

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2009

Adopted December 1, 2009

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO LINDA A. CHEU FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE UPON HER DEPARTURE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

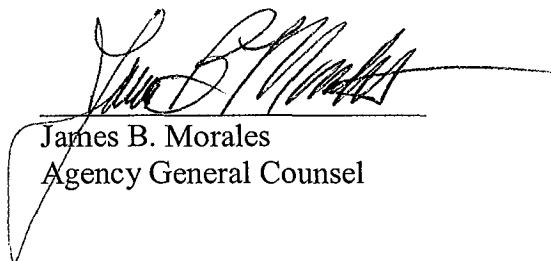
1. Linda A. Cheu served as a Commissioner of the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") from March 15, 2007 to October 20, 2009. She was appointed to the Agency Commission by Mayor Gavin Newsom, and served with distinction, excellence, and commitment to the Agency's mission of promoting community, economic and physical development in blighted neighborhoods, and preserving and developing affordable housing for all of San Francisco.
2. Ms. Cheu is currently a Principle with the Economics Research Associates, which is the largest land use economics and real estate consulting firm in the United States. In this capacity, Ms. Cheu has gained valuable knowledge in public sector economic planning, including affordable housing, redevelopment, transit oriented development, economic impact, and economic development strategies.
3. Ms. Cheu's other career experience includes, Harvard University Sinclair Kennedy Traveling Fellowship with the Chinese University of Hong Kong; Intern, Chinese Community Housing Corporation and Chinatown Resource Center; Outreach Coordinator, Hass Center for Public Services; and Policy Consultant, American Red Cross, National Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
4. Ms. Cheu received the Peter Lewis award for highly distinguished performance on her final project, Revitalizing San Francisco's Broadway Corridor; "Strategies for Three Freeway Sites" from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.
5. Ms. Cheu serves as President of the California Dragon Boat Association (CDBA), an annual festival held each year at Treasure Island, which has grown to be the largest competitive dragon boat festival in the United States and attracts over 100 teams from around the United States, internationally, and from corporations and non-profit and civic organizations in San Francisco, which proceeds benefits Self-Help for the Elderly and the CDBA Youth Program.
6. Prior to appointment to the Agency Commission, Ms. Cheu served as the Housing Subcommittee Chair, San Francisco's Citizen's Advisory Committee on Community Development; Board Member, Chinese Historical Society of America; and Former Vice President, Chinese Culture Foundation.

7. Ms. Cheu has been an advocate for affordable housing developments that serve the housing needs of individuals, families, and seniors in the various redevelopment project areas. With Ms. Cheu's support, the Agency financed and developed thousands of units of affordable housing, including housing for the chronically homeless, seniors, low income families, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and others with special needs, and adopted a policy committing 50% of tax increment funds to affordable housing and the adoption of legislation that expands the Agency's ability to finance affordable housing.
8. Ms. Cheu served as President of the Public Initiatives Development Corporation (PIDC), a nonprofit affiliate of the Agency that developed the Plaza Apartments, an award-winning mixed-use building in the South of Market Redevelopment Project Area, providing supportive housing for people who have experienced chronic homelessness.
9. Ms. Cheu also remains a staunch proponent of business and economic development for San Francisco's minority and woman-owned business enterprises. Ms. Cheu supported the development of the Fillmore Heritage mixed-use development, new cultural institutions including the Museum of the African Diaspora, the Jazz Heritage Center, the Contemporary Jewish Museum, Bindlestiff, the Filipino Cultural Center, and significant community and economic revitalization of the Sixth Street corridor.
10. Ms. Cheu is an individual of great intellect, commitment, and principle, who has dedicated her career to public service and the public good and inspired her fellow Commissioners through her passion, perseverance, and integrity.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of the Agency's past and present Commissioners, Executive Directors, and employees, recognizes Linda A. Cheu's significant public service that she has provided to the City and Agency and hereby expresses its sincerest appreciation and best wishes to her in all of her future endeavors.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



James B. Morales
Agency General Counsel