

1 [Commending Supervisor Norman Yee]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Norman Yee for his distinguished**
4 **service to the City and County of San Francisco, and as President and Member of the**
5 **San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**

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7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Norman Yee was first elected to the San Francisco Board of
8 Supervisors in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 to serve the people of the City and County of San
9 Francisco and the constituents of District 7; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee served his community with sensitivity, dedication, a strong
11 sense of ethics, and quiet determination for eight years as a member of its legislative body;
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13 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee was elected by his colleagues to serve as the President of
14 the Board in January 2019 for his fair and collegial leadership style; and

15 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee’s expansive record of legislative accomplishments
16 touched on nearly every aspect of City and County government; and

17 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee’s has been a fierce advocate for pedestrian safety by
18 creating San Francisco’s Vision Zero policy to eliminate all traffic fatalities in the City,
19 establishing the Vision Zero Task Force to ensure all City agencies collaborate on traffic
20 safety, and demanding action and accountability from all public agencies to make our streets
21 truly safe for all; and

22 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee has also been a longtime champion for our City’s
23 youngest residents and their families, leading the re-authorization of the Children and Youth
24 Fund, which expanded to support infants and transitional-aged youth; while also establishing

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1 the Our Children Our Families Council to bring together City Departments in centering the
2 issues of children and families in every policy decision; and

3 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee fought persistently for investments in the early care and
4 education system and supported the establishment of the Office of Early Care and Education;
5 maximized the collection of developer impact fees to support the building of child care
6 centers; created Early Learning Scholarships to provide coverage for infants and toddlers; and
7 helped to pass the Universal Child Care program to expand the City's commitment to early
8 childhood development programs, recipients, and providers alike; and

9 WHEREAS, During the past eight years, Supervisor Yee greatly advanced the City's
10 approach to housing, land use, and planning decisions to accommodate families with children
11 by working with the Planning Department to develop a policy paper on family-friendly housing,
12 passing a General Plan Amendment to adopt the definition and guidelines for housing for
13 families with children; promoting child-friendly design elements in new construction; and
14 ensuring that no developer came before the Board of Supervisors without answering the
15 ultimate question of whether or not a child care facility would be available on-site; and

16 WHEREAS, In the tireless effort to make San Francisco an inviting place for families
17 with children, Supervisor Yee jumpstarted the initiative to make San Francisco a truly Child-
18 Friendly City as part of a global movement to promote the rights of children in local decision-
19 making and to make the City's built environment safer, more interactive, and imaginative for
20 children and adults; and

21 WHEREAS, As a family advocate, Supervisor Yee always made the office a welcoming
22 environment for children and working parents by setting up a playpen and bringing in in his
23 own personal Lego collection and toys to share; welcoming staff (or anyone) to bring their
24 children to work, often offering to babysit during meetings; and

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1 WHEREAS, While advocating for children is his passion, Supervisor Yee has also
2 ensured that our City’s eldest are able to age with dignity by helping to pass the largest
3 Housing Bond in the City’s history in 2019, with \$150 million dedicated for Senior Housing;
4 establishing the Senior Operating Subsidy, or S.O.S., program so that low income seniors can
5 afford to live in the affordable housing developed for them; and securing funding for creating
6 the first West Portal Senior program and supporting new community initiatives to keep seniors
7 active and socially connected in their own neighborhoods; and

8 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee was a proactive, forward-thinking leader in creating the
9 Office of Emerging Technology to ensure that companies testing, piloting, or deploying
10 technology in the public realm adhere to basic principles of responsibility and are monitored
11 for safety; and

12 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee never shied away from policies to improve City functions
13 and improve government accountability, including passing the Vehicle Telematics program to
14 ensure City drivers adhere to safe driving practices, reduce idling, and eliminate government
15 waste in the leasing and purchasing of unnecessary vehicles; initiating a years-long effort to
16 determine police staffing levels based on data and methodology instead of politics; and
17 pushing for stronger vetting of contractors to prevent workplace injuries and deaths; and

18 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee, in addition to these significant legislative
19 accomplishments, delivered innovative programs to benefit his constituents with the wildly
20 successful District 7 Participatory Budget Program, which gives District 7 residents the power
21 to make decisions about public funding for community projects, increases civic participation
22 and engagements, and gives residents ownership over projects to improve their
23 neighborhoods; and

24 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee lives by the belief that representation matters and led the
25 effort to rename streets and landmarks that honored racist, xenophobic figures in history like

1 Phelan Avenue (now known as Frida Kahlo Way) and Julius Kahn Park (now known as
2 Presidio Wall Park); and he was also intentional in uplifting the voices of those most
3 marginalized by establishing the first-ever District 7 Youth Council to empower young
4 residents and by promoting young people, women, and people of color into Commissions,
5 advisory bodies, and leadership positions; and

6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee’s compassion, yet stubborn persistence, were qualities
7 that successfully delivered projects for his constituents regardless of any roadblocks or budget
8 setbacks such as the completion of the newly renovated West Portal Playground; and

9 WHEREAS, Supervisor Yee’s contributions to the City and County of San Francisco
10 will benefit generations of San Franciscans to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of
12 San Francisco, on behalf of the officers, employees and residents of this City, do hereby take
13 public recognition of the distinguished contributions which Supervisor Norman Yee made to
14 the people of San Francisco; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board, on behalf of the entire City family, wishes
16 Supervisor Norman Yee the absolute best in whatever adventures and travels lay ahead.

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