

**County of Santa Clara**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
Supervisory District Two  
Supervisor George Shirakawa




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DATE: September 29, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:   
George Shirakawa  
Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: DEDICATION IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM F. CHIN

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Please dedicate the September 15, 2009 Board of Supervisor's meeting in honor and memory of William F. Chin who passed away on August 26, 2009.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Bill Chin was born in Oakland in 1931. He was raised, along with his 2 brothers, by a single mother in San Francisco's Chinatown. He moved to San Jose in 1960, where he and his wife of 54 years, raised their 4 children, and where he continued his career as a social worker.

As a manager and administrator during his 30 years at Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, Bill devoted his time and energy to developing and improving programs that served the poor and improved the lives and safety of children and the elderly. He was often called upon to set up programs or reorganize those that were not working well. He was a highly respected manager and administrator, using his career as a social worker not only to improve the lives of the people in the community, but also to mentor and guide those social workers whom he was responsible for managing.

At a service held on September 5, 2009, celebrating his life, there were people in attendance from the span of his career who talked to his family about what a great influence Bill had been in their careers as social workers.

Following his retirement from Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, Bill continued his work in the community, serving on many boards, including Next Door- Solutions to Domestic Violence, Fuji Towers Senior Housing

Development in Japantown, and the Santa Clara County Mental Health Advisory Board, and the Council on Aging.

He will be missed by his family, friends, and the many people that he served and influenced over the course of his life.