



Resolution

City & County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, Dr. Jian Zhang first joined Chinese Hospital in 1991 as a UCSF international student, the start of extraordinary 32-year journey marked by unwavering dedication, visionary leadership, and transformative impact; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Dr. Zhang was appointed Chief Executive Officer during one of the most critical periods in the hospital's history amid a transitional period following the separation of Chinese Community Health Care Association (CCHCA) and Chinese Community Health Plan (CCHP) in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zhang has led Chinese Hospital through very challenging times and safeguarded the institution, strengthening and elevating it in fundamental ways; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zhang has championed the needs of the Chinese and Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community on a broader stage, delivering culturally and linguistically appropriate care to underserved and vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zhang built a National Community Model for Pandemic Response, leading a coordinated, proactive, community-based pandemic response that kept San Francisco's Chinatown—one of the nation's most densely populated areas—among the lowest in infection and death rates; and

WHEREAS, The hospital's community model was adopted by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and expanded through city-funded initiatives and recognized by national media, including The New York Times; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zhang worked to strengthen collaborations with UCSF Health, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and the California Department of Public Health to expand specialty services; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Zhang's leadership, Chinese Hospital has implemented a fundraising strategy that includes government funding and major philanthropic gifts, including a historic \$10 million in state funding and a \$7 million gift from the Charles Huang Foundation, which have been essential to enabling critical infrastructure improvements and creating new services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zhang has led Chinese Hospital to gain national recognition, including being named one of Newsweek's Best-in-State Hospitals in both 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zhang's enduring contributions have led the last independent, nonprofit community hospital in the San Francisco Bay Area, through a bold transformation—expanding its market relevance, protecting its financial sustainability, and centering community-based care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends Dr. Jian Zhang for her exceptional service, leadership, and dedication to patient care; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes Dr. Zhang's 32-year career at Chinese Hospital, transformative impact, and community service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in recognition of Dr. Jian Zhang's decades of unwavering commitment and visionary leadership, the Board of Supervisors declares December 2, 2025, as Dr. Jian Zhang Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chyanne Chen".

Supervisor Chyanne Chen
San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 11
December 2, 2025

Certificate of Honor

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS City and County of San Francisco

The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues, and authorizes the execution of, this Certificate of Honor in appreciative public recognition of distinction and merit for outstanding service to a significant portion of the people of the City and County of San Francisco by:

Dr. Jian Zhang

In recognition of Dr. Jian Zhang for over 30 years of dedicated and compassionate service at Chinese Hospital, for her visionary leadership and transformative impact, developing culturally inclusive service models rooted in community-based care, safeguarding and strengthening Chinese Hospital, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors offers its highest commendation.



Supervisor Chyanne Chen

市參事陳小焱

December 2, 2025



[Handwritten signatures of other Board of Supervisors members in blue ink, including names like 'R. M.', 'J. M.', 'B. M.', 'D. J.', and 'C. M.']



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San Francisco Board of Supervisors Honors Dr. Jian Zhang with Certificate of Honor and declared December 2 as “Dr. Jian Zhang Day”

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has presented a Certificate of Honor to Dr. Jian Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of Chinese Hospital, in recognition of her extraordinary 32 years of service and her profound impact on community health across San Francisco on December 2nd. The City also officially declared December 2 as “Dr. Jian Zhang Day” to commemorate her enduring contributions.

Dr. Zhang is retiring after more than three decades of service, during which she expanded access to care, strengthened health equity, and transformed Chinese Hospital into a nationally recognized model for community-based healthcare. Beginning her career as a frontline clinician and rising through multiple leadership roles before becoming Chief Executive Officer in 2017, she has remained a steadfast advocate for culturally competent, bilingual, and accessible services for Chinatown and the broader Asian American community.

“Dr. Jian Zhang has dedicated over 3 decades of her career to serving the community with quality care. Her leadership centered around culturally appropriate care for our community has been so integral in keeping Chinatown and San Francisco residents safe and healthy. It is an honor to recognize Dr. Zhang’s contributions at the Board of Supervisors,” said Supervisor Chyanne Chen (D-District 11).

Transformative accomplishments under Dr. Zhang’s leadership:

- Restored Chinese Hospital’s reputation and financial and operational stability after a major system breakup in 2016.
- Led a nationally recognized pandemic response that protected Chinatown and kept infection and death rates among the lowest in the region.
- Built strong partnerships with UCSF Health, the San Francisco Department of Public Health and other health systems.
- Obtained historic government and philanthropic support.
- Elevated Chinese Hospital’s reputation to national prominence, earning recognition on Newsweek’s America’s Best-in-State Hospitals list for three consecutive years: 2024, 2025, and 2026.
- Strategically established outpatient centers and clinics, bringing culturally and linguistically appropriate care to more families in San Francisco and northern San Mateo County.

Dr. Zhang’s impact extends beyond the walls of the hospital. She has been widely recognized as a champion for health equity, culturally sensitive care, and community partnership, ensuring that immigrant and limited-English-proficient patients are not left behind in an increasingly complex healthcare system.

“I am deeply honored and humbled by this recognition,” said Dr. Zhang. “It has been the privilege of my life to serve this community alongside the dedicated Board, physicians, nurses, and staff at Chinese



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Hospital. Although I am stepping away from the CEO role, my commitment to Chinese Hospital’s mission remains unwavering.”

“Dr. Zhang has guided Chinese Hospital through times of great change and challenge, always keeping the community at the center,” said Dr. Roger Eng, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “We are grateful for her 32 years of service and proud that the City is honoring her in this meaningful way.”

Dr. Zhang believes that leadership is about people — inspiring, cultivating, and empowering them to turn vision into enduring success. To ensure that this spirit continues to thrive, Chinese Hospital has established “Dr. Jian Zhang Leadership Fund”. This fund is dedicated to cultivating leaders at every level — from our board and hospital management team to physicians and community leaders—strengthening the network of individuals who serve and uplift the community. To learn more or make a contribution, please visit www.chinesehospital-sf.org/leadership-fund.

As Dr. Zhang enters a new chapter, Chinese Hospital will continue to advance the foundation she built—expanding services, elevating quality, and upholding its mission as a community hospital dedicated to providing culturally and linguistically appropriate care to all who rely on us.

About Chinese Hospital

Chinese Hospital is a community-owned, not-for-profit healthcare organization based in San Francisco’s Chinatown. As a unique and integrated healthcare system with an inclusive ethnic and geographic reach, it provides comprehensive, patient-centered care through multiple primary care clinics, outpatient centers, and a health plan serving San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Recognized among Newsweek’s Best-in-State Hospitals for 2024, 2025, and 2026, Chinese Hospital has also earned the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

Founded in 1899 as the Tung Wah Dispensary to provide both Eastern and Western medicine to Chinese immigrants with limited access to care, Chinese Hospital has remained steadfast in its mission to deliver cost-effective, high-quality healthcare that honors the community’s cultural and linguistic diversity. In 2016, the hospital opened a state-of-the-art facility and a full-service clinic in Daly City, reaffirming its dedication to expanding access and improving health outcomes for the communities it serves. Visit www.ChineseHospital-SF.org. Follow Chinese Hospital on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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