URGING THE KINTETSU ENTERPRISES CO. OF AMERICA, THE OWNERS OF JAPANTOWN BOWL, TO RECONSIDER THEIR PROPOSED CLOSING OF JAPANTOWN BOWL AND FURTHER URGING KINTETSU ENTERPRISES TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE JAPANTOWN PLANNING, PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE, AS WELL AS THE GREATER COMMUNITY TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF PRESERVING THE JAPANTOWN BOWL AT ITS CURRENT SITE.

WHEREAS, the Japantown Bowl has been open for 24 years; and the Japantown Bowl is a popular, safe and fun place for youth and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Bowl serves 150,000 people annually, including 2,000 league bowlers and is the home to one of the nation’s oldest lesbian bowling leagues; and

WHEREAS the Japantown Bowl adds to the neighborhood character of the area and employs 32 local people;

WHEREAS, the Japantown Bowl has been a profitable business in the community for the past 24 years and is the last major bowling center in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Japantown Bowl was accepted and approved by the Japantown Community and the Redevelopment Agency identified Japantown Bowl as a strength in maintaining Japantown as a thriving commercial district; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby urges the Kintetsu Enterprises Co. of America, the owners of Japantown Bowl to reconsider the proposed closing of Japantown Bowl and further urging Kintetsu Enterprises Co. of America to begin negotiations with the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, the Japantown Planning, Preservation and Development Task Force, and the greater community to investigate the possibility of preserving the Japantown Bowl at its current site; and be it

Supervisors Ammiano, Newsom, Bierman, Katz, Yaki
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors requests that the Clerk of the Board send copies of this resolution to the Kintetsu Enterprises Co. of America, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, the Japantown Planning, Preservation and Development Task Force, and the management staff of Japantown Bowl.

SUPERVISORS AMMIANO, NEWSOM, BIERMAN, KATZ
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July 24, 2000  Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

July 31, 2000  Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yee
Absent: 2 - Newsom, Yaki

August 7, 2000  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 2 - Brown, Teng
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on August 7, 2000 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.