



# Legacy Business Registry Staff Report

Hearing Date: May 8, 2023

## NG HING KEE INC.

*Application No.:* LBR-2022-23-039  
*Business Name:* Ng Hing Kee Inc.  
*Business Address:* 648 Jackson St.  
*District:* District 3  
*Applicant:* Yan Wah Ng, Owner  
*Nomination Date:* March 21, 2023  
*Nominated By:* Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
*Staff Contact:* Richard Kurylo and Michelle Reynolds  
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### BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Ng Hing Kee Inc. is a minority- and woman-owned print shop that has provided the Chinese community with printed books, magazines, and audio and video discs and film in Chinese. Ng Hing Kee is one of the earliest businesses to wholesale and retail Hong Kong published Chinese books and magazines.

The business was founded by Yan Wah Ng, a Chinese immigrant, in 1976 at 1800 Clement Street as a bookstore selling Chinese magazines, books, and music cassettes and videos. Due to an increase in demand, the business outgrew its space and relocated to the heart of Chinatown at 776 Jackson St. Over the years, Ng Hing Kee has relocated several times down the street and maintained its Chinatown presence.

The business has evolved and expanded from selling newspapers, books, magazines, music, and videotapes to CDs, DVDs, and laser discs. During the COVID pandemic, Ng Hing Kee was approved and authorized to process vehicle registrations, title transfers, and other approved services by the California Department of Motor Vehicles under their Business Partner Program. The business serves as a convenient in-person access for the communities in Chinatown, the Financial District, North Beach, and surrounding neighborhoods. The onsite service saves the public from waiting in long lines at the DMV or making special trips out of the neighborhood.

New and older immigrants want to read about current local affairs in their native language, maintain a connection to where they once lived, retain their Asian culture. The business sponsors and partners with community groups on a variety of entertainment, cultural events, and charity show tickets for performances by well-known artists from Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Ng Hing Kee partners with local community agencies to sponsor or serve as a convenient location for the charity ticket sales. Many clients either do not use online ticketing services or prefer in-person contact when purchasing event tickets.

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Since it was founded, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has donated many books and DVDs of popular television series, dramas, and movies to local Bay Area libraries. The business also donated educational materials to schools and donated sponsored tickets to various shows to local non-profit organizations. For more than 40 years, Ng Hing Kee has supported local community events and causes and continues to be an active member of the community.

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## CRITERION 1

**Has the applicant operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years?**

Yes, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years:

1800 Clement St. from 1976 to 1978 (2 years)  
776 Jackson St. from 1978 to 1987 (9 years)  
724 Jackson St. from 1987 to 2001 (14 years)  
648 Jackson St. from 2001 to Present (22 years)

## CRITERION 2

**Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?**

Yes, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has contributed to the history and identity of the Chinatown neighborhood and San Francisco.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended the applicant as qualifying, noting the following ways the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community:

- The business is associated with Chinese reading material, Chinese cultural goods and performance.
- The Planning Department's Historic Resource Status for the building at 640 - 648 Jackson Street is "A - Historic Resource Present." The brick building was constructed in 1910 and is a contributing structure to National and California Register Historic District Eligible Chinatown Historic District.
- Ng Hing Kee Inc. was featured in World Journal on May 7, 2022, regarding its partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles through their Business Partner Program.
- Following are some notable commendations that Ng Hing Kee Inc. has received:
  - Letter from Nancy Pelosi thanking Ng Hing Kee Inc. for volunteering with citizen workshops, dated July 13, 2007.
  - Certificate of Appreciation from World Journal, September 9, 2007.
  - Certificate of Appreciation from Morning Light Foundation, May 27, 2018.

## CRITERION 3

**Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?**

Yes, Ng Hing Kee Inc. is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that Ng Hing Kee Inc. qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) and recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions.

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Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Chinese reading material.
- Chinese cultural goods.
- Provision of bilingual services to the general public.

### **CORE PHYSICAL FEATURE OR TRADITION THAT DEFINES THE BUSINESS**

Following is the core physical feature or tradition that defines the business that would be required for maintenance of the business on the Legacy Business Registry.

- Multimedia store.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Small Business Commission include Ng Hing Kee Inc. currently located at 648 Jackson St. in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

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# Small Business Commission

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

May 8, 2023

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**Adopting findings approving the Legacy Business Registry application for Ng Hing Kee Inc., currently located at 648 Jackson St.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; or

**WHEREAS**, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years, has had no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years, has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included on the Registry, faces a significant risk of displacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject business has contributed to the neighborhood's history and identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

**WHEREAS**, at a duly noticed public hearing held on May 8, 2023, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Small Business Commission hereby includes Ng Hing Kee Inc. in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at Ng Hing Kee Inc.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Chinese reading material.
- Chinese cultural goods.
- Provision of bilingual services to the general public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Ng Hing Kee Inc. on the Legacy Business Registry:

- Multimedia store.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on May 8, 2023.

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Katy Tang  
Director

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes –  
Nays –  
Abstained –  
Absent –

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## Legacy Business Registry

# Application Review Sheet

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**CRITERION 1:** Has the applicant has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years?  
      X       Yes                        No

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**CRITERION 2:** Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?  
      X       Yes                        No

**CRITERION 3:** Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?  
      X       Yes                        No

**NOTES:** N/A

**DELIVERY DATE TO HPC:** March 22, 2023

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AARON PESKIN

President, Board of  
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March 21, 2023

Director Katy Tang *via email* <Katy.Tang@sfgov.org>  
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Dear Director Tang,

I am nominating Ng Hing Kee Inc., a historic print shop located at 648 Jackson Street, to the San Francisco Legacy Business Registry.

Established in 1976 by Yan W. Ng, Ng Hing Kee Inc. was originally located at 1800 Clement Street. In order to accommodate popular demand for its products, the print shop later moved to a larger space in the heart of Chinatown at 776 Jackson Street. Due to several pandemic hardships and a significant increase in rent, Ng Hing Kee Inc. recently relocated to its current site at 648 Jackson Street.

Ng Hing Kee Inc. is one of the oldest Chinese print shops in San Francisco, offering a variety of imported Chinese language materials such as comic books, children's books, magazines, and periodicals, as well as music and video tapes. Over the years, they have consistently adapted to the unique needs of the monolingual immigrant community, and have become the de facto place in Chinatown for Asian music and entertainment products, international express mailing service, and in-person ticket sales for local Chinese concerts, tours, and events.

Ng Hing Kee Inc. has maintained its diverse selection of products and services for almost 50 years, helping San Francisco residents maintain a connection to Asian popular culture and current events, locally and internationally. The shop's insistence on providing in-person services that many companies have migrated to the internet speaks volumes about their commitment to serving not only the Chinatown community, but the Chinese community across the Bay Area who want in-person connections.

Ng Hing Kee Inc. would benefit greatly from inclusion in the Legacy Business Registry, and it is my honor to nominate them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Peskin". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Aaron" written in a cursive script and the last name "Peskin" in a more upright, blocky script.

Aaron Peskin



# Legacy Business Registry Application



## Business Information

**Business name:** Ng Hing Kee Inc.

**Business owner name(s):** Yan Wah Ng

*Identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business*

**Current business address:** 648 Jackson St., San Francisco, CA 94133

**Telephone:** ( 415 ) 781 – 8330

**Email:** nghingkeeinc@yahoo.com

**Mailing address (if different than above):**

**Website:**

**Facebook:**

**Twitter:**

**7-digit San Francisco Business Account Number (BAN):** 0 9 5 4 0 2 3

**Do any of these describe your business?** (select all that apply)

*Requires at least 51% of the business be owned, operated, and controlled by the business designation below.*

☒ Immigrant-Owned Business

☐ Owned by Person with a Disability

☐ LGBTQ+-Owned Business

☐ Veteran-Owned Business

☒ Minority-Owned Business\*

☒ Woman-Owned Business

*\*Minority is defined as on or more of the following racial or ethnic groups: American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Black or African American; Hispanic or Latino; Middle Eastern or North African; Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*

## Contact Person Information

**Contact person name:** Yan W. Ng

**Contact person title:** Owner

**Contact telephone:** ( 415 ) 781 – 8330

**Contact email:** nghingkeeinc@yahoo.com



**Business Location(s)**

List the business address of the original San Francisco location, the start date of business, and the dates of operation at the original location. Check the box indicating whether the original location of the business in San Francisco is the founding location of the business.

If the business moved from its original location and has had additional addresses in San Francisco, identify all other addresses and the dates of operation at each address.

**Original San Francisco address:** 1800 Clement St. **Zip Code:** 94121

**Is this location the founding location of the business? (Y/N):** Y

**Dates at this location:** From: 1976 To: 1978

**Other address (if applicable):** 776 Jackson St. **Zip Code:** 94133

**Dates at this location:** From: 1978 To: 1987

**Other address (if applicable):** 724 Jackson St. **Zip Code:** 94133

**Dates at this location:** From: 1987 To: 2001

**Other address (if applicable):** 648 Jackson St. **Zip Code:** 94133

**Dates at this location:** From: 2001 To: Present

**Other Address (if applicable):** **Zip Code:**

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**Applicant Disclosures****San Francisco Taxes, Business Registration, Licenses, Labor Laws and Public Information Release.**

This section is verification that all San Francisco taxes, business registration, and licenses are current and complete, and there are no current violations of San Francisco labor laws. This information will be verified. A business deemed not current with all San Francisco taxes, business registration, and licenses, or has current violations of San Francisco labor laws, will not be eligible to apply for grants through the Legacy Business Program.

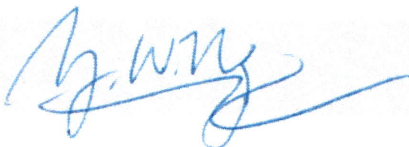
In addition, we are required to inform you that all information provided in the application will become subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Please read the following statements and check each to indicate that you agree with the statement. Then sign below in the space provided.

- ☒ I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the business.
- ☒ I attest that the business is current on all of its San Francisco tax obligations.
- ☒ I attest that the business's business registration and any applicable regulatory license(s) are current.
- ☒ I attest that the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) has not determined that the business is currently in violation of any of the City's labor laws, and that the business does not owe any outstanding penalties or payments ordered by the OLSE.
- ☒ I understand that documents submitted with this application may be made available to the public for inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act and San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.
- ☒ I hereby acknowledge and authorize that all photographs and images submitted as part of the application may be used by the City without compensation.
- ☒ I understand that the Small Business Commission may revoke the placement of the business on the Registry if it finds that the business no longer qualifies, and that placement on the Registry does not entitle the business to a grant of City funds.

Name: Yan W. Ng

Signature:



Date:

Jan 19, 2023

# **NG HING KEE INC.**

## **Written Historical Narrative**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **a. Describe the business. What does it sell or provide?**

Ng Hing Kee Inc. is a sole proprietorship business located in the heart of Chinatown. They sell Chinese books, magazines, stationery, gifts, snacks, compact discs (CDs), and digital video discs (DVDs). The business sponsors Asian concerts and sells tickets for local cultural events. Small package international shipping service is available and limited, approved Department of Motor Vehicles processes are provided.

#### **b. Describe whom the business serves.**

Ng Hing Kee Inc. serves the Chinese community locally and nationwide. The business sells and ships items to locations in San Francisco and beyond, including Chinese books, children's Chinese books, Hong Kong magazines, Asian writing supplies, and Asian snacks. Repeat customers purchase magazines, newspapers, and DVDs that are printed in Chinese.

#### **c. In about 2-5 words (15-30 characters), describe what the business is known for.**

Chinese publications and cultural performances.

### **CRITERION 1: The business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years**

#### **a. Provide a short history of the business, including locations and owners.**

Ng Hing Kee Inc. was founded by Yan Wah Ng in 1976 at 1800 Clement Street as a bookstore selling Chinese magazines, books, and music cassettes and videos. Yan Wah immigrated from Hong Kong to the United States circa 1974 and studied business administration at the University of San Francisco. While still attending school in 1976, Yan Wah started Ng Hing Kee Inc.

As the Chinese population grew in San Francisco, so did the demand for printed Chinese materials such as weekly entertainment magazines, comic books, children learning books, music and video tapes, and best sellers in Chinese. Within a couple of years, the business outgrew the space at the Clement Street storefront and relocated to 776 Jackson Street in 1978.

In 1987, the business moved to an even bigger storefront at 724 Jackson Street. The popularity of music CDs, laser discs, and Chinese movies on discs required a larger space to hold its increased merchandise inventory.

In 2001, due to substantial rent increase and not able to sign a long-term lease, the business relocated to its current location at 648 Jackson Street.

Ng Hing Kee of Los Angeles in Monterey Park, California, and Ng Hing Kee Book & Newspaper Agency in Hong Kong are similar businesses that were owned by relatives of Yan W. Ng. The business Ng Hing Kee of Los Angeles opened around 1984 or 1985. It closed during the COVID pandemic and has not reopened. It is uncertain when Ng Hing Kee Book & Newspaper Agency opened. It closed in 2021. All the stores were completely separate businesses that were owned and operated independently from one another.

**b. Provide the ownership history of the business in a consolidated year-to-year format.**

Yan Wah Ng is the sole owner since 1976 to the present.

**c. Describe any circumstances that required the business to cease operations in San Francisco for any significant length of time.**

The business has not ceased operation since it opened in 1976. During the COVID pandemic, the business reduced hours of operation, reduced staff, and limited customer access to the interior of the store.

**CRITERION 2: The business has contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community**

**a. Describe the business' contribution to the history and/or identity of the neighborhood, community, business sector, or San Francisco as a whole.**

Ng Hing Kee Inc. is a minority- and woman-owned business that has provided the Chinese community with printed books, magazines, and audio and video discs and film in Chinese. Ng Hing Kee Inc. is one of the earliest businesses to wholesale and retail Hong Kong published Chinese books and magazines. Distribution of the merchandise has been made to Asian communities throughout the United States.

The business has over the years evolved and expanded from selling newspapers, books, magazines, music, and videotapes to CDs, DVDs, and laser discs. New and older immigrants want to maintain a connection to where they once lived, read about current local affairs in Chinese, and retain their Asian culture.

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The business presence of Ng Hing Kee Inc. in Chinatown is convenient to its residents and customers. The location is accessible by public transportation, ample parking is nearby, and many residents living in Chinatown can obtain their daily and weekly news within walking distance of their homes. Many customers travel from the Peninsula on the weekends to purchase their weekly magazines, do their grocery shopping, and eat in the neighborhood. Longtime customers who moved out of the city return to Ng Hing Kee Inc. to talk about current events and reminisce about old days while picking up their Chinese comic book or Chinese entertainment magazines. During their time in the area, other businesses such as eateries and grocery stores benefit from their patronage.

**b. Is the business associated with significant people or events, either now or in the past?**

Ng Hing Kee Inc. has co-sponsored a number of concerts and charity events. Below are some of the past events that the business has either sponsored or was a designated location for ticket sales:

- Concert at Harvey's Lake Tahoe, August 21, 2010 (Sponsor and ticket seller)
- Chinese Opera local charity event, July 15, 2012
- Eastern Romance 2014 U.S. Tour (Charity event for the Association for Chinese Families of the Disabled)
- Michael Hui's Comedy Talk Show, Masonic Auditorium, June 25, 2016 (Supporter and ticket seller)
- Classic Tour Jacky Cheung at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, February 17, 2018
- Jia Chen 2018 Concert In North America, Herbst Theater, May 26, 2018

**c. How does the business demonstrate its commitment to the community?**

Since it was founded, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has donated many items to Bay Area libraries, including books and DVDs of popular television series, dramas, and movies. The business also donated educational materials to schools and donated sponsored tickets to various charity shows to local non-profit organizations.

Some of the organizations that Ng Hing Kee Inc. has donated to includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Association for Chinese Families of the Disabled
- Gum Moon Residence Hall & The Asian Women's Resource Center
- Chinatown Child Development Center
- Chinese Newcomers Service Center
- Chinatown Merchants United Association of San Francisco
- American Red Cross
- BeChinatown
- Vietnamese Community Center of San Francisco
- San Francisco Public Library
- Special Olympics Southern California

For more than 40 years, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has supported local community events and causes and continues to be an active member of the community.

**d. Has the business ever been referenced in the media, business trade publication, and/or historical documents?**

Ng Hing Kee Inc. was featured in World Journal on May 7, 2022, regarding its partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles through their Business Partner Program.

**e. Has the business ever received any awards, recognition, or political commendations?**

Following are some notable commendations that Ng Hing Kee Inc. has received:

- Letter from Nancy Pelosi thanking Ng Hing Kee Inc. for volunteering with citizen workshops, dated July 13, 2007.
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**f. How would the community be diminished if the business were to be sold, relocated, shut down, etc.?**

If Ng Hing Kee Inc. were to close, Chinatown would no longer have an established store for the community to purchase Chinese books, magazines, and event tickets, and they would lose a sponsor for cultural and entertainment events. The community would also lose a convenient, bilingual location in the neighborhood for their Department of Motor Vehicles processes and international shipping needs. Ng Hing Kee Inc. is a business that cares about the community and has contributed to local causes since it was established.

Some of the new and older immigrants prefer to catch up with world and local news by reading hard copies of Chinese newspapers, books, and magazines. They do not like to read digital copies. If Ng Hing Kee Inc. were to close, it would be a major disruption of daily life for those residents living in Chinatown for whom reading paper copies of print media is an important part of their lifestyle. Due to the COVID pandemic, internet, and economic times, several bookstores in Chinatown have closed in the last few years. Ng Hing Kee Inc. is one of the last few bookstores in the neighborhood to remain open.

**CRITERION 3: The business is committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business**

**a. Is the business associated with a culturally significant building, structure, object, signage, mural, architectural detail, neon sign, or any other special physical feature that defines the business?**

The business is located in the heart of San Francisco's Chinatown. The brick building is a contributing structure to the historic Chinatown district.

**b. In a few words, describe the main business activity you commit to maintaining.**

Ng Hing Kee Inc. is committed to supplying Chinese reading material and Chinese cultural goods to the community. It will continue to provide bilingual services to the general public and to work with the community to improve Chinatown and San Francisco.

**c. What challenges is the business facing today?**

Challenges that face the business include the safety of the business community from theft and daylight robberies, and personal safety in the neighborhood. Regular customers and tourists are afraid to come into Chinatown due to crime and homelessness. The lowered foot traffic and decrease in the number of visitors has impacted the business.

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**Legacy Business Program staff will add the following details:**

**a. Features or traditions that define the business and should be maintained for the business to remain on the Legacy Business Registry.**

Bookstore featuring Chinese media.

**b. Other special features of the business location, such as if the property associated with the business is listed on a local, state, or federal historic resources registry.**

The Planning Department's Historic Resource Status for the building at 640 - 648 Jackson Street is "A - Historic Resource Present." The brick building was constructed in 1910 and is a contributing building to the Eligible Chinatown Historic District.





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Ng Hing Kee, Inc. is the only company located at 648 Jackson St, San Francisco, CA 94133

### Business Description

Ng Hing Kee is located in San Francisco, California. This organization primarily operates in the Books business / industry within the Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods sector. This organization has been operating for approximately 46 years. Ng Hing Kee is estimated to generate in annual revenues, and employs approximately 4 people at this headquarters location and 5 total employees across all locations. This organization is engaged in importing activities at this facility.

**Sector:** Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods  
**Category:** Books, Periodicals, and Newspapers  
**Industry:** Books  
Book Stores

Audio Tapes, Prerecorded

**SIC Code:** 5192, 5942, 5735

**NAICS Name:** Book, Periodical, and Newspaper Merchant  
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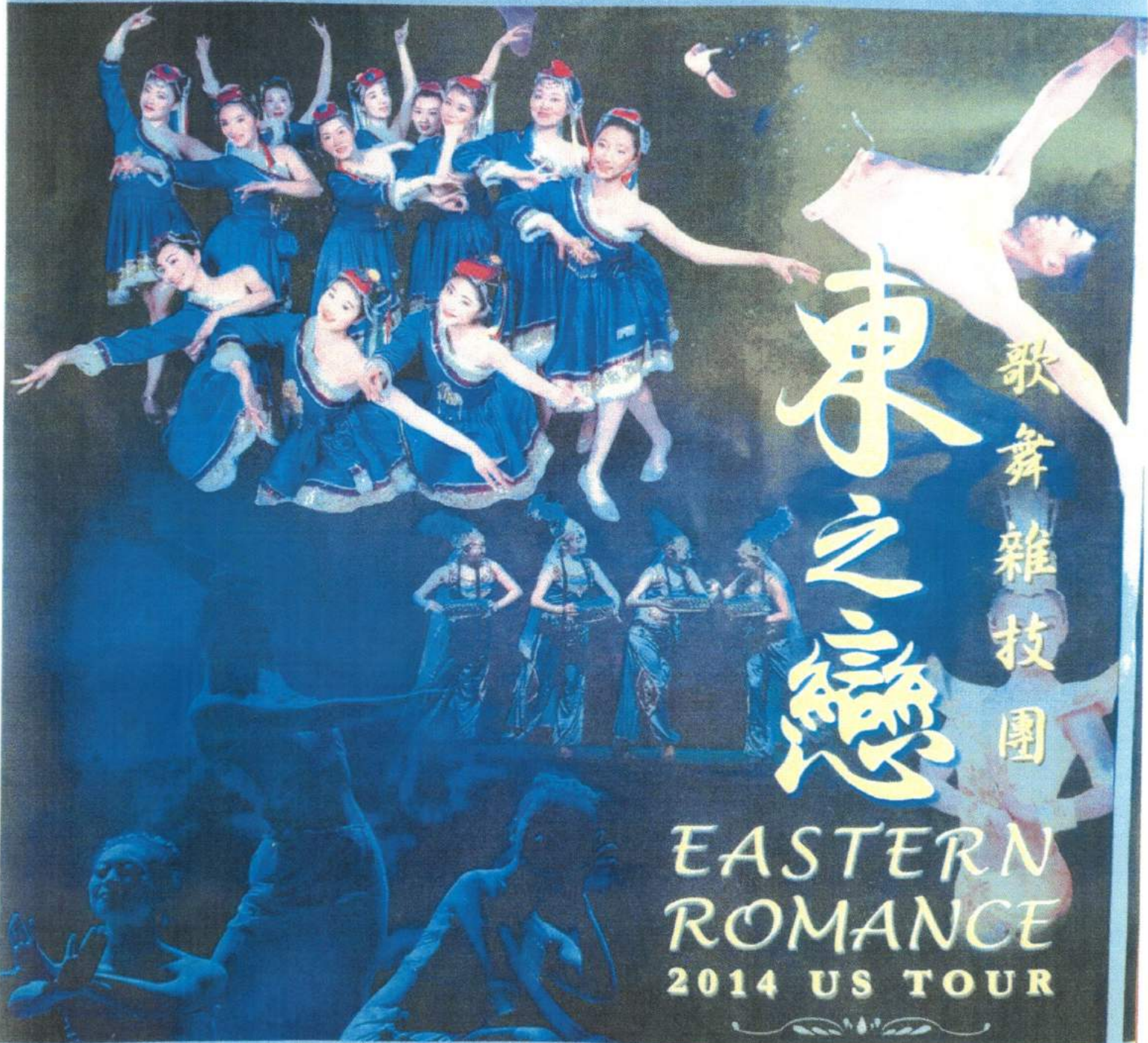
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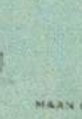
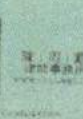


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Thank you for your commitment to helping eligible San Francisco immigrants and their families realize their dream of citizenship! Volunteers like you are joining House Democrats throughout the country at citizenship workshops to help speed the path to citizenship for the nearly eight million eligible immigrants in the United States.

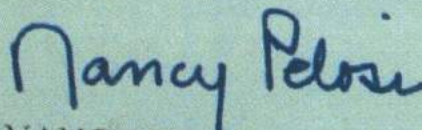
Our nation was built by immigrants, and it is our responsibility to ensure that the current national debate on immigration reform is framed by our rich tradition of respect for our shared immigrant heritage, and by the determination of recent immigrants to make significant contributions to our community.

Tonight you will receive training to assist legal residents in filling out their citizenship applications from immigration experts in our community. This training, and your participation in the Citizenship Workshop on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, is essential to helping your neighbors have a strong voice in determining our country's future.

In addition to volunteering at the workshop, I welcome your assistance with outreach and ask that you circulate the enclosed fliers among those in your network who may be interested in the citizenship workshop.

Thank you again for volunteering your time to this effort. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 415-556-4862. I look forward to seeing you on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

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# LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**HEARING DATE: APRIL 19, 2023**

*Filing Date:* March 22, 2023  
*Case No.:* 2023-002566LBR  
*Business Name:* Ng Hing Kee Inc.  
*Business Address:* 648 JACKSON ST  
*Zoning:* Chinatown Residential Neighborhood Commercial (CRNC) Zoning District  
Chinatown Visitor Retail (CVR) Zoning District  
50-N Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 0177/007  
*Applicant:* Yan Wah Ng  
648 Jackson Street  
*Nominated By:* Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
*Located In:* District 3  
*Staff Contact:* Jordan Hallman - 628-652-7527  
Jordan.Hallman@sfgov.org

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution to Recommend Approval

## Business Description

Ng Hing Kee Inc. is a minority- and woman-owned print shop that has provided the Chinese community with printed books, magazines, and audio and video discs and film in Chinese. Ng Hing Kee Inc. is one of the earliest businesses to wholesale and retail Hong Kong published Chinese books and magazines.

Ng Hing Kee Inc. was founded by Yan Wah Ng, a Chinese immigrant, in 1976 at 1800 Clement Street as a bookstore selling Chinese magazines, books, and music cassettes and videos. Due to an increase in demand, the business outgrew its space and relocated to the heart of Chinatown at 776 Jackson. Over the years, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has relocated several times down the street and maintained its Chinatown presence.

The business has evolved and expanded from selling newspapers, books, magazines, music, and videotapes to CDs, DVDs, and laser discs. During the COVID pandemic, Ng Hing Kee Inc. was approved and authorized to process vehicle registrations, title transfers, and other approved services by the California Department of Motor

Vehicles under their Business Partner Program. The business serves as a convenient in person access for the communities in Chinatown, the Financial District, North Beach, and surrounding neighborhoods. The onsite service saves the public from waiting in long lines at the DMV or making special trips out of the neighborhood.

New and older immigrants want to read about current local affairs in their native language, maintain a connection to where they once lived, retain their Asian culture. The business sponsors and partners with community groups on a variety of entertainment, cultural events, and charity show tickets for performances by well-known artists from Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Ng Hing Kee Inc. partners with local community agencies to sponsor or serve as a convenient location for the charity ticket sales. Many clients either do not use online ticketing services or prefer in-person contact when purchasing event tickets.

Ng Hing Kee Inc. also has onsite shipping services for customers to ship small parcels overseas to friends and relatives. Many customers come to Ng Hing Kee Inc. to send parcels due to the lower logistical costs at this convenient location.

Since it was founded, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has donated many books and DVDs of popular television series, dramas, and movies to local Bay Area libraries. The business also donated educational materials to schools and donated sponsored tickets to various shows to local non-profit organizations. For more than 40 years, Ng Hing Kee Inc. has supported local community events and causes and continues to be an active member of the community.

The business's primary location at 648 Jackson Street is a Category A (Historic Resource Present) structure on the North side of Jackson Street between Grant Avenue and Kearny Street in the Chinatown neighborhood. It is within the Chinatown Visitor Retail (CVR) and Chinatown Residential Neighborhood Commercial (CRNC) Zoning District and a 50-N Height and Bulk District. The property is also a contributor to the California and National Register of Historic Places eligible Chinatown Historic District.

## Staff Analysis

### Review Criteria

#### **1. When was business founded?**

The business was founded in 1976.

#### **2. Does the business qualify for listing on the Legacy Business Registry? If so, how?**

Yes. Ng Hing Kee Inc. qualifies for listing on the Legacy Business Registry because it meets all of the eligibility Criteria:

- a. Ng Hing Kee Inc. has operated continuously in San Francisco for 47 years.
- b. Ng Hing Kee Inc. has contributed to the history and identity of the Chinatown neighborhood and San Francisco.

- c. Ng Hing Kee Inc. is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the organization.

**3. *Is the business associated with a culturally significant art / craft / cuisine / tradition?***

Yes. The business is associated with Chinese reading material, Chinese cultural goods and performance.

**4. *Is the business or its building associated with significant events, persons, and / or architecture?***

No.

**5. *Is the property associated with the business listed on a local, state, or federal historic resource registry?***

The Planning Department's Historic Resource Status for the building at 640 - 648 Jackson Street is "A - Historic Resource Present." The brick building was constructed in 1910 and is a contributing structure to National and California Register Historic District Eligible Chinatown Historic District.

**6. *Is the business mentioned in a local historic context statement?***

No, not as of the date of this Executive Summary.

**7. *Has the business been cited in published literature, newspapers, journals, etc.?***

Yes. Ng Hing Kee Inc. was featured in World Journal on May 7, 2022, regarding its partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles through their Business Partner Program. Following are some notable commendations that Ng Hing Kee Inc. has received:

- Letter from Nancy Pelosi thanking Ng Hing Kee Inc. for volunteering with citizen workshops, dated July 13, 2007.
- Certificate of Appreciation from World Journal, September 9, 2007.
- Certificate of Appreciation from Morning Light Foundation, May 27, 2018.

**Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business**

**Location(s) associated with the business:**

Current Locations:

- 648 Jackson Street (2001– Present)

Previous (No Longer Extant) Locations:

- 724 Jackson Street (1987– 2001)
- 776 Jackson Street (1978 – 1987)
- 1800 Clement Street (1976-1978)

**Recommended by Applicant**

- Chinese reading material
- Chinese cultural goods

- Provision of bilingual services to the general public

**Additional Recommended by Staff**

- None

**Basis for Recommendation**

The Department recommends the Historic Preservation Commission adopt a resolution recommending the business listed above be adopted by the Small Business Commission to the Legacy Business Registry.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Draft Resolution

Legacy Business Registry Application:

- Application Review Sheet
- Section 1 – Business / Applicant Information
- Section 2 – Business Location(s)
- Section 3 – Disclosure Statement
- Section 4 – Written Historical Narrative
  - Criterion 1 – History and Description of Business
  - Criterion 2 – Contribution to Local History
  - Criterion 3 – Business Characteristics
- Contextual Photographs and Background Documentation



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1323

**HEARING DATE: APRIL 19, 2023**

*Case No.:* 2023-002566LBR  
*Business Name:* Ng Hing Kee Inc.  
*Business Address:* 648 Jackson Street (Primary Address)  
*Zoning:* CRNC,CVR (CHINATOWN- RESIDENTIAL- NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL,CHINATOWN- VISITOR  
RETAIL) Zoning District  
50-N Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 0177/007  
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648 Jackson Street  
*Nominated By:* Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
*Located In:* District 3  
*Staff Contact:* Jordan Hallman -  
[Jordan.Hallman@sfgov.org](mailto:Jordan.Hallman@sfgov.org)

ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR 648 JACKSON ST CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 648 JACKSON ST (PRIMARY ADDRESS), BLOCK/LOT 0177/007;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the City's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on April 19, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed documents, correspondence and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry nomination.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends that NG HING KEE INC. qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) as it has operated for 30 or more years and has continued to contribute to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions for NG HING KEE INC.

**Location(s) associated with the business:**

Current Locations:

- 648 Jackson Street (2001– Present)

Previous (No Longer Extant) Locations:

- 724 Jackson Street (1987– 2001)
- 776 Jackson Street (1978 – 1987)
- 1800 Clement Street (1976-1978)

**Recommended by Applicant**

- Chinese reading material
- Chinese cultural goods
- Provision of bilingual services to the general public

**Additional Recommended by Staff**

- Co-sponsoring concerts, charity and cultural events for the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission's findings and recommendations are made solely for the purpose of evaluating the subject business's eligibility for the Legacy Business Registry, and the Historic Preservation Commission makes no finding that the subject property or any of its features constitutes a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs its Commission Secretary to transmit this Resolution and other pertinent materials in the case file 2023-002566LBR to the Office of Small Business on April 19, 2023.

*Laura Lynch*

Laura Lynch  
Acting Commission Secretary

AYES: Black, Foley, Johns, Wright, Nageswaran, Matsuda  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: So  
ADOPTED: April 19, 2023