

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2007

Adopted April 3, 2007

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BENNY Y. YEE FOR HIS SERVICES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

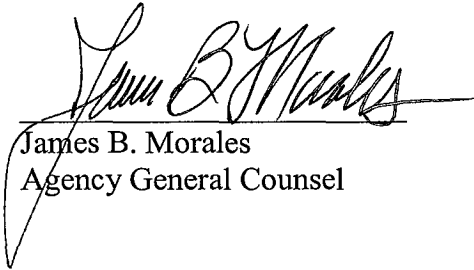
BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. Mr. Benny Y. Yee has served as a Commissioner of the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco from October 1994 until March 2007. He was originally appointed to the Commission ("Commission") by Mayor Frank Jordan, reappointed in 1998 and 2003 by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., and served as Commission President in 1999 and 2001. As Commissioner, he served with distinction, excellence and commitment.
2. Mr. Yee served as Co-Chair for the Chinatown Night Market Fair and Chinatown Neighborhood Association, Vice-Chair of the Chinatown Neighborhood Center, and Director of the Irving Street Merchant and Professional Association. His past civic endeavors included serving as the first Asian-American elected by his 13 fellow members as Chairman of the Contractors State License Board in 1986-87, San Francisco-Taipei Sister City Committee and the Chinese-American Political Outreach Program, and President of the Irving Street Merchant and Professional Association. In addition, Mr. Yee has had the honor of serving as an advisor to three consecutive California Governors, Jerry Brown, George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson.
3. Recently, Mr. Yee was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the California Commission on Aging, and the first Asian-American to be appointed by the Federal Courts to serve on the seven-member Merit Selection Panel that recommends new appointments and reappointments of magistrate judges to the United States District Courts in Northern California.
4. Mr. Yee was an advocate for affordable housing developments that serve the housing needs of individuals, families and seniors in the various redevelopment project areas. Mr. Yee also remains a staunch proponent of business and economic development for San Francisco's minority and women-owned business enterprises. As a Commissioner Mr. Yee prided himself as an independent "straight-shooter," who was never just a rubber stamp.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of its past and present Commissioners, Executive Directors and employees, acknowledges the services that Mr. Benny Y. Yee has rendered to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco and by this Resolution expresses to Mr. Yee its appreciation of work well done, its thanks for his dedicated public service, and its sincere wish for success in all of his future endeavors.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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