[This resolution names the Japantown Task Force, Inc. as the community organization with which the City and County of San Francisco will work to develop a plan for historic and cultural preservation of San Francisco’s Japantown, as per SB 307.]

Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to directly apply for and receive SB 307 funds to allocate to the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community organization, to define cultural preservation and to prepare the specific plan and be the community planning entity for San Francisco’s Japantown, as defined in SB 307.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is distinguished as one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse cities in the State and the nation; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Japantown is one of three remaining Japantowns (San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles) in the entire United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the State of California through Senate Bill 307, California Japantown Preservation Project, has directed the State Librarian to provide grants to the City and County of San Francisco, and cities of San Jose and Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on March 5, 2002 accepting State funding through Senate Bill 307 (SB 307) to fund a Japantown Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community development, planning and preservation organization is the only non-profit, community based entity that has developed a comprehensive Japantown Community Plan for San Francisco’s Japantown; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Community Plan was created by the largest and most representative community-based Japantown planning entity, a 50 member Japantown Task Force, Inc. of residents, business owners, property owners, community-based organizations; and
WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. has conducted its community-based planning efforts for over three years in developing the “Concepts for the Japantown Community Plan” (November 2000) and the “Japantown Community Plan Proposed Strategies With Community Input (September 12, 2001); and

WHEREAS, the “Concepts for the Japantown Community Plan” was the recipient of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Professional Awards 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. meets all the qualifications and requirements of SB 307; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. shall form a SB 307 standing committee comprised of 50% Japantown Task Force Inc. board members and 50% community members who are Japantown residents, merchants and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. SB 307 standing committee shall be appointed by the President of the Japantown Task Force, Inc. Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Task Force, Inc. shall define cultural preservation as a format for future Japantown planning and prepare a final report to the California State Library, State of California no later than December 2004; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and members of San Francisco’s Japantown ask Force, Inc. comprised of residents, businesses, property owners and community organizations and churches have a long history of working closely together on issues affecting the development of Japantown; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency in Los Angeles and San Jose was selected as the public agency to receive the SB307 funds to allocate to the community-based organizations and to oversee the SB307 process;
WHEREAS, the San Francisco Planning Department has expertise in the area of historic cultural preservation that could be utilized to review and comment on the Cultural Preservation report to be prepared by the Japantown Task Force; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco authorizes the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to directly apply for and receive SB 307 funds to allocate to the Japantown Task Force, Inc., a community organization, as defined in SB 307 to prepare the definition for cultural preservation and be the community planning entity for San Francisco’s Japantown, as defined in SB 307; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redevelopment Agency staff shall coordinate with Planning Department staff to review and give comments on the Cultural Preservation report developed by the Japantown Task Force, Inc., and on the overall planning that is being considered in conjunction with SB 307.
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December 16, 2003  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Newsom
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 16, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.