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[Commending Supervisor Gordon Mar]

Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Gordon Mar for his decades of work for a fairer and more just San Francisco and his distinguished service on behalf of District 4 as a Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar has proudly served District 4 and the City and County of San Francisco for four years as a Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar served diligently as the Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, Chair of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee, and as a Member of the Budget and Finance Committee, Budget and Appropriations Committee, Rules Committee, Local Agency Formation Commission, Free City College Oversight Committee, Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board, and San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service on the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Gordon Mar served as the first-ever Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association, organizing and empowering the low income and working class Chinese community in San Francisco, and as Executive Director of Jobs with Justice San Francisco, a coalition of over 30 labor, community, and faith-based organizations, where he led successful efforts to improve the living and working conditions of families, seniors, students, and immigrants and to expand access to good jobs, public education, affordable housing and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, As promised, Supervisor Gordon Mar expanded opportunities across the Sunset and San Francisco to ensure it is a place where all residents can live, work, learn, thrive, and have a voice in the decisions that impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar never stopped organizing and brought his deep community roots, strategic thinking, compassion, and values-driven and consensus-building leadership to City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar led the creation of the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, the first Cultural District on the west side of the City and the first Cultural District dedicated to uplifting and empowering San Francisco's Chinese community; and

WHEREAS, The launch of the Outer Sunset Farmers Market and Mercantile would not have been possible without Supervisor Gordon Mar's leadership and support, and today it is a beloved institution providing economic opportunities to local merchants and artisans and access to fresh produce, fantastic food, and locally-made goods for all who visit; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar had the vision to create the Great Highway Park and reimagine our western waterfront as a gathering space and a place for joy, community, civic action, and active transportation; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar took historic steps to champion affordable housing and spearheaded District 4's first 100% affordable housing project for working families, first mobile outreach services for people experiencing homelessness, first permanent supportive housing, first affordable housing acquisitions, and broke ground on the first 100% affordable educator housing project in the entire City; and

WHEREAS, A champion for public education, Supervisor Gordon Mar secured a decade of full funding for Free City College, led the fight to protect public teachers' raises, brought City College classes to the Sunset, and provided STEAM grants to every public school in District 4; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar wrote and passed groundbreaking laws to prevent crime and make our communities safer, including the Crime Victim Data Disclosure Act and Crime Prevention Through Community Policing Act, and led community-based programs including the Storefront Vandalism Relief Grant Program, the 5 Point Plan for a Safer Sunset, and the Sunset Safer at Home Initiative, providing community ambassadors, safety escorts for seniors, and home security upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Improving and expanding public transit and infrastructure to bike and walk safely were top priorities and major accomplishments for Supervisor Gordon Mar, whose leadership on transportation and commitment to Vision Zero included dozens of traffic calming measures, bringing bikeshare to District 4, providing critical oversight for the L Taraval Improvement Project, creating the first District-wide and data-driven Daylighting Initiative in the City, and commissioning the District 4 Mobility Study to envision a Sunset Community Shuttle, Neighborways network, new transit connections and subway service; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar always stood with the labor movement and working families, and expanded labor rights with first-in-the-nation policies like Public Health Emergency Leave, which expanded paid leave for hundreds of thousands of essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Right to Reemployment Ordinance, which helped thousands of laid off San Francisco workers regain employment and increased job security; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar wrote and passed Sunlight on Dark Money, the strongest dark money disclosure law in the nation, and Public Financing 2.0, which tripled the impact of the public financing program for campaigns to uplift the political voice of the working class; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gordon Mar was a stalwart ally to veterans, expanding their access to park facilities, prioritizing their access to affordable housing, and working to protect the pay of military reservists; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong environmentalist, Supervisor Gordon Mar fought for the first and largest general fund investments for the Department of the Environment, the creation of the Climate Equity Hub, a financing plan for the City's Climate Action Plan, a framework to decarbonize and electrify San Francisco's buildings, and historic investments for the sustainability of Sunset Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, A true Supervisor-Organizer, Supervisor Gordon Mar hosted dozens of town halls and community meetings, organized phone banks and flyering to reach vulnerable populations during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, supported mutual aid and community service efforts, and used his office to organize and foster civic actions and marches never seen before in the Sunset; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Supervisor Gordon Mar for his community roots, strategic thinking, and values-driven and consensus-building leadership; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Supervisor Gordon Mar — along with his kindness, compassion, vision, and courage — will be sorely missed by the Board of Supervisors and District 4; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution be tendered to Supervisor Gordon Mar as a small token of the esteem, affection, and respect in which he is held by this Board of Supervisors and to express to him their appreciation for his service and high hopes for his future.