Small Business Commission
Draft Resolution

HEARING DATE AUGUST 14, 2017
DONALDINA CAMERON HOUSE

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 034-17-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2016-17-059
Business Name: Donaldina Cameron House
Business Address: 920 Sacramento Street
District: District 3
Applicant: William Vigna, Director of Finance & Operations
Nomination Date: January 20, 2017
Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR DONALDINA CAMERON HOUSE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 920 SACRAMENTO 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 14, 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 Donaldina Cameron House 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 Donaldina Cameron House:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Commitment to offering community services to low-income and immigrant Asian youth and families.
- Exterior clinker bricks.
- Gas lamps that were used in the early 1900s.
- Tunnels running through the basement from a time when Donaldina used to hide from local Chinese gangs.
- Location in Chinatown.
- Staff recommends that all interior and exterior features outlined in the landmark designation be included.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Donaldina Cameron House on the Legacy Business Registry:
- Assisting Chinese-American individuals and families.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on August 14, 2017.

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Ayes – 6: Dooley, Dwight, Ortiz-Cartagena, Tour-Sarkissian, Yee Riley, Zouzounis
Nays – 0
Abstained – 0
Absent – 1: Adams