OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 76216 C.M.S.



RESOLUTION DECLARING OAKLAND'S CHINATOWN A CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT AREA AND REQUESTING CALTRANS TO PLACE FREEWAY **GUIDE SIGNS TO IDENTIFY CHINATOWN**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has a Chinatown district, located roughly between Broadway, 6th, 11th, and Jackson Streets, which is estimated to be the fourth largest Chinatown in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's Chinatown serves as a regional center of arts and culture for the entire Bay Area by offering such unique facilities as: the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Milton Shoong Chinese Cultural Center, Hong Fook Community Center, Oakland Public Library - Asian Branch, and many other cultural assets; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's Chinatown also serves as the site for many cultural events and annual festivals, such as the Chinatown Streetfest and Lunar New Year Parade; and

WHEREAS, for more than six generations, East Bay residents from over 100 different ethnic backgrounds have traditionally relied upon Oakland's Chinatown as a place to meet, shop, live, work, and renew cultural ties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland declares Oakland Chinatown to be a culturally significant area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland requests the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") to place guide signs to identify Oakland Chinatown from the freeway.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JAN 9 2001 ,2001

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, SPEES, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE AYES-

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NOES-None ABSENT-None ABSTENTION-None

CEDA FLOYD City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California