

1 [Commendation]

2 COMMENDING THE FANG FAMILY ON THE SUCCESSFUL ACQUISITION OF THE SAN  
3 FRANCISCO EXAMINER AND PAVING THE WAY AS THE FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN OWNERS  
4 OF A MAJOR METROPOLITAN DAILY NEWSPAPER.

5 WHEREAS, the late John Fang came to the United States from China  
6 almost 50 years ago, eventually studying at the U.C. Berkeley School of  
7 Journalism and returning to Taiwan in 1960 to marry Florence Lee; and,

8 WHEREAS, upon returning to the States, the Fang's felt the need to  
9 establish an English-language publication for American-born Asians who did  
10 not have the skills to read Asian languages in order to bridge the gap  
11 between their Asian-born counterparts and begin a dialog between the two  
12 groups; and,

13 WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Fang began work on what would be the first  
14 issue of AsianWeek; and,

15 WHEREAS, in the mid-80's, Mr. Fang acquired the ailing Lake Merced  
16 Independent as well as the San Francisco Progress and merged them into the  
17 San Francisco Independent; and,

18 WHEREAS, subsequently, the Fang family purchased several weeklies  
19 throughout the Bay Area which collectively has now come to be known as The  
20 Independent Group; and,

21 WHEREAS, on July 28, 2000, after months of negotiations, the San  
22 Francisco Examiner was successfully acquired by the Fang family from the  
23 Hearst Corporation; therefore, be it  
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1           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby commends the Fang  
2 family for not only acquiring the San Francisco Examiner, but for their  
3 extraordinary vision and perseverance as well.



# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 001571

**Date Passed:**

Resolution commending the Fang Family on the successful acquisition of the San Francisco Examiner and paving the way as the first Asian American owners of a major metropolitan daily newspaper.

September 18, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

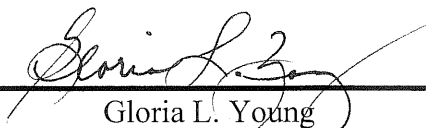
Ayes: 9 - Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee  
Absent: 2 - Ammiano, Katz

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on September 18, 2000 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

SEP 29 2000

Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.