RESOLUTION NO. 47-2004

Adopted April 20, 2004

AUTHORIZING 1) THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF $50,000 IN SB 307 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; AND 2) A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE, INC., A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $50,000, FOR A CULTURAL PRESERVATION REPORT FOR SAN FRANCISCO’S JAPANTOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SB 307’S PROVISIONS; WESTERN ADDITION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA A-2

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. On October 13, 2001, Governor Gray Davis signed into law the California Japantown Preservation Pilot Project, SB 307, which created (codified as sections 5097.7 et seq. of the Public Resources Code) to fund preparation of a specific plan for the State’s last remaining three Japantowns located in the cities of San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles.

2. SB 307 authorizes the City and County of San Francisco to provide an SB 307 grant “to aid in the preparation, adoption, or implementation of specific plans promoting the preservation of the existing Japantown neighborhood.” SB 307 also specifies that San Francisco “shall work, in consultation with a community organization designated by the legislative body of San Francisco to develop a plan...or to implement an existing plan.”

3. Currently, there is no specific plan for Japantown in San Francisco.

4. On October 22, 2001, the California Department of Parks and Recreation informed the San Francisco Planning Department of a $50,000 SB 307 allocation from the Natural Resources Infrastructure Fund for development of a specific plan for San Francisco’s Japantown.

5. Japantown Task Force, Inc. has provided three and a half years of community planning for San Francisco’s Japantown. It developed the “Concepts for the Japantown Community Plan” and the “Japantown Community Plan Proposed Strategies With Community Input.”

6. The Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (“Agency”) and Japantown Task Force, Inc. have a history of working closely together on issues affecting the development of Japantown.

7. On December 19, 2003, by Resolution No. 810-03, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Agency to directly apply for and receive SB 307 funds to allocate
to Japantown Task Force, Inc. The resolution directed Japantown Task Force, Inc. to define cultural preservation as a format for future Japantown planning and prepare a final report (Cultural Preservation Report) to the California State Library.

8. The Cultural Preservation Report is the first step for the creation of a specific plan for San Francisco’s Japantown pursuant to the Japantown Preservation Pilot Project provisions of SB 307.

9. The Agency must execute a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and encumber grant funds for the Japantown Preservation Pilot Project.

10. The Agency has been asked to enter into a Personal Services Contract with Japantown Task Force, Inc. to receive and disburse SB 307 funds in an amount not to exceed $50,000 for the Japantown Preservation Pilot Project.

11. Agency staff will coordinate with the Planning Department staff to review and comment on the Cultural Preservation Report to be prepared by Japantown Task Force, Inc.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized 1) to receive and disburse $50,000 in SB 307 grant funds from the State Department of Parks and Recreation; and 2) to enter into a Personal Services Contract with Japantown Task Force, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, in an amount not to exceed $50,000 to develop a cultural preservation report for San Francisco’s Japantown in accordance with the California Japantown Preservation Pilot Project requirements contained in SB307; substantially in the form lodged with the Agency General Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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