

1 [Bond Yee Day - January 31, 2014]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Bond Yee for 32 years of distinguished service**
4 **with the City and County of San Francisco and declaring January 31, 2014, to be Bond**
5 **Yee Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Bond Yee began his civil service career with San Francisco in the
8 Department of Public Works' Bureau of Traffic Engineering, where his expertise in
9 transportation engineering and knowledge of the legislative process were invaluable assets to
10 modifying the City's Traffic Code and improving the safety and efficiency of San Francisco
11 streets; and

12 WHEREAS, Bond Yee grew up in San Francisco, went on to play second base for the
13 "great institution of higher learning"—UC Berkeley, met his wife on Muni, raised their kids in
14 the City, and rose from being a "low level powerless bureaucrat" to the "Traffic god"; and

15 WHEREAS, From 1992 to 2006, as the City Traffic Engineer and the Director of the
16 Department of Parking and Traffic, Bond Yee brought a new focus to pedestrian, bicycle, and
17 transit programs; implemented a variety of infrastructure and safety projects through the City's
18 transportation sales tax; provided leadership on the creation of the Embarcadero Roadway
19 and Octavia Boulevard to replace former elevated freeways; oversaw the construction of
20 major rail projects on 3rd Street and the F-Line and managed the transit and traffic operations
21 around AT&T Park; and guided staff through the merger with the Municipal Railway to create
22 the new San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency; and

23 WHEREAS, From 2006 to 2014, as Director of the newly created Sustainable Streets
24 division for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Bond Yee established the
25 Livable Streets subdivision to emphasize and encourage multimodal transportation usage and

1 traffic calming, supported the Transit Effectiveness Program, expanded SFgo, and provided a
2 vision and direction for the Division's role in major projects, like the Central Subway, the
3 Transbay Transit Center, and the San Francisco Bike Plan; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his entire career, Bond Yee has continued improving vehicular
5 and pedestrian safety and efficiency through the installation of pedestrian countdown signals,
6 mast arm mounted signals, and the use of LED signals Citywide; and

7 WHEREAS, Bond Yee, believing in the power and importance of youth in public
8 service, founded the nationally-recognized Student Internship Program in 1990, which has
9 provided over 250 students with valuable opportunities to experience hands-on work in the
10 field of transportation, and led to the full-time hire of more than 50 of San Francisco's
11 transportation engineers and planners; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his professional involvement in the Institute of Transportation
13 Engineers, and his published works, which have earned recognition from both the Traffic
14 Engineering Council and the Transportation and Goods Movement Council, Bond Yee has
15 helped bring transportation engineering to the forefront of urban planning and engineering;
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17 WHEREAS, During his years in public service, Bond Yee has demonstrated exemplary
18 leadership through his technical proficiency, managerial skills, and ability to bring people
19 together through teamwork and camaraderie, and inspired all those around him with his spirit
20 of kinship, his open door, his sense of humor, and his passion for transportation; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the people of San Francisco,
23 hereby recognize Bond Yee for his tireless commitment and dedication to public service,
24 celebrate his excellent work that has helped redefine transportation in the City, and affirms
25 that his intellect, energy, and leadership will be missed by all; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That in recognition of Bond Yee's distinguished career, the
2 San Francisco Board of Supervisors proclaims January 31, 2014, as Bond Yee day in the City
3 and County of San Francisco.
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