

RESOLUTION NO. 222-99
(Adopted January 13, 2000)

AUTHORIZING A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ECONOMICS RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 TO CONDUCT A CHINATOWN COMMUNITY AND VISITOR CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SAN FRANCISCO CHINATOWN ECONOMIC CLIMATE STUDY, CHINATOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

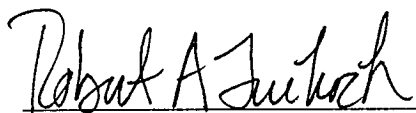
BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. In its Fiscal Year 1991-92 budget, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") allocated \$2 million to establish the Chinatown Economic Development Program.
2. In 1992 and 1993, the Agency adopted the economic development plan ("Plan") proposed by the Mayor's Chinatown Economic Development Task Force, incorporated as the Chinatown Economic Development Group ("CEDG") in 1993, allocated \$554,000 for aesthetics, \$500,000 for marketing, \$590,000 for a business loan program, and \$356,000 for long range planning.
3. In June 1998, the CEDG was advised that a total of \$488,000 remained in the Fund and that CEDG needed to develop programs for the use of these funds by September 22, 1998.
4. Since June 1998, the CEDG's Planning Committee has been soliciting proposals which meet federal Community Development Block Grant program income requirements. On August 27, 1998, the CEDG's Planning Committee adopted a program that included conducting two studies, a Chinatown Community and Visitor Center feasibility study and San Francisco Chinatown economic climate study.
5. On July 1, 1999, CEDG issued a Request for Proposals to thirty-eight (38) San Francisco Bay Area Economic consultant firms, with a submittal deadline of August 2, 1999. On August 2, 1999, only one proposal was received from Economics Research Associates ("ERA").
6. On August 28, 1999, the Board of CEDG voted to recommend the funding of ERA's proposal. In addition, CEDG voted to request that the Agency enter into a personal services contract with ERA.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into a Personal Services Contract with Economics Research Associates in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 allocated from the Chinatown Economic Development Fund to conduct two studies, a Chinatown Community and Visitor Center feasibility study and San Francisco Chinatown economic climate study for the period January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000 in substantially the form lodged with Agency General Counsel and hereby approved with such changes do not materially affect the substance of the agreement or materially increase the obligation of the Agency.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Firehock", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert A. Firehock
Acting Agency General Counsel