Small Business Commission
Resolution

HEARING DATE MAY 8, 2017

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 021-17-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2016-17-043
Business Name: Chinese Historical Society of America
Business Address: 965 Clay Street
District: District 3
Applicant: Sue Lee, Executive Director
Nomination Date: November 28, 2016
Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 965 CLAY 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 May 8, 2017, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission hereby includes Chinese Historical Society of America in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at Chinese Historical Society of America:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Dedication to the interpretation, promotion, and preservation of the social, cultural, and political history and contributions of the Chinese in America.
- Function as a home for the stories and experience of the Chinese in America.
- Chinatown location.
- Maintenance of a cultural asset that is the historic YWCA Chinatown building.
- Function as a museum, historical archive, and source of educational programming focused on Chinese and Chinese American history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Chinese Historical Society of America on the Legacy Business Registry:
- The interpretation, promotion and/or preservation of the social, cultural and political history and contributions of the Chinese in America.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on May 8, 2017.

[Signature]
Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

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Ayes – 5: Adams, Dwight, Tour-Sarkissian, Yee Riley, Zouzounis
Nays – 0
Abstained – 0
Absent – 2: Dooley, Ortiz-Cartagena