

1 [Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Chinese Progressive Association]

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3 **Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Chinese Progressive**
4 **Association in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Founded in 1972, the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) educates,
7 organizes and empowers the low income and working class immigrant Chinese community in
8 San Francisco to build collective power with other oppressed communities to demand better
9 living and working conditions and justice for all people; and

10 WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, Chinatown elders, youth, students, and activists formed
11 CPA to organize Chinese American communities into the movement for justice and since
12 then, CPA has developed and activated generations of new leaders to build power with other
13 marginalized communities and transform living and working conditions for working-class
14 families in San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, From winning \$1.25 million from the San Francisco Unified School District
16 for mental health resources for youth of color to improving workplace conditions for thousands
17 of workers, including Z&Y restaurant workers who won \$1.61 million in owed wages and other
18 violations, CPA has been a part of so many fights to make sure that working families can
19 continue to call San Francisco home; and

20 WHEREAS, Currently, the Tenant Worker Center educates and organizes low-wage
21 immigrant workers to improve their working conditions and achieve economic justice while
22 providing strategic services and advocates for immigrants and working families; and

23 WHEREAS, Through youth organizing, CPA develops the leadership of working-class
24 Chinese American and Asian American youth to engage in their communities; Youth MOJO,

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1 CPA's central youth program, develops the leadership of high school youth to transform
2 conditions in their schools and communities; and

3 WHEREAS, For over 20 years, and in collaboration with PODER, the Common Roots
4 Youth Organizer Program brings together Chinese and Latinx youth to build community and
5 develop their leadership in the fight for environmental justice; and the Enoki Collective and
6 Young Men's Circle engage Asian American youth to explore their gender identities,
7 participate in collective healing, sharpen their political analysis and access opportunities to
8 lead change and act on their political values; and

9 WHEREAS, CPA promotes civic participation among youth and adult leaders and
10 builds agency for low-income and working-class Chinese immigrants in local, statewide, and
11 national politics; and

12 WHEREAS, Through civic engagement work, CPA regularly engages 5,000 Chinese
13 immigrant voters in San Francisco and reaches thousands of voters in the greater Bay Area
14 through outreach and communications work; and

15 WHEREAS, Through Community Healing and Solidarity initiatives, CPA engages with
16 impacted Chinese and Black community members to build cross-racial healing and solidarity
17 through intergenerational staff and member engagement and education to explore what it
18 means to increase safety and wellness for our communities; and

19 WHEREAS, The Eva Lowe Fellowship Program develops the leadership of a new
20 generation of Chinese American community activists and organizers who are deeply invested
21 in building the power of and improving the lives of the working class Chinese immigrant
22 community; founded in 2010, the Eva Lowe Fellowship Program has trained over 60 young
23 Asian American organizers and in 2014, CPA launched Seeding Change - A Center for Asian
24 American Organizing & Movement Building, which has trained 200 organizers across the
25 United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Alliance building is a key part of CPA’s strategy to build power; CPA co-
2 founded 3 key citywide multi-sector and multiracial alliances called: San Francisco Rising
3 (SFR), the Progressive Workers Alliance (PWA) and Jobs with Justice (JwJ) San Francisco;
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5 WHEREAS, Statewide, CPA is on the steering committee of the AAPI for Civic
6 Empowerment Education Fund, a statewide civic engagement coalition, which is a part of
7 California Calls and Million Voters Project and CPA also serves on the steering committee of
8 the California Coalition for Worker Power, a statewide multisector coalition building worker
9 power to improve their work conditions and their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, CPA helped incubate and is now a key member of Grassroots Asians
11 Rising, a multi-sector national alliance of grassroots Asian American organizations working on
12 similar economic, social and racial justice issues in Asian immigrant and refugee
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 2019, CPA has been working with Chinatown community
15 stakeholders to launch the Coalition for Community Safety and Justice (CCSJ), and
16 concurrently working with Black-led community organizations to address community safety,
17 healing and solidarity; through the CCSJ, CPA has successfully advocated for city investment
18 in culturally-relevant survivor services and built the groundwork for community infrastructure to
19 respond to violence with focus on cross-racial solidarity, healing, and education; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the
22 historic contributions to the City and County of San Francisco and overall community impact
23 over the past fifty years by the Chinese Progressive Association; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends the
25 Chinese Progressive Association for their continuing and unfailing efforts to advance worker’s

1 rights, tenant rights, youth organizing, cross-racial solidarity building, and overall advocacy for
2 the Chinese American, Asian American, and immigrant community in San Francisco and the
3 greater Bay Area.

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