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2 24, 2006 Issues]

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4 **Resolution condemning AsianWeek and its columnist Kenneth Eng for the**  
5 **inappropriate and damaging column explicitly encouraging racial discrimination in the**  
6 **AsianWeek’s February 23, 2007 issue titled, “Why I Hate Blacks”, January 12, 2007**  
7 **issued titled “Why I Hate Asians”, and November 24, 2006 issued titled “Proof That**  
8 **Whites Inherently Hate Us”.**

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10 WHEREAS, Ethical standards for journalists demand a code of behavior and practice  
11 that minimizes harm to the community in which they practice; and

12 WHEREAS, The First Amendment is the cornerstone of democracy and to maintain  
13 and protect it requires constant vigilance; and

14 WHEREAS, Conscientious journalists from all media and specialties should strive to  
15 serve the public with thoroughness and honesty; and

16 WHEREAS, AsianWeek has violated those standards of journalistic ethics by  
17 repeatedly publishing a commentary employing using stereotypes by race, religion, and  
18 ethnicity; and

19 WHEREAS, AsianWeek is one of the City’s designated outreach newspapers in which  
20 the municipal government regularly publishes its official notices; and,

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco strives to promote tolerance and respect among all its  
22 residents, and it is the goal of this body to make this city a safe place to live for all kinds of  
23 people; and

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco expects much more from publications that set the tone for  
25 public dialogue in the City; and,

1           WHEREAS, We believe that community dialogue must be respectful for it to be  
2 constructive; now, therefore, be it

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4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns AsianWeek and its columnist  
5 Kenneth Eng for the inappropriate and damaging column in the AsianWeek's February 23,  
6 2007 issued titled "Why I Hate Blacks", January 12, 2007 issued tittle "Why I Hate Asians",  
7 and November 24, 2006 issued tittle "Proof That Whites Inherently Hate Us"; and, be it

8           FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Board of Supervisors urges AsianWeek's owners to  
9 examine their own cultural values and motives for lowering the level of public discourse on  
10 issues of race; and be it,

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all City departments and  
12 other government entities to withdraw any money spent on advertising in AsianWeek.



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## Tails

### Resolution

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**File Number:** 070276

**Date Passed:**

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March 6, 2007 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

March 6, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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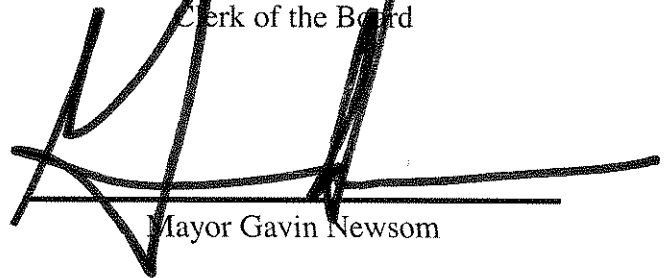
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on March 6, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

3/9/07

Date Approved



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom