

# State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04

## RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION Asian Pacific Islander Communities and Community Redevelopment Agency Los Angeles (CRA/LA)

**WHEREAS**, the CRA/LA has worked closely with five Asian Pacific Islander communities in Los Angeles to promote economic development and community pride by seeking Preserve America designation for each of the five communities; and

**WHEREAS**, three of the communities – Little Tokyo, Thai Town, and Chinatown have been designated Preserve America communities and the other two – Historic Filipinotown and Koreatown, are in the process of applying for this designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA/LA helped the API neighborhoods prepare a Preserve America grant application to promote community pride and stimulate economic recovery through heritage tourism and historic preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA/LA and the three communities were awarded a \$250,000 grant to develop useful marketing strategies and provide hospitality training for merchants in the five API neighborhoods; and,

**WHEREAS**, the collaborative effort among the five API communities in Los Angeles is an exemplary effort, cementing ties among the various API communities and helping support economic growth that will be of value to all five groups and to the city of Los Angeles generally;

**WHEREAS**, the effort by CRA/LA and the API provides a successful model for ethnic neighborhoods throughout California on how historic preservation and heritage tourism can be combined to improve the quality of life, ethnic pride, and economic development for historic ethnic neighborhoods;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the CRA/LA and the five API communities (Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Thai Town, Koreatown and Historic Filipinotown) for their efforts to protect the historic resources and promote economic stability in these five historic ethnic neighborhoods; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the CRA/LA and to representatives of each of the five API neighborhoods.

April 16, 2009

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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