Public Technology), Leadership  
21 California, and Global Education for Women Executive Leaders Advisory Board; and

22 WHEREAS, Adrienne's outstanding leadership skills, integrity and commitment to the  
23 betterment of all people have been recognized and honored by numerous organizations  
24 including the Center for Women's Policy Studies, Leadership California, Greenlining Institute,  
25 Pacific Asian American Women's Bay Area Coalition, and she has been named one of five

1 “Women Who Could Be President” by the San Francisco League of Women Voters and a  
2 “Neighborhood Excellence Local Hero” by the Bank of America; and

3 WHEREAS, Adrienne’s tireless efforts have had an indelible impact on the City and  
4 County of San Francisco, having honorably served five mayoral administrations--Mayors  
5 Jordan, Brown, Newsom, Lee, and Breed--as well as on immigrant communities and families  
6 across the greater Bay Area; and

7 WHEREAS, Adrienne is retiring for the third time after a long and exceptional career;  
8 she will be dearly missed by her City and County of San Francisco friends and colleagues  
9 who wish her nothing but the very best; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby wishes Adrienne Pon a  
11 wonderful retirement; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares May  
13 6, 2022, as Adrienne Pon Day to celebrate her work and achievements during her career in  
14 public service.

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