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### Resolution in Support of the Historic Marcus Books-Jimbo's Bop Building

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Labor Council supports the resolution, passed by the Board of Supervisors on July 30, 2013, regarding the preservation of Marcus Books-Jimbo's Bop City that is stated in full below;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council will send letters and copies of this resolution to Assemblyperson Tom Amminano, Mayor Ed Lee, Supervisor London Breed, and the Historical Preservation Committee because this issue will be heard before it during the August meeting.

Submitted by Conny Ford, OPEIU 3, and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on August 5, 2013.

Respectfully,

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Resolution supporting the Preservation of the historic Marcus Books-Jimbo's Bop Building on Fillmore Street & urging its current owners to sell it to an owner who will uphold the building's serving purposes  
Passed by the SF Board of Supervisors July 30, 2013

WHEREAS, Marcus Books and the Marcus Books-Jimbo's Bop City building built in 1893 and now located at 1712 -16 Fillmore Street in San Francisco are important cultural and historical resources; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Books, founded by Drs. Julian and Raye Richardson in 1960 is the oldest Black-owned and Black-theme bookstore in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Books has been and continues to be a center for Black intellectualism, empowerment and activism, and a meeting place for community activists and organizations including: Westside Community Services, the Fillmore community Development, the Black Panthers, and the 1968 African-American strikers at San Francisco State College (now University); and

WHEREAS, over the years Marcus Books has hosted thousands of notable writers and personalities, including Rosa Parks, James Baldwin, Eldridge Cleaver, Maya Angelou, Malcolm X and Oprah Winfrey, and has been a resource for community members, scholars, and political activists; and

WHEREAS, from 1950-1965, the Building, then located at 1690 Post Street, was the home of Jimbo's Bob City, a world-renowned jazz club whose after-hours jam sessions attracted stellar musicians such as

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Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, John Coltrane, Billie Holiday, Charlie Parker and Miles Davis, and welcomed women and people of all races under its roof and on its stage; and

WHEREAS, Westside Community Services, a non-profit organization that uses the Marcus Books-Jimbo's Bop City building to serve its clients, is sincerely attempting to purchase the property to assure that it is preserved and continues to be accessible to the communities it has historically served;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that in light of the historical, cultural and social importance of the Marcus books-Jimbo's Bop City building, the Board of Supervisors directs all City agencies dealing with issues related to the Building give substantial weight to community concerns, issues and needs; and apply careful scrutiny and deliberation on any matter, especially with regard to use or alternations, affecting the building, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Sweis family to enter into meaningful negotiations with representatives of the Mayor's office or other body dedicated to assuring the Building's community serving purposes, in order to see the Marcus Books-Jimbo's Bop City Building to an owner who will assure that it will be preserved and perpetuated for the benefit of all San Franciscans and all those whose lives have been touched by the cultural, historical, and social legacy of the Marcus Books-Jimbo's' Bop City building.