

1 [Supporting Xiao Fei “Eddy” Zheng’s Application to Remain Lawfully in the United States]

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3 **Resolution urging The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor of California, to grant Xiao Fei**  
4 **“Eddy” Zheng a full pardon, and allow him to remain in the United States, and continue**  
5 **to serve youth in the San Francisco Bay Area community.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Xiao Fei “Eddy” Zheng lawfully immigrated to the United States from the  
8 People’s Republic of China with his family in 1982 and has lived in the United States since the  
9 age of twelve as a lawful permanent resident; and

10 WHEREAS, After serving 19 years within the California Department of Corrections  
11 following an adult conviction for kidnapping for purposes of robbery at the age of 16, Eddy  
12 Zheng was granted parole by the California Board of Prison Terms in 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger reviewed and allowed to stand  
14 that parole grant based on the uncontested evidence of Eddy Zheng’s rehabilitation and  
15 suitability for parole, including demonstrating extensive remorse for his crime, learning  
16 English, obtaining G.E.D. and A.A. degrees, serving in leadership capacities in Toastmasters,  
17 San Quentin Utilization of Inmate Resources, Experiences, and Studies, Anti-Violence Project  
18 workshops, and dedicating his life to helping others achieve a similar level of rehabilitation;  
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20 WHEREAS, Subsequent to his release, Eddy Zheng has demonstrated his deep  
21 commitment to working with young people, particularly underserved Asian-American at-risk  
22 youth, as a project director at the Community Youth Center, where he has mediated youth  
23 conflicts and coordinated activities to educate, employ, and empower youth; and  
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1           WHEREAS, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom appointed Eddy Zheng in 2009 to  
2 the San Francisco Reentry Council, which assists ex-offenders in transitioning back into  
3 society; and

4           WHEREAS, San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee appointed Eddy Zheng in 2011 for a  
5 second term to the San Francisco Reentry Council to lend his expertise and experience to  
6 assist our law enforcement agencies as we implement the Realignment Plan mandated by the  
7 State of California; and

8           WHEREAS, San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee appointed Eddy Zheng in 2013 to the  
9 Southeast Community Facility Commission, which advocates for the health, safety, welfare  
10 and access to services and entrepreneurial business opportunities for the residents of the  
11 Southeast Sector of the City and promotes diversity, health, safety and professional  
12 development for its workforce; and

13           WHEREAS, Eddy Zheng has served as a member of the San Francisco Central Police  
14 Station Citizen Advisory Board, Board Member of Chinese for Affirmative Action, National  
15 Advisory Board Member of the Asian American Law Journal, and co-chair of the Asian  
16 Prisoners' Support Committee, and has also published an anthology of the prison experience  
17 from the Asian American experience; and

18           WHEREAS, Eddy Zheng has won numerous awards from community organizations  
19 and the California State Legislature's Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus for his  
20 leadership in building bridges, serving underserved at-risk youth, and working to make San  
21 Francisco safer; and

22           WHEREAS, The removal of Eddy Zheng from the United States would be a waste of  
23 the resources spent on his rehabilitation and a loss of a significant community leader; and  
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1 WHEREAS, The removal of Eddy Zheng cannot be justified as punishment since his 19  
2 years of incarceration were found by the Board of Prison Terms to be sufficient punishment  
3 for the offense; and

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a similar Resolution 139-  
5 06 with a 10-0 vote on February 28, 2006, which asked the Department of Homeland Security  
6 to allow Eddy Zheng to remain in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a similar Resolution 352-  
8 10 with an 11-0 vote on July 27, 2010, requesting a pardon from Governor Schwarzenegger;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Eddy Zheng has been recognized by public leaders including U.S.  
11 Representatives Michael M. Honda and Judy Chu, former California State Senators John  
12 Burton, Sheila J. Kuehl, Don Perata, and Byron Sher, State Senators Carol Liu, Mark Leno,  
13 Loni Hancock, Gloria Romero, and Leland Yee, former State Assemblywoman Wilma Chan,  
14 former San Quentin State Prison Warden Art Calderon, and by both his prosecuting attorney  
15 and sentencing judge, who recognized that Eddy Zheng's rehabilitation justifies his release  
16 back to the community; and

17 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the City and County of San Francisco, as well as the  
18 larger community, that Eddy Zheng be permitted to remain lawfully in the United States; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does not support the removal  
21 of Xiao Fei "Eddy" Zheng from the United States; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Governor  
23 Brown to grant Eddy Zheng a full pardon to be able to remain lawfully in the United States  
24 with his wife, his family, and his community; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Federal and State  
2 Representatives in San Francisco, and be provided to Eddy Zheng's counsel for appropriate  
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