Small Business Commission
Resolution

HEARING DATE AUGUST 12, 2019

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 053-19-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2018-19-071
Business Address: 1684 Post Street and 640 Mason Street
District: District 5
Applicant: Rosalyn Tonai, Executive Director
Nomination Date: June 17, 2019
Nominated By: Supervisor Vallie Brown
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 1684 POST STREET AND 640 MASON STREET.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; or

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years, has had no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years, has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, faces a significant risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the neighborhood's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on August 12, 2019, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at National Japanese American Historical Society, Inc.:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage and Japanese-American history.
- Exhibits and public programs.
- Collection of objects, documents, and photos of Japanese American World War II military, incarceration camp and pre-war ephemera.
- Participation in festivals, traditions, and advocacy for the Japantown community.
- Floor-to-ceiling storefront windows.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain National Japanese American Historical Society, Inc. on the Legacy Business Registry:
- Preservation of Japanese American history and culture.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on August 12, 2019.

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Ayes – 7: Adams, Dooley, Dwight, Laguana, Yee Riley, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis
Nays – 0
Abstained – 0
Absent – 0