

# Legacy Business Registry Staff Report

HEARING DATE JANUARY 14, 2019

## KIMOCHI, INC.

*Application No.:* LBR-2018-19-019  
*Business Name:* Kimochi, Inc.  
*Business Address:* 1715 Buchanan Street  
*District:* District 5  
*Applicant:* Steve Ishii, Executive Director  
*Nomination Date:* November 20, 2018  
*Nominated By:* Supervisor Vallie Brown  
*Staff Contact:* Richard Kurylo  
legacybusiness@sfgov.org

### BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Kimochi, Inc. was established on April 22, 1971, and officially opened its doors in July 1971. Kimochi, Inc. (a.k.a. Kimochi Kai) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit senior service agency based in Japantown. The word "kimochi" means "feelings" in Japanese. For the organization, "feelings" for our elders — respect, gratitude, and love — are expressed through services that enable each generation to age with dignity, pride, support, independence and friendship.

Because of language and cultural barriers, many elder Japanese Americans were not able to access mainstream services. Recognizing this need, the Kimochi founders began helping seniors by providing them with information and assistance in applying for government and health benefits and offering transportation services and walking escorts to make sure seniors could travel safely to and from their homes. Organizers, participants and volunteers would gather at Kimochi Lounge, Kimochi's first site at 1581 Webster Street on the Webster Street Bridge connecting Japan Center's Kintetsu and Kinokuniya Buildings. The Lounge was where elders could rest, relax, get the latest news in the community, meet friends and have tea. It still operates as a Kimochi site today.

In 1974, Kimochi applied for a grant and was awarded funding from the California Department on Aging to implement a Japanese hot meals program for seniors. Meals were prepared onsite and served at Konkou Church, located at 1909 Bush Street. In 1979, Kimochi received funding from the Department of Aging and Adult Services (originally called San Francisco Commission on the Aging) to expand the Congregate Nutrition program to weekends and holidays making it a 365-day-per-year meal program. In 1986, Kimochi's Congregate Nutrition program consolidated two sites and relocated to 1840 Sutter Street where it remains today. This site is also home to the Congregate Nutrition home delivered meals program, Senior Center and Transportation program.

In 1983, Kimochi completed the Kimochi Home building at 1531 Sutter Street and opened its doors for residential and respite care for 20 seniors and adult social day care for 40 seniors. It continues to be a vital community resource for seniors and their families.





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In 1999, Kimochi moved to its permanent home at 1715 Buchanan Street, which is the headquarters and home to the Social Services program, family caregiver support program, volunteer program and Club Nikkei staff. Over the years, Kimochi has been quick to identify the needs of the senior population and obtain funding for nutrition, transportation and social service programs.

In 2012, Kimochi, Inc. purchased a site in San Mateo to provide services and support for seniors and families outside of San Francisco. In 2016, following extensive renovations, Kimochi San Mateo received its licensing approval to open as a non-ambulatory Residential Care facility for the elderly. In 2017, they were awarded funds from the JA Community Foundation to provide home delivered meals to 14 seniors in San Mateo County. Today, Kimochi occupies five sites—four in San Francisco and one in San Mateo.

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, the applicant has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years:

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1684 Post Street from 1996 to 1999 (3 years)
1715 Buchanan Street from 1999 to Present (19 years)
1531 Sutter Street from 1983 to Present (35 years)

CRITERION 2: Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?

Yes, the applicant has contributed to the Japantown neighborhood's history and identity.

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:

- Kimochi has contributed to the history and identity of Japantown and San Francisco.
The business is listed as a cultural resource in the Japantown Cultural Heritage and Economic Sustainability Strategy. The strategy was unanimously adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in 2013 to develop a vision for the neighborhood by focusing on the both economic development and preserving and enhancing the historic and cultural assets.
Kimochi's 1715 Buchanan St. location serves as Kimochi's administration headquarters and houses their administrative staff, Social Services program and Club Nikkei program. From 1946 to 1997, the building was home to the Tatsuno family's Nichi Bei Bussan, a retail store that sold imported Japanese products. The property has a Planning Department Historic Resource status of "B" (Properties Requiring Further Consultation and Review). The building was constructed in 1974, not making it age eligible as a historic resource under CEQA. However, property exists within the Japantown Neighborhood Commercial District and within the Japantown Cultural District.





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- Kimochi has been featured numerous times in various newspaper articles, local television networks, and other media outlets. They include the San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Chronicle, NBC Bay Area, KTSF-TV, KTVU, Nichi Bei Times, Hokubei Mainichi Newspaper, Nikkei West and Asian Week.

### **CRITERION 3: Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?**

Yes Kimochi is committed to maintaining the physical features, craft, art form and traditions that define the business.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that Kimochi, 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.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Culturally sensitive care for seniors and their families that focuses on serving the Japanese American community.
- The spirit of “kimochi” or “appreciation for older generations’ sacrifices and hardships.”
- Services including transportation, referral and outreach , health and consumer education, healthy activities, social services, meals, in-home support, adult social day care, and 24-hour residential and respite care.

### **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.

- Services for Japantown seniors.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Small Business Commission include Kimochi, Inc. currently located at 1715 Buchanan Street in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

Richard Kurylo, Program Manager  
Legacy Business Program



# Small Business Commission Draft Resolution

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LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR KIMOCHI, INC., CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 1715 BUCHANAN STREET.

**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 in 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 January 14, 2019, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore





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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at Kimochi, Inc.:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Culturally sensitive care for seniors and their families that focuses on serving the Japanese American community.
The spirit of "kimochi" or "appreciation for older generations' sacrifices and hardships."
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Kimochi, Inc. on the Legacy Business Registry:

- Services for Japantown seniors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on January 14, 2019.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

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

- Ayes -
Nays -
Abstained -
Absent -





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# Application Review Sheet

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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:** November 21, 2018

Richard Kurylo  
Manager, Legacy Business Program



**Board of Supervisor  
District 5**



**City and County of San Francisco**

## **Vallie Brown**

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Office of Small Business  
Small Business Commission  
City Hall, Suite 110  
San Francisco, CA 94102

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to nominate Kimochi, Inc. at 1715 Buchanan Street, for the Legacy Business Registry Program. "Kimochi" or "feeling" for elders (such respect, gratitude, and love) has been a cornerstone of the Japantown community since its founding in 1971. While many changes have occurred in the neighborhood since then, they have continually provided culturally sensitive care for seniors for over 45 years.

For decades, the agency helped countless local seniors access public services and benefits, particularly those who were forcibly relocated to concentration camps and came back to San Francisco to rebuild their lives after World War II. Recognizing that there were needs for elders in the Japantown/Western Addition community which was not being met, they filled that gap by offering culturally sensitive programs and services. Kimochi's most successful programs include their hot and nutritiously-balanced lunch and home-delivered meals program, as well as Japanese, Korean and English-speaking social workers that offer support service to monolingual seniors and their family caregivers. Kimochi's assisted living facility and adult day care program also plans culturally-appropriate performances and activities for seniors, such as calligraphy and origami-making. These are just some meaningful examples of how Kimochi contributes significantly to the history and identity of the Japantown/Western Addition neighborhood.

I am proud to nominate Kimochi Inc. for the Legacy Business Registry Program, and I know that they are excited about this opportunity as well. Their Executive Director, Steve Ishii, can be contacted at: (415) 931-2294.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (415) 554-7630 or [BrownStaff@sfgov.org](mailto:BrownStaff@sfgov.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vallie Brown  
Board of Supervisors  
City & County of San Francisco

# Section One:

**Business / Applicant Information.** Provide the following information:

- The name, mailing address, and other contact information of the business;
- The name of the person who owns the business. For businesses with multiple owners, identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business;
- The name, title, and contact information of the applicant;
- The business's San Francisco Business Account Number and entity number with the Secretary of State, if applicable.

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<b>BUSINESS OWNER(S) (identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business)</b>		
Steve Ishii, Executive Director		
<b>CURRENT BUSINESS ADDRESS:</b>		<b>TELEPHONE:</b>
1715 Buchanan Street San Francisco, CA 94115		((415))931-2294
		<b>EMAIL:</b>
		kimochikai@kimochi-inc.org
<b>WEBSITE:</b>	<b>FACEBOOK PAGE:</b>	<b>YELP PAGE</b>
www.kimochi-inc.org	www.facebook.com/kimochikai/	www.yelp.com/biz/kimochi-san-francisco-6

<b>APPLICANT'S NAME</b>	
Steve Ishii	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Business
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(415)931-2294	
<b>EMAIL:</b>	
[REDACTED]	

<b>SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS ACCOUNT NUMBER:</b>	<b>SECRETARY OF STATE ENTITY NUMBER (if applicable):</b>
0389763	C0622548

<b>NAME OF NOMINATOR:</b>	<b>DATE OF NOMINATION:</b>



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<b>OFFICIAL USE: Completed by OSB Staff</b>	
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## Section Two:

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<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Current	
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Steve Ishii

Name (Print):

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Steve Ishii

Name (Print):

Date:

Signature:

10/9/18



**KIMOCHI, INC.**  
**Section 4: Written Historical Narrative**

**CRITERION 1**

**a. Provide a short history of the business from the date the business opened in San Francisco to the present day, including the ownership history. For businesses with multiple locations, include the history of the original location in San Francisco (including whether it was the business's founding and or headquartered location) and the opening dates and locations of all other locations.**

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Organizers, participants and volunteers would gather at Kimochi Lounge, Kimochi's first site at 1581 Webster Street on the Webster Street Bridge connecting Japan Center's Kintetsu and Kinokuniya Buildings. The Lounge was where Issei could rest, relax, get the latest news in the community, meet friends and have tea. It still operates as a Kimochi site today.

As the Lounge's popularity grew, it was clear more space was needed. Committed to remaining in San Francisco's Japantown, one of only three Japantowns in the United States, staff and volunteers were willing to work in places that were not ideal, as long as it meant keeping Kimochi's mission alive. Other neighborhood locations in the 1970s included 1698 Sutter Street (formerly Kintoki Restaurant) and 1727 Laguna Street (formerly Wong's Bait Shop). Kimochi also had offices at 1684 Post Street, which is now occupied by the National Japanese American Historical Society. In 1999, Kimochi moved around the corner to its permanent home at 1715 Buchanan Street, which is the headquarters and home to our Social Services program, family caregiver support program, volunteer program and Club Nikkei staff.

Over the years, Kimochi has been quick to identify the needs of the senior population and obtain funding for nutrition, transportation and social service programs. In 1974, Kimochi



applied for a grant and was awarded funding from the California Department on Aging to implement a Japanese hot meals program for seniors. Meals were prepared onsite and served at Konko Church, located at 1909 Bush Street. In 1979, Kimochi received funding from the Department of Aging and Adult Services (originally called San Francisco Commission on the Aging) to expand the Congregate Nutrition program to weekends and holidays making it a 365-day-per-year meal program with the weekends and holidays being at Nihonmachi Terrace/Hinode Tower at 1615 Sutter Street. In 1986, Kimochi's Congregate Nutrition program consolidated both sites and relocated to 1840 Sutter Street where it remains today. This site is also home to our Congregate Nutrition home delivered meals program, Senior Center and Transportation program.

In 1983, Kimochi completed the Kimochi Home building at 1531 Sutter Street and opened its doors for residential and respite care for 20 seniors and adult social day care for 40 seniors. It continues to be a vital community resource for seniors and their families. In 2012, Kimochi, Inc. purchased a site in San Mateo to provide services and support for seniors and families outside of San Francisco. In 2016, following extensive renovations, Kimochi San Mateo received its licensing approval to open as a non-ambulatory Residential Care facility for the elderly. In 2017, we were awarded funds from the JA Community Foundation to provide home delivered meals to 14 seniors in San Mateo County.

Today, Kimochi occupies five sites—four in San Francisco and one in San Mateo.

- 1715 Buchanan St, San Francisco, CA 94115 - home to our administration office, Social Services program, Family Caregiver Support program, Club Nikkei, volunteer program and home safety service program.
- 1581 Webster St, San Francisco, CA 94115 – Kimochi Lounge original site.
- 1840 Sutter St, San Francisco, CA 94116 - home of our Congregate Nutrition program that includes home delivered meals program; our Senior Center that includes activities, exercise, day trips and the Transportation program which offers door-to-door van service, recreational outings, church and cemetery visits.
- 1531 Sutter St, San Francisco, CA 94109 – Kimochi Home site for our Residential and Respite Care program and Adult Social Day Care program.
- 453 North San Mateo Drive, San Mateo, CA 94401 – Kimochi San Mateo site of our Residential and Respite Care program and home delivered meals program in the San Mateo County.

**b. Describe any circumstances that required the business to cease operations in San Francisco for more than six months?**

Since the organization's establishment in 1971, there has not been a cease in operations.

**c. Is the business a family-owned business? If so, give the generational history of the business.**

Kimochi, Inc. is not a family-owned business. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a board of directors.

**d. Describe the ownership history when the business ownership is not the original owner or a family-owned business.**

There is no specific owner. Kimochi, Inc. has maintained its status as a 501(c)(3) registered, nonprofit organization since our establishment in 1971. This status has not changed.

**e. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30 years, the applicant will need to provide documentation of the existence of the business prior to current ownership to verify it has been in operation for 30+ years. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.**

Not applicable.

**f. Note any 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.**

None of Kimochi, Inc.'s sites are listed on any historic resources registry. The historic resource status of three of Kimochi's locations (1581 Webster Street, 1840-1844 Sutter Street and 1715 Buchanan Street) are classified by the Planning Department as Category B (Unknown / Age Eligible) with regard to the California Environmental Quality Act. The building at 1529-1531 Sutter Street is classified as Category C (No Historic Resource Present / Not Age Eligible).

## **CRITERION 2**

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

As described above in Kimochi's history, the organization began when a group of Sansei came together to help Issei and their caregivers gain access to public services and benefits, particularly those who were forcibly relocated to concentration camps and came back to San Francisco to rebuild their lives. Kimochi recognized that there were needs for elders in the Japantown/Western Addition community which was not being met by publicly-available resources. Thus, Kimochi's core mission focuses on filling that gap and offering culturally sensitive programs and services. This means that Kimochi's hot lunch and home-delivered meals program, which serves 150-300 seniors each day, is both nutritiously balance and culturally appropriate for the community (i.e., Japanese- or Asian-inspired meals). Kimochi's Social Services program has Japanese, Korean and English speaking social workers to offer support service to monolingual seniors and their family caregivers.

Kimochi's assisted living facility and adult day care program plans cultural performances and activities for seniors (e.g., calligraphy, origami-making, etc.). These are just some examples of how Kimochi provides culturally-sensitive programs and services that contribute significantly to the history and identity of the Japantown/Western Addition neighborhood.

Additionally, Kimochi's mission to promote greater senior independence and delay institutional care contributes to the identity of Japantown/Western Addition. Because we provide needed services to homebound seniors (e.g., home delivered meals and home visits), these seniors are able to stay in their homes and communities instead of being institutionalized at a senior home or assisted living facility.

**b. Is the business (or has been) associated with significant events in the neighborhood, the city, or the business industry?**

Kimochi's commitment to the Japanese American and Japanese-speaking community has gained national and international recognition over the past 47 years. Public officials and dignitaries often visit Kimochi to observe the inner workings of our programs and services and their impacts on the community. For example, Kimochi was honored to host a special visit by Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's wife, Lady Adei Abe, in April 2015. Then-Supervisor London Breed and President of the Board of Education Emily Murase also attended the visit with Lady Abe.

Kimochi participates yearly in the Northern California Cherry Blossom Annual Festival which takes place every April in San Francisco's Japantown. We sell our "famous" teriburgers as a fundraiser and community outreach.

Nihonmachi Street Fair is another Japantown festival which is held yearly in August. We have two booths at this event — volunteers sell our teriburgers and the seniors who take our ceramics class sell their handmade creations.

**c. Has the business ever been referenced in an historical context? Such as in a business trade publication, media, or historical documents?**

Over the past 47 years, Kimochi has been featured numerous times in various newspaper articles, local television networks, and other media outlets. They include the San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Chronicle, NBC Bay Area, KTSF-TV, KTVU, Nichi Bei Times, Hokubei Mainichi Newspaper, Nikkei West and Asian Week. Some examples are provided in enclosed supplementary documents.

Following is a link to an interview of Steve Nakajo on NBC Bay Area's Asian Pacific American with Robert Handa: <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/on-air/as-seen-on/2016-Kimochi-Spirit-Awards-Bay-Area-378838451.html>. This is one example of several television interviews and news pieces covering Kimochi and the work we do.

**d. Is the business associated with a significant or historical person?**

Co-founder Steve Nakajo is a celebrated civic leader and longtime champion of San Francisco's Japanese American community. In 1999, he addressed the Japanese National Conference on Aging in Tokyo on the history and philosophy of Kimochi as the only U.S. delegate invited to the conference. In 2007, he joined then-Mayor Gavin Newsom in Osaka to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco—Osaka Sister City relationship. In 2013, he was honored by the San Francisco Consul General of Japan for Kimochi Home's 30th anniversary. For the last 45 years, Steve has also been an instructor and lecturer in Japanese American and Asian Studies, sociology, social work, critical thinking and ethnic sensitivity training at San Francisco State University, San Jose State University and City College of San Francisco.

Steve has further contributed to the community by being one of the original organizers of the San Francisco Nihonmachi Street Fair and by being active with San Francisco's Japantown Cherry Blossom Festival for 46 years. In 2016, Nakajo received the Japan Foreign Minister's Commendation from the Japan Consul General in San Francisco, which recognizes esteemed individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in promoting relations between Japan and other countries. In 2017, Nakajo was a recipient of the Silver SPUR Award, which recognizes individuals who has made significant contributions to San Francisco and the Bay Area.

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

Kimochi's long history in providing vital, culturally-sensitive programs and services to seniors and their caregivers for 47 years demonstrates our enduring commitment to the community. In 2012, Kimochi purchased a property in San Mateo—our first site outside of San Francisco with the mission to expand our programs and services to a greater number of Bay Area seniors.

**f. Provide a description of the community the business serves.**

Kimochi serves seniors and their family caregivers in Japantown/Western Addition, greater San Francisco and San Mateo. While Kimochi's history is rooted in helping the Japanese American and Japanese-speaking community, the organization also serves seniors of other cultural backgrounds.

**g. Is the business associated with a culturally significant building/structure/site/object/interior?**

Kimochi's 1715 Buchanan St. location serves as Kimochi's administration headquarters and houses our administrative staff, Social Services program and Club Nikkei program. From 1946 to 1997, the building was home to the Tatsuno family's Nichi Bei Bussan, a retail store that sold imported Japanese products.

An article ran in March 29, 1997, edition of the San Francisco Chronicle that announced the closure of Nichi Bei Bussan and the change of ownership to Kimochi, Inc. Kimochi understood

the significance of the building's location and history in Japantown and embraced the opportunity to continue the tradition of care and support in the community. When Kimochi purchased the building, thoughtful renovation and planning was carried out to ensure building design preserved its simple Japanese characteristics, inside and out.

**h. How would the community be diminished if the business were to be sold, relocated, shut down, etc.?**

Kimochi serves 3,000 seniors each year from the Japantown/Western Addition neighborhood, greater San Francisco and San Mateo. We provide many programs and services to the community including: information and referral services; healthy aging and senior activities; health and consumer education lectures; social services program; a congregate and home delivered meals program; adult social day care; transportation program; and residential and respite care facility. Our culturally-sensitive programs and services fulfill vital and nuanced needs of an ethnic community that makes up the identity of the Japantown community. Many of our programs and services support senior independence which helps them remain in their homes and communities.

**CRITERION 3**

**a. Describe the business and the essential features that define its character.**

Created by "Kimochi" or "feeling" for elders. Kimochi, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides culturally sensitive care for seniors and their families that focuses on serving the Japanese American community. Today, the spirit of "kimochi" – appreciation for the Issei and Nisei (first generation Japanese American) generations' sacrifices and hardships—is integral to Kimochi's philosophy of care for the elderly. Services include transportation, referral and outreach services, health and consumer education seminars, healthy aging and senior activities, social services, congregate and home delivered meals, in-home support services, adult social day care and 24-hour residential and respite care.

The slogan of Kimochi, Inc. is "Continuing the Japanese tradition of providing care and support for seniors."

**b. How does the business demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the historical traditions that define the business, and which of these traditions should not be changed in order to retain the businesses historical character? (e.g., business model, goods and services, craft, culinary, or art forms)**

Founded on the Japanese tradition of care and support of our elders, we continue to serve in the spirit of "kimochi" – appreciation for older generations' sacrifices and hardships. Our programs and services are infused with that philosophy, and we especially value the role family and community plays in the aging of spouses, parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends. Today, as we transition our focus to developing services to meet the emerging needs of

Baby Boomers, we remember and honor the people from the past whose sacrifices paved the way for us.

**c. How has the business demonstrated a commitment to maintaining the special physical features that define the business? Describe any special exterior and interior physical characteristics of the space occupied by the business (e.g. signage, murals, architectural details, neon signs, etc.).**

We appreciate the history of San Francisco's Japantown/Western Addition neighborhood and the significant role it plays in the lives of many of our clients and their families. Upon entrance to our 1715 Buchanan Street building, visitors are greeted by a picture of Mr. Roy Abbey, a longtime Kimochi volunteer and client who lived to be 100. The framed picture reads, "I'm 91 years old, but people think I'm much younger. Kimochi's van takes me to Japantown for the lunch program and to teach my ceramics class. Kimochi helps keep me young." It encapsulates the reason why Kimochi exists and moves us to renew our commitment to our elder population each day.

**d. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30years; the applicant will need to provide documentation that demonstrates the current owner has maintained the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.**

Not applicable.

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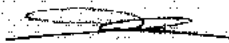
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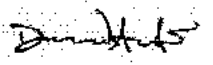
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KIMOCHI INC  
1715 BUCHANAN ST  
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94115-3208

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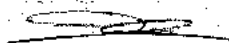
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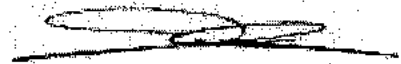
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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 140  
San Francisco, CA 94102

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Class Account H23 - 133457	Description FOOD PREP/SERV EXEMP	
Business Name KIMOCHI INC	Business Location 1531 SUTTER ST	Permit Number 002072

KIMOCHI INC  
1715 BUCHANAN ST  
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José Cisneros  
Treasurer

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Business Account Number 389763	Period Covered 04/01/2017 - 03/31/2018	Fee Paid \$0.00
Class Account H23 - 131843	Description FOOD PREP/SERV EXEMP	
Business Name KIMOCHI INC	Business Location 1531 SUTTER ST	Permit Number 002073

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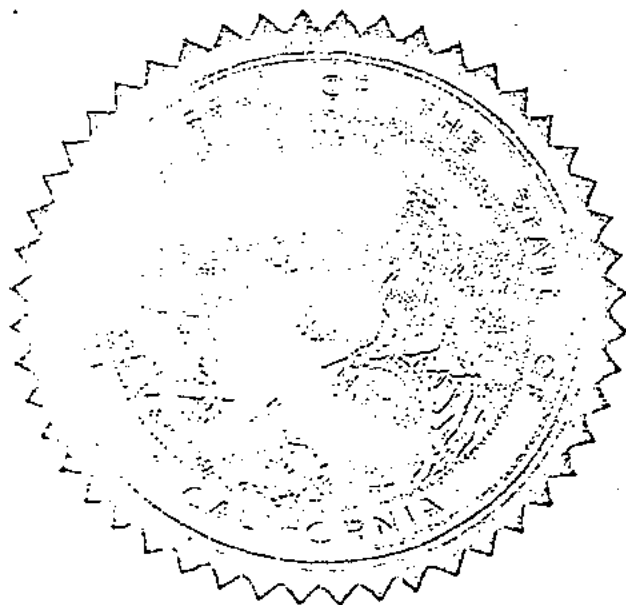
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the annexed transcript has been compared with the RECORD on file in this office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that same is full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute  
this certificate and affix the Great  
Seal of the State of California this

APR 22 1971



*Edmund G. Brown Jr.*  
Secretary of State

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
KIMOCHI, INC.

**ENDORSED  
FILED**  
In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California  
**APR 22 1971**

EDWARD G. BROWN Jr., Secretary of State  
By JAMES E. HARRIS  
Deputy

The name of this corporation shall be KIMOCHI, Inc..

The purposes for which this corporation is formed;

(a) The primary purposes are to provide for the social and cultural welfare of the senior citizens of the Japanese community in San Francisco, to promote interest in the community projects specifically serving the senior citizens in the Japanese community, and to promote intra-community communication through affiliation with other organizations in San Francisco.

(B) The general purposes and powers are to have all rights and powers conferred in non-profit corporations under the laws of the State of California, provided however, that the corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this corporation.

III

The county in this state where the principal office for this corporation is located is San Francisco.

IV

This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of California.

V

The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until the selection of their successors are:

Steve Nakajo  
Presiding Officer  
368 Arguello Blvd.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94118

Sandy Ouye  
Secretary  
1700 Bush St. #3  
San Francisco, Calif. 94109

Ron Kobata  
175 Wood St.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94118

## VI

The authorized number and qualifications of members of the corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability to dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

## VII

This corporation is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profits to the members thereof and it is organized solely for non-profit purposes. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this corporation holds any assets on trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the county in which this corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

## VIII

The name of the unincorporated association which is being incorporated is KIMOCHI, Inc..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the presiding officer and secretary, respectively, of KIMOCHI, Inc., the unincorporated association which is being incorporated hereby, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1971.

Steve Nakajo  
Steve Nakajo  
residing Officer  
68 Arguello Blvd.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94118

Sandy Guye  
Sandy Guye  
Secretary  
1700 Bush St. #3  
San Francisco, Calif. 94109

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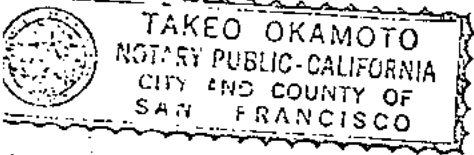
On this 6 day of April, 1971, before me, a

Notary Public for the State of California, with principal offices in  
TAKEO OKAMOTO, personally appeared Steve Nakajo and Sandy Ouye,  
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within Articles  
of Incorporation, and acknowledged to me that they executed same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official  
seal on the day and year first above written.

*Takao Okamoto*

NOTARY PUBLIC



TAKEO OKAMOTO  
My Commission Expires Feb. 20, 1973

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
( ss.  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO )

Mr. Steve Nakajo and Miss Sandy Ouye, being first duly sworn, each for himself, deposes and says:

That Mr. Steve Nakajo is the presiding officer and that Miss Sandy Ouye is the secretary of KIMOCHI, Inc., the unincorporated association mentioned in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation; that said association has duly authorized its incorporation and has authorized the undersigned, as said officers, to execute the Articles of Incorporation.

*Steve Nakajo*

*Sandy Ouye*

Steve Nakajo  
Presiding Officer  
163 Arguello Blvd.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94118

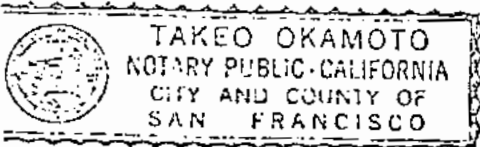
Sandy Ouye  
Secretary  
1700 Bush St. #3  
San Francisco, Calif. 94109

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of

April, 1971.

*Takeo Okamoto*

NOTARY PUBLIC



TAKEO OKAMOTO  
My Comm. expires Feb. 20, 1973

A. Attached.

B. Attached.

C. Attached.

D. Attached.

E. Kimochi, Inc. was organized to provide the Issei, Japanese American senior citizens, with a recreational project in order to give the Issei a chance to get together and to see different places and to provide various social services.

F. Kimochi, Inc.'s primary fund raising activity is its participation in various community bazaars. The other is donation-sales of ribbon fishes and flowers, plants, and candles which the Issei mostly made. A proposed fund raising activity is a benefit-movie at one of the community Japanese theaters.

G. Issei Lounge -- provide a rest place where Issei can read books, magazines, and newspapers which are available, listen to music, play various games, drink tea or coffee, or just to relax.

Social Service -- provide a referral service to existing social service agencies and aid in application of various social services.

Field Trips -- provide the Issei a opportunity to see places with friends or as a group.

Transportation Service -- provide the Issei a transportation to Senior Citizen Recreational Center and to shopping and to see their doctors, etc.

H. Bus Corner Service was terminated due to lack of interest by the Issei and the community. It was started since some Issei were afraid to go to Japanese theaters on weekend nights due to hazards and dangers of purse-snatching and muggings which were occurring. But only few Issei took advantage of the service and also due to a lack of man power, it was terminated after 2½ months.

I. Kimochi, Inc.'s funds has been and will be expended only for payment of services rendered and supplies furnished.

J. N/A

K. See attached Articles of Kimochi, Inc.

L. See attached Bylaws of Kimochi, Inc.



District Director  
Internal Revenue Service

Date: JUN 27 1973 In reply refer to: FL-1287, Code 428  
A: FA1239  
SF: EO:73-826

Kimochi, Incorporated  
1581 Webster Street #10  
San Francisco, California 94115

Gentlemen:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have further determined you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

You are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. You are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If your purposes, character, or method of operation is changed, you must let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status. Also, you must inform us of all changes in your name or address.

If your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$5,000, you are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, for failure to file a return on time.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Please keep this determination letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles E. Kingman*

District Director

This determination letter supercedes our prior determination letter dated September 23, 1971.



Exterior of the building for Kimochi Lounge  
1581 Webster Street, San Francisco, CA 94115



Kimochi Lounge is located on the bridge of the second floor in the Japantown Center

# KIMOCHI INC. 気持の会



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Need your blood pressure checked?  
A Self Check Blood Pressure Machine  
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Books and books should be returned  
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Thank you!

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COOKBOOK

**KIMOCHI**

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Small figurines and a potted plant on the shelf.

**Kimoichi Information**

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KIMOCHEE, INC.

**Senate**  
Kimoichi, Inc.

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KIMOCHEE, INC.

**Senate**  
Kimoichi, Inc.

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KIMOCHI

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1997年4月25日

**MUNDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
BERRY SHOPPING**

**KIMOCHI**  
KIMOCHEE, INC.

**Yes!**

**ORIGAMI HOUR**

Printer, potted plant, and various brochures on the desk.



Craft class at Kimochi Lounge

Exterior of Japanese Cultural and Community Center  
of Northern California (JCCCNC)  
1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115



Kimochi rents space in this building that accommodates our nutrition programs both congregate and home delivered meals, senior center activities and transportation program.



Kimochi's Nutrition Program







*Kimochi's transportation for seniors*



Kimochi Administration  
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Grand opening of  
Kimochi's office



Exterior of Kimochi Home  
1531 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

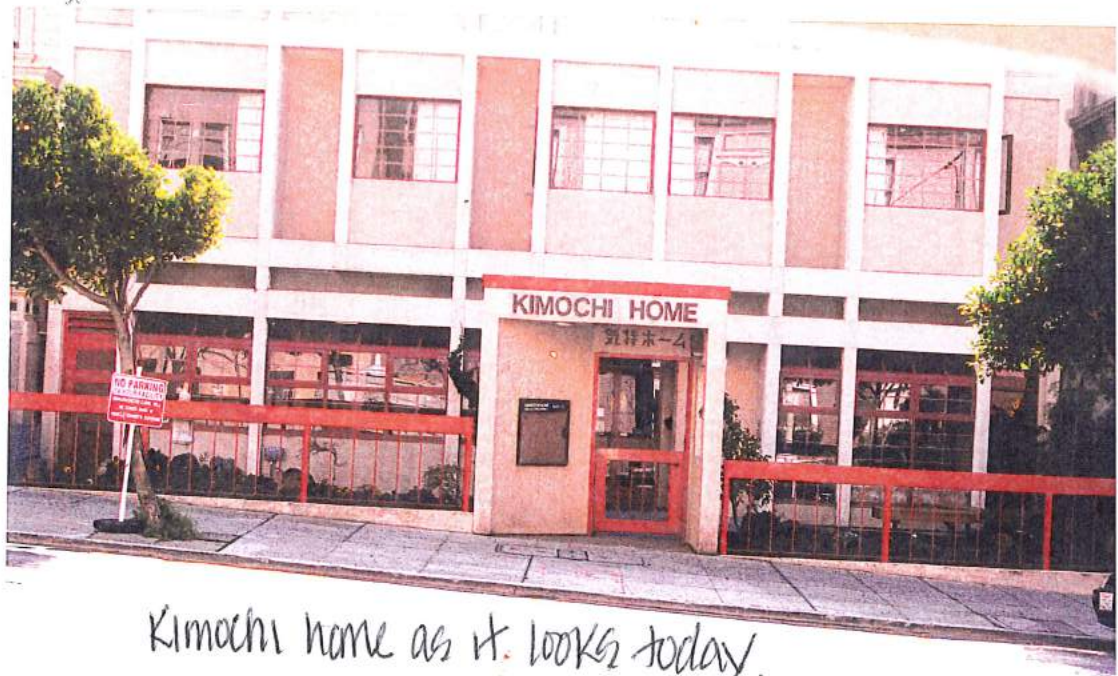




*Grand opening*



*Future site of Kimochi Home*



*Kimochi home as it looks today.*

Kimochi Home's  
entrance



Garden and  
sitting area  
inside the gate  
at Kimochi Home



At Kimochi Home...



Entertainment

Adult Social Day Care includes lunch at Kimochi Home



Exercise class







Examiner / Sid Tate

Ken Matola escorts an oldster to and from shopping at Lucky Store in the Western Addition

## CETA gives seniors a hand

By Lon Daniels

**T**HE WESTERN PARK Apartments building on Laguna Street has imposing views on moonlit nights when residents of the upper floors can watch shimmering reflections from the Bay Bridge and ships passing over the waters.

But sometimes the lights go out unexpectedly for the residents of the building, such as when Effie Cross was knocked unconscious and two teen-agers tried to snatch her purse containing about \$2.

Cross is one of those who has been mugged in this neighborhood, which includes Hayward Field, housing projects and Cathedral Hill. The often-vicious attacks, which many times occurred while victims were going to and from nearby stores or waiting at bus stops, have brought about the creation of a senior citizens escort service.

The service, according to some of those victimized, has reduced the number of muggings drastically.

Cross, when attacked, had just finished spending most of a \$10 bill at a supermarket.

She recalled the incident in a parking lot near the site of the attack. During the course of that interview, she said she enjoys talking, that she moved here from Arkansas in the late 1950s and that she still corresponds with people she met on a cruise to Hawaii in 1959. Her daughter, she said, cautions her about being so friendly.

Her recollections of the mugging are told without bitterness.

"We all get scared," said Cross,

referring to the other senior citizens in her building. "I don't carry my purse on my arm any more."

Cross's purse was on her arm when she was attacked by the two youths. It had only been a month since she first moved into the housing complex.

She said the assailants "pushed me down. But I fell on my purse and they couldn't get it. I passed out."

When she came to, "one of them had gotten me up and was trying to get the purse off my arm. I didn't look up. I didn't want them to see my face and I didn't want to see theirs. I had a death grip on the purse. He (the assailant) was sawing back and forth trying to get it. Then I saw blood on my arm. The double plastic straps on the purse had tore a hole in my arm. I started screaming."

"Lo and behold," she said, "a PG&E truck passed by."

As the utility company employees came to her aid, "the boys ran off," she said.

Semma Goddard, who was instrumental in getting the escort project started, said that since its inception six months ago the program has grown to the point that it now helps about 300 people a week.

The service is operated Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is sponsored by Kimachi, a Japantown-based, senior citizen-oriented organization.

The service is financed through the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, which provides enough to pay

Goddard and two male escorts each \$230 a month for a year.

In addition to the housing complex where Cross lives, several convalescent homes and low-cost housing units for seniors are in the area. Almost in the center of the apartment buildings and housing projects sits, halfway up a hill, a Lucky Store, where many of the elderly women who still do some of their own cooking shop.

The Western Park, for instance, serves dinners five days a week, but at breakfast and lunch and on weekends the tenants must fend for themselves.

"It's a high-crime area," Goddard said. "There are a lot of old ladies around here. Muggers just love old ladies."

Muggers, though, didn't give Goddard the kick that propelled her into starting the program.

One day, she said, she had finished shopping at Lucky's when she noticed "two elderly women with groceries struggling up that hill. They would walk 10 or 20 steps, rest, then start again."

"I couldn't do anything," she said. "I had groceries too."

Goddard, 70, thought it was "a shame" and said so in telephone calls to local officials. The officials referred her to the CETA office, which asked Goddard for a proposal to remedy the problem.

CETA officials told Goddard the program would have to be administered through a community-based organization. Kimachi, which already had a food program for seniors going, was chosen.

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## Kimochi Raises \$20,000 Toward \$30,000 Needed to Buy Building for Board-Care Home

### NEED \$250,000 FOR REHABILITATION

With about six weeks left in its current fund raising campaign, Kimochi Inc. has raised \$20,000 (as of Nov. 1) of the \$30,000 needed to purchase the two lots and the buildings at 1734-38 Laguna St. The structures will be renovated into a board and care home for Japanese senior citizens in Nihonmachi.

Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi Inc., said the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency gave the organization 180 days to raise the \$30,000, and this time period will be up at the end of December. Through fund raising projects and donations ranging from \$10 to \$1,000, Kimochi has neared its goal. They also have an additional \$4,500 in pledges.

Support for the home has come from as far away as Idaho in the United States and Kyoto, Japan.

### Rev. Ogawa to Quit Sycamore

BY CERRITO — Rev. Brian  
Sycamore

When Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Yoshida of Burlingame went to Japan recently, Masayo Yoshida visited her mother, Rev. Kōji Hirao, in Kyoto. Rev. Hirao showed her daughter an article in the Kyoto Shinbun detailing the fundraising efforts of the Kimochi-Kai. After Mrs. Yoshida explained the project in more detail, Rev. Hirao made a donation to Kimochi, Inc.

Kimochi has been allocated \$35,000 from the Mayor's Office of Community Development as well as \$52,000 from the Commission on Aging. This money can be used only to cover renovation costs and will be available to Kimochi once the property is purchased. Plans for the renovation and rehabilitation of the buildings have been developed by the Community Design Center with total costs estimated at \$250,000.

Proceeds from the Taiko Dojo 10th anniversary program and the Nikkei Lions Club women's auxiliary charity fashion show held recently benefited the board and care home.

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# The Quiet World Of Nihon Machi

Photography: Lisa Kanemoto



■ They are the quiet people. In this gentle, restrained world there are no strident voices, no overt gestures. These are the oldtimers, the first generation Japanese, known in the community as *issei*.

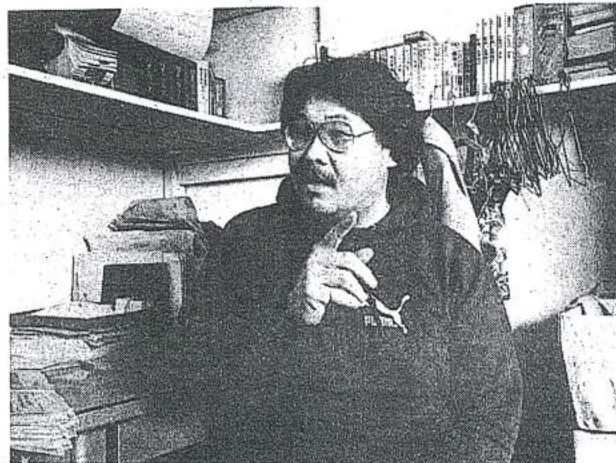
And yet they have probably seen more life, known more sorrow than most. At first, fear and discrimination because they were alien. Then the winds of war, a nightmare that sent an entire community to concentration camps. Later, children and grandchildren who grew up and away, leaving Nihon Machi and the old customs and traditions, forgetting how it was.

But the faces reflect none of this. Here is only beauty, serenity. The images by Lisa Kanemoto, a Caucasian photographer married to a Japanese, were taken for the most part at Kimochi, a senior center in Japantown where the language is predominantly Japanese.

Kimochi — the word means “feelings” — was started by *sansei*, young third-generation Japanese-Americans. “Most of us,” admits Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi, “didn’t think we could relate to our grandparents. We didn’t understand them. We didn’t know the language. But we found they were teaching us words in Japanese embedded deep in our minds. We became bilingual.” □



Kimochi volunteer Laura Takeuchi, a Sansai, said she is happy to work with the elderly because they are "very sweet and so grateful even for little things."



Executive Director Steve Nakajo stressed that he attempts to bring all the generations of Japanese Americans together at Kimochi.

# Bringing the generations

*Kimochi Inc. serves the elderly while involving the younger generations*

By Leslie Hamanaka

The Japanese American senior citizen service organization known as Kimochi Inc. will mark its 12th anniversary in May. Kimochi provides services such as a hot lunch program of Japanese meals to 220 persons each day, operating a senior lounge in the Webster Street Bridge of Japan Center, providing transportation services, home and hospital visits, health screenings and recreational excursions.

The Kimochi Home Project is nearing completion, with an anticipated Open House to take place in March. The Kimochi Home will be a residential care/adult day care/senior center facility providing Japanese bilingual and bicultural services. No such facility exists in the Bay Area at the present time, yet there are an estimated 1,300 elderly Japanese Americans in San Francisco, an increasing number of whom require assistance in the activities of daily living due to physical,

mental or emotional disabilities.

Kimochi's executive director, Steve Nakajo remembers when he and some friends from San Francisco State University first encountered some of the problems in the Japanese American senior community. "Here were these issues we didn't have any teeth, couldn't see or had tuberculosis saying, 'No, no, doctors are too expensive, dentists are too expensive.' They had worked all their lives but didn't want to ask for the care they deserved," Nakajo said.

He pointed out that pride and the Japanese culture with its emphasis on honor had much to do with the silence of the Japanese American elderly about some of the difficulties they were having. Not that a group before Kimochi had specifically asked them.

"Nobody had a self-help concept at all," said Nakajo. "What we were doing was totally new. It was foreign and unfamiliar to the elderly for them to climb into a Kimochi vehicle."

Photos by Toru Kawana



Anna Suzuki, 92, is grateful for the hot meals provided at the Kimochi Home.

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# Generations together

## Japanese American elderly merely isolated young

and come down to the Nutrition Project center to have lunch." But that bridge was eventually crossed, and Nakajo is aware of how the seniors themselves were instrumental in making the idea work. "They were very kind to allow us in our enthusiasm and our zeal to do this," he said. "We were very young and idealistic."

One of the basic tenets of the organization is that it is important for all generations of Japanese Americans to participate in Kimochi's activities. The creation of a healthy, supportive and friendly atmosphere for the elderly might not come about without input from a variety of people from different age groups.

Volunteers help set up the dining tables, serve lunches, walk or drive the home delivery lunches to shut-ins, clean tables, perform clerical tasks and help out at fundraising events. According to David Ishida, Nutrition Program Director, there are approximately 50 core group

volunteers, which includes the Kimochi Board of Directors, the Board and Care Task Force, and the Nutrition Program Council, all advisory committees.

The number of volunteers swells to about 150 when one includes those who participate in such activities as making sushi or teriyaki for special events, staffing the food booths at the Nihonmachi Street Fair and other festivals, or dealing cards at the Monte Carlo Night fundraiser.

There are 32 paid staff members, and approximately one-third are senior citizens. Funding is provided by the United Way, the San Francisco Commission on Aging and donations from businesses, organizations and individuals.

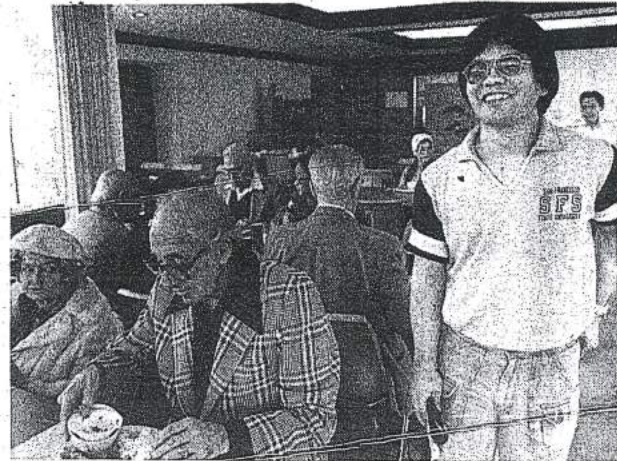
Most of the donations are currently being put toward the Kimochi Home Project, which has raised about \$700,000 to date. They are still trying to meet the Clem Oyama Challenge by March 31, which stipulates that for every \$2 raised by Kimochi, Oyama will donate \$1, up to \$100,000.

Mr. Oyama's challenge grant follows a similar one given by the Koret Foundation which challenged Kimochi to raise \$200,000 in cash and pledges in order to receive another \$100,000 from Koret. The challenge was met.

The major upcoming fundraising event is a celebration dinner to commemorate the completion of Kimochi Home. It will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Garden Court of the Sheraton Palace Hotel. In mid-March there will be a dance at the Kabuki Night Club in Japantown.

Some of Kimochi's volunteers are students at S.F. State University where Nakajo teaches courses about the Japanese American community. He encourages his students, many of them Sanseis, to get involved in the community and see first-hand what goes on there.

Nakajo believes that the relocation camp experience during World War II caused a large segment of the Nisei population to assimilate rapidly into white society—to work hard, send their children to college and, significantly, to move away from the Japanese American community. At least two things have resulted from the relative lack of cohesiveness in the greater Japanese American community: the Isseis remained in or near the community and had little support or contact outside of their own Japanese-speaking generation, and the



Weekend meals coordinator Steve Ishii was introduced to Kimochi through Nakajo's Japanese American community course at San Francisco State University.

Sansei grew up not knowing exactly where they fit in.

Nakajo sees the progression of events since the World War II internment as an integral part of the present-day Japanese American community.

"The Nisei had to assimilate. They were constantly being asked, 'Where are your loyalties?' And if their loyalties were with Japan it was no good. It would have justified their being put in camps."

Laura Takeuchi, a Sansei volunteer, grew up in Walnut Creek where there were two Asians at her high school. She said she felt quite isolated from the Japanese American community in Japantown.

Takeuchi heard about the programs at Kimochi when she took an Asian Studies course while attending U.C. Berkeley. She has been a volunteer for about two years, working three to four hours a day twice a week in addition to her regular job as a manager/bookkeeper at a hair salon.

She enjoys working with the elderly and says that they are "very sweet and so grateful even for little things."

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"One day one of the women was bothered by her arthritis, so I brought her lunch to her room. She was so grateful for that," Takeuchi said.

The weekday nutrition program is held in the basement of the Konko Church and on weekends meals are served in the dining room of Nihonmachi Terrace. Weekend meals coordinator Steve Ishii took Steve Nakajo's Japanese American community course as a freshman at S.F. State and used to see Nakajo in Japantown, where Ishii grew up. He has been working at Kimochi ever since, putting in volunteer hours as a dishwasher as well as coordinating meals on weekends and holidays.

The seniors are appreciative of the dedication of the staff and volunteers. "Kimochi is a very nice group—so wonderful and helpful," said Mrs. Nobuko Nagai, 86. "They take very good care of me."



Mrs. Nobuko Nagai, 86, gets meals on the weekends at the Nihonmachi Terrace.



Church in Japantown.

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CARICATURES by JACK MATSUOKA



KIMOCHI HOME CELEBRATION/FUND RAISING DINNER  
SHERATON - PALACE HOTEL FEB. 24 1983

Community artist Jack Matsuoka was one of the 800 guests attending the Kimochi Home's Celebration Dinner held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel on Feb. 24.

In the above drawing, he captures the honored guests and friends of Kimochi, Inc. who were seated at the head table.

They are (l. to r.): San Francisco's Taiko Dojo (in back); Louise Kamikawa, director of the

Pacific/Asian Resource Center on Aging; Joyce Ream, director of the San Francisco Commission on Aging; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Friend, Koret Foundation; Mayor Dianne Feinstein; Mr. and Mrs. Clem Oyama, Kimochi board member; Hisao Inouye, chairman of the board of directors of Kimochi, Inc.; Wendy Tokuda and Benh Nakajo, mistress and master of ceremonies.

Sandy Ouye Mori, project coordinator of the

Kimochi Home; Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi, Inc.; San Francisco Supervisor John Molinari (back); Tsuyako (Sox) Kitashima, Kimochi board member; Katherine Nunotani, Kimochi board member; San Francisco Supervisor Louise Renne; Rich Eijima, Kimochi staff member (back); David Ishida, director of Kimochi Nutrition Program; and San Francisco Supervisor Bill Maher.

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## Mayor Feinstein Helps . . . Kimochi Raises \$28,000 at Fund-Raising Dinner

Eight hundred persons attended the Kimochi Home Project Celebration/Fund-Raising dinner Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Garden Court of the Sheraton Palace hotel. A no-host cocktail hour took place in the Ralston room where classical music was provided by Davis Law, violinist, and Joan Nagano, pianist. Under the direction of Seiichi Tanaka, the San Francisco Tai-ko Dojo Drummers opened up the program by setting the special atmosphere and mood with their performance. Co-emcees Wendy Tokuda

and Benh Nakajo introduced Hisao Inouye, chairman of Kimochi board of directors, who gave opening greetings. Dinner was served with a menu of spinach salad with vinaigrette dressing, petit New York steak with teriyaki sauce, rice pilaf, fresh broccoli Polonaise and finally strawberry mousse. Presentations of certificates to Kimochi, inc. were from the following: San Francisco board of supervisors, presented by Supervisor (Continued on last page)



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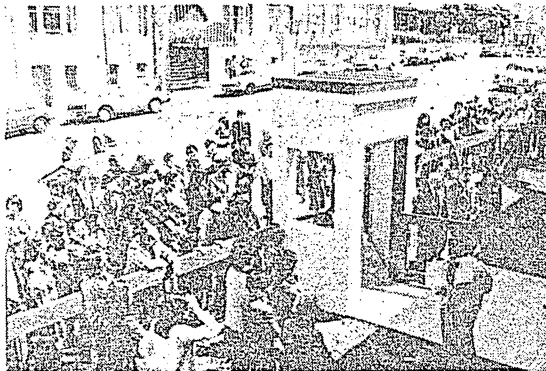
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## Two-Day Celebration . . . Kimochi Home Open House, 12th Anniversary Festival



**RIBBON CUTTING** — From top—Crowd of well wishers crowd around the gateway to the newly completed Kimochi Home project at Sutter and Octavia sts. Saturday morning. Ribbon was cut by, from left to right, Toshio Murata, George Clem Oyama, Hisao Inouye and Steve Nakajo with

Sandy Ouye Mori in center background and Benh Nakajo in back at left. Guests attending the open house partake of light refreshments. Bottom photo shows one of four double occupancy rooms on the second floor.

(Nichi Bei Times photo by Chikako Igarashi)

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## NISSAN TO MARKET 1ST AUTOMATIC WINDSHIELD WIPER

TOKYO, May 16 — (Jiji Press) — Nissan Motor co., the nation's second largest carmaker, has developed the world's first raindrop detecting automatic windshield wiper and will put it on the market Friday.

The windshield wiper automatically and continuously varies its operating speed according to the intensity and frequency of raindrops. Conventional ones require users to switch manually in accordance with the quantity and intensity of rain.

The wiper will sell for 8,800 yen (\$38), excluding fitting.

## WASHINGTON REPARATION BILL FOR 38 NIKKEI

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 16 — Thirty-eight Japanese Americans who lost their state jobs during World War II will receive up to \$5000 under a reparations bill signed into law Friday by Governor John Spellman.

The 38 are among the 120,000 Japanese Americans on the West Coast who were held in relocation camps during the war.

Under the bill, they will receive \$2500 a year for two years.

The bill made a swift journey through the legislature but wasn't without opponents, who argued that the legislature was trying to "buy off our consciences."

Others said the bill was discriminatory because it singled out state employees and ignored hundreds of other people who suffered from relocation.

## Gordon Arakawa Top Winner . . . BoFA Achievement Award Winners in East Bay, Fresno



GORDON ARAKAWA

STOCKTON, May 16 — Gordon Arakawa, a Lincoln High school senior, has earned \$2000 in cash as a first-place winner in Bank of America's Achievement Awards area competition for top students in science and mathematics.

Arakawa earned the right to compete in the day-long Achievement Awards finals in Concord Thursday, May 5, by winning zone competition that involved only San Joaquin County students last month. In Concord, each competed against eight other zone winners.

## Foreign Ministry's Rept Baldrige's Ja Visit, Summi

TOKYO, May 16 — (Jiji Press) — U.S. commerce secretary Malcolm Baldrige and his deputy Lionel Omer will arrive in Japan Tuesday for talks on Japan's industrial policy with foreign minister Shintaro Abe as well as international trade and industry minister Sadanori Yamanaka and other officials of his ministry.

Abe, scheduled to meet with Baldrige Wednesday, will try to persuade the U.S. secretary, in cooperation with Yamanaka, to eliminate the Americans' misunderstanding of Japan's industrial policy.

The Americans have criticized Japanese industrial policy, saying that the Japanese government has been subsidizing certain industrial sectors to improve their overseas competitiveness to the disadvantage of

## Nikkei Mass Incarceration San Jose City Probe Intern

SAN JOSE, May 16 — The City Council will consider Tuesday night whether to establish a commission to investigate the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans in Santa Clara County during World War II, Jon Kawamoto, San Francisco Examiner staff writer, reported.

"I think we have a duty to educate people that no one, under any condition, should have their constitutional rights denied them and their dignity taken from them as did the Ja-

He is a member of the speech team, the karate team, the Asian Club, the golf team and the California Scholarship Federation.

A violinist, Arakawa is serving his fourth year as concertmaster of the Central Valley Youth Symphony. He played with the Modesto Symphony during his sophomore and junior years.

He is the son of Kiyoshi Arakawa, Stockton branch manager of California First bank, and Mrs. Arakawa.

A runner-up winner in the Bank of America East Bay Achievement Awards was Siobhan Mihara of Alameda High school, Alameda, in the applied and fine arts.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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## Japantown's new multi-use home for the elderly

By Malcolm Glover  
Examiner staff writer

The Kimochi Home, a combination residential and adult day care center for seniors of Japanese-American ancestry and the first facility of its kind in any Asian-American community in the United States, will open here within the next two weeks.

An innovation of the Kimochi Home is that it has all three centers — residential, day care and senior citizen — under one roof. It is designed to accommodate those over 62 who, because of physical, mental or emotional difficulties, need supervision.

It is also aimed at those in the low-income bracket, and fees will be adjusted accordingly.

The new two-story building, built at a cost of \$1.3 million, is nestled between two old Victorian-type houses on Sutter Street near Octavia Street, along the eastern edge of Japantown.

The top floor consists of eight single and six double rooms, according to Sandy Mori, coordinator of the Kimochi Home project, plus a supervisors' area and a sitting room.

The first, or main floor, consists of several rooms suitable for meetings, socializing, games and eating. About 25 people can be accommodated at the adult care center and between 40 and 50 in the senior center portions of the first floor.

The 20 future residents of the home are housed in rest homes, private residences and with relatives, but, Mori said, "many are out of their own environment and feel like lost souls."

Kimochi Home was the brain child of members of Kimochi, Inc. whose members are Sansel (third-generation Japanese-Americans) and who wanted to show their respect and feelings toward the Issei (first-generation), and the Nisei (second-generation).

"This is our way of showing them (the elders) that we respect them and support the aging process as they grow older," Mori added.

"The emphasis is on inter-generational working together," said Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi, Inc., a non-profit group formed 12 years ago to provide services for senior citizens of Japanese-American ancestry.

There are about 13,000 Japanese-Americans in San Francisco, according to the last census. Approximately 11 percent of these are elderly, according to Mori.

The home is the latest form of Sansel expression. Previously they set up a hot lunch program, an escort service, interpreter and translation assistance, weekly outings, help in filling out Social Security forms, and a lounge in the Japan Trade Center where the seniors can socialize and play cards.

Approximately \$1.1 million of the overall \$1.3 million cost of the project was raised from private donations and contributors, according to Mori. Although \$285,000 came from the mayor's Office for Community Development, "the majority came in the form of \$5 and \$10 contributions from the citizenry," she added.

Kimochi Home is the only center in the Bay Area that provides Japanese bilingual and bicultural services.

Construction of the home began in February 1982.



Executive director Steve Nakajo in front of the new Kimochi Home for seniors, which is really three centers in one

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## Stanford University Establishes . . . Study Center in Kyoto, Japan

STANFORD — Stanford University Monday, Dec. 1, announced the establishment of a new study center for Stanford students in Kyoto, Japan, with the cooperation of Kyoto University.

The start of what will be a major long-term academic relationship between the two universities was announced by Yasunori Nishijima, president of Kyoto University, and Donald Kennedy, president of Stanford University, in an informal ceremony at the Kyoto campus.

Also participating in the announcement were three faculty members who have been instrumental in designing the new program: Prof. Thomas Heller of Stanford, director of the University's Overseas Studies Program; Prof. Michida Shin-ichiro, chairman of Kyoto's International Exchange Committee; and Prof. Masahiko Aoki, a faculty member of both universities, currently at Stanford.

The center will provide two programs, which will offer to a wide spectrum of Stanford students classes about Japanese economic and industrial organization, plus life and culture, as well as a focal point for research and academic exchanges between faculties of the two universities.

Stanford has had strong and growing ties with Japan and the Pacific Rim nations for years. Its Northeast Asia-United States Forum on International Policy is unique, and since the University's founding in 1891, students have been coming to the campus from Japan.

Stanford already administers, on behalf of more than a dozen American and Canadian universities, the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Tokyo. Its director is Prof. Robert Ward of the Center for Research on International Studies. Some 30 students, selected in a highly competitive process, attend each year.

"At the same time, we need to reach out into other places in the world that have become more important to Americans."

The first of the two programs, the Stanford Center for Technology and Innovation, will provide six months of study in Kyoto for Stanford students preparing for technical, managerial or governmental roles. Classes, to be taught in English by Stanford and Japanese professors, will focus on the study of technology and innovation and their impact upon advanced industrial societies.

After three months of classes, the students — 25 to 30 at a time — are expected — will spend another three months as interns at Japanese and multinational firms. Young middle-management Japanese and Americans are expected to be sent to Kyoto by their firms to participate in special programs and to join the Stanford students in the classes as auditors.

The second program, the Kyoto Program in Japanese Studies, is designed for students with a strong background in Japanese language and culture. Stanford will administer this program for a consortium of universities. The present members are Princeton, Yale and Brown. Others are interested.

The goal here is to establish a challenging program for students considering academic careers as specialists on Japan or whose professional careers require in-depth knowledge of Japan.

"We couldn't establish a program in Japan focused only on the humanities, as we do in other overseas campuses," said Heller, "because not enough students are studying the language."

"But it is important that our many students whose fields are in engineering, science or business, and whose life work will be in high-technology pro-

cesses, feel this new program at Kyoto will solidify the many long-standing relationships Stanford faculty already have developed in Japan in their own fields.

"Every year, Stanford gets about 150 graduate students from Japan, sent by their companies for focused research toward advanced degrees. Over the past several decades, they have become a significant pool of influential managers and administrators in their companies."

Stanford's Overseas Studies Program, started in 1958, now has centers in England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain and Israel. This summer, a pilot program opened in Poland. In addition, Stanford directs the Inter-Collegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome and similar programs in Brazil and Peru.

Approximately 30 per cent of Stanford undergraduates study overseas as part of their regular curriculum. Of this group, 73 per cent regard their experience as "excellent," the most favorable survey response to any single facet of the University.

## Kimochi Lounge to Remain in Japantown Center Bridge

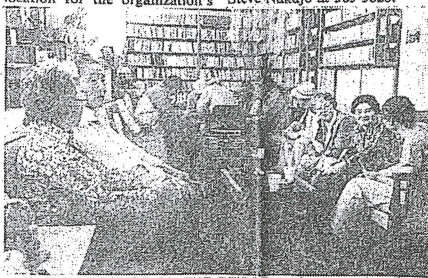
For over 15 years, the Kimochi Lounge has been the primary meeting place for Japanese-American seniors to gather and socialize, and will remain as it is.

Located in the Japan Trade Center, it houses a comprehensive Japanese library and displays arts and crafts made by seniors.

During Kimochi's inception, the lounge served as the first location for the organization's

activities offering evening escort services, social services and day trips.

Brightly decorated with hand-crafted ribbon fish, mobiles and knitted ornaments made by the seniors, the lounge is open from Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon until 4 p.m. by volunteers. Anyone wishing to help volunteer, call Steve Nakajo at 563-5626.



KIMOCHI LOUNGE ON THE BRIDGE — Japanese American seniors gather at the Kimochi Lounge to socialize or have a friendly game of cards. (Photo by Allen Say)

## Plans Now Underway for 'Extravaganza '87'

STANFORD — "Extravaganza '87," an Asian cultural festival held on the Stanford campus, is tentatively set for the second or third week of April 1987.

Members of the Extravaganza '87 committee held their first meeting in early November to discuss activities for the festival consisting of diverse performers, arts and crafts and culinary delights.

"Extravaganza" has been held every year since 1982. The event is sponsored by Okada

This year's committee, comprised of Okada House Theme Associates and the Extravaganza consultant, Taeko Brown, started off the new school year with a delightful brunch where new and exciting ideas for the event were discussed. The committee would like to see the fifth anniversary of the festival an enjoyable, enlightening and unforgettable day for all.

For more information, call Steve Dial, 322-6370; Fidelia Butt, 321-4293; Laurie Iwami, 327-3815; Alvin Lee, 322-6370; and Jimmy Shinato, 853-1539, or

## BAKER TO ATTEND INT'L CURRENCY SUMMIT IN N.Y.

WASHINGTON — (Jiji Press) — Secretary of the treasury James Baker will attend an international currency summit to be held in New York on Dec. 4 and 5, a department spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman said Baker will deliver a speech on currency, financial, trade and debt problems on the first day of the summit next Thursday.

Also expected to take part in the summit from the U.S. are deputy secretary of the treasury Richard Darman, assistant secretary of the treasury for international affairs David Mulford, U.S. trade representative Clayton Yeutter and Gerald Corrigan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The summit, the third of its kind, is sponsored by a bipartisan group of senators and congressmen led by Sen. Bill Bradley, D., New Jersey, and Rep. Jack Kemp, R., New York.

It is a forum to exchange views on currency problems among politicians, government officials and private currency and financial experts from Japan and European countries as well as the United States.

## Japan, U.S. Draw Sealand Defense Scenarios

TOKYO — (Jiji Press) — The Japanese self-defense forces (SDFs) and the U.S. forces will mainly play roles of "shield" and "spear," respectively, to protect Japan's strategic sealanes stretching southward in the Pacific.

Defense agency sources told

## RICHMOND SEEKS 'AMBASSADORS' FOR JAPAN TRIP

Jiji Press Monday that the SDFs and the U.S. forces have drawn four scenarios on protecting the sealanes from "horizontal" escalation of a possible war in Southwest Asia or in the Persian Gulf, as a result of their joint study conducted since March 1983.

The scenarios are broadly divided into two — an enemy's simultaneous attack on the sealanes and its landing on Hokkaido, northernmost Japan, and an enemy's attack on only the sealanes for a long period of

## U.S. Official Says . . . Strong Yen Is Not Helping Improve Trade Imbalance

WASHINGTON — (Jiji Press) — A monetary authorities

source said Friday that the strong yen against the dollar has so far made no substantial contribution to rectifying the U.S. trade imbalance with Japan.

He also said that no improvement in the bilateral trade imbalance can be expected unless Japan changes the structure of its market to make it more open to foreign products.

The commerce department announced Wednesday that the U.S. trade deficit with Japan in October amounted to \$4.982 billion, jumping 20.9 per cent over the previous month.

The overall U.S. trade deficit fell four per cent to \$12.059 billion in the month, posting a decline for a third consecutive month.

However, the source said that it is still premature to consider that the currency realignment seen since the autumn of last year has begun to contribute to improvement in the overall trade balance.

## CHANGING YEN TO DOLLARS WILL BECOME EASIER

TOKYO — Japanese tourists bound for the United States enjoy seeing how far the strong yen goes against the dollar.

Next summer it will be even easier for them to swap their yen for greenbacks when money changing machines are installed at airports and some banks.

The new machines take only a few seconds to convert yen into the proper amount of U.S. currency as set by that day's exchange rate, says a spokesman for the Bank of Tokyo, which developed the machines with Fujitsu, Ltd., a computer and electronics maker.

The machines will dispense U.S. bills, but not coins. Change will be returned in yen.

The machines are to be placed in the Tokyo and Osaka international airports beginning in July, as well as main offices of the Bank of Tokyo.

Tourists returning to Japan with dollars must change them back into the old-fashioned way.

A bank spokesman said it will be some time before a dollar-to-yen exchanger can be developed because of the difficulty in detecting bogus U.S. bills.

## Alumax Buyback from Japanese Joint Venture Partners

GREENWICH, Conn. — Amamax inc., parent of San Mateo-based aluminum producer Alumax inc., said the

## Dollar Closes Lower at Y161.73 in Tokyo

TOKYO — (Jiji Press) — The U.S. dollar closed at 161.73 yen on the Tokyo foreign exchange market Monday, down 0.47 yen from last week.

The dollar ranged from 161.40 yen to 162.00 yen with the most actively traded median rate standing at 161.55 yen compared with 162.40 yen last Friday. Turnover totaled some \$3.086 billion.

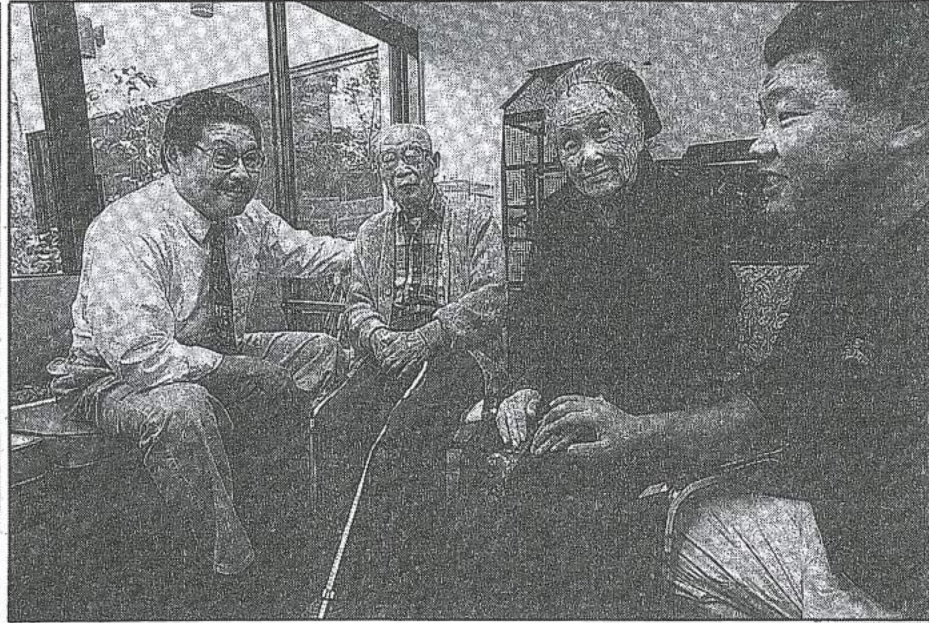
The U.S. unit opened 0.63 yen lower at 161.57 yen following dollar selling abroad triggered by further developments involving "secret" sales of weapons to Iran by the United States.

The dollar then fell further to a day's low of 161.40 yen at the close of trading by

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Steve Nakajo, left, Hamilton Niwa of Kimochi with residents Shigenobu Matsumoto, 94, Mito Imaizumi, 99.

# 'Sansei Live' spans the generations to raise funds

## Japanese American benefit brings community together

By Annie Nakao  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

THEY GREW up, got jobs and had kids. Now some of these sansei, or third-generation Japanese Americans, are pushing 50, but the community celebration they created 11 years ago still goes on.

"Sansei Live," the extravagant fund-raiser for Kimochi Home, enters its second decade when co-hosts KGO-TV anchor Sydnie Kohara and writer Ben Fong-Torres kick off the celebration at San Francisco's Giftcenter Pavilion on Saturday.

The annual benefit has become the hottest social scene for young Asians in The City.

It was the young sansei who created Kimochi senior program and other community projects after the San Francisco State University strike of 1968.

Kimochi, which means "feelings," has become a critical part of the city's Japanese American community. With its annual budget of \$1.1 million, the center provides seniors with residential care, recreation, meals, social services and transportation.

Its beneficiaries: aging issei, or the pioneer generation of Japanese who settled in this country at the

story residential home in 1983.

Last year, Kimochi had a mortgage-burning ceremony on its 10th anniversary after it paid off the last \$20,000 of the \$200,000 mortgage — becoming the first community service nonprofit in Japantown to own its own building.

For co-founder and executive director Steve Nakajo, it was clearly sansei activism that fueled such programs.

"The movement was about us and our expression," said Nakajo, who was 24 when he helped found Kimochi.

Now 47 and the father of a 16-year-old son, Nakajo said it's time to look to the young — the yonsei, or fourth generation.

"Now we have these youngbloods in their 20s, coming out of college and going to work. There has to be an organization that reaches out to them."

Hence, this year's "Sansei

Live!" theme, "Issho-Ni," meaning "together" in Japanese.

"Hopefully, they will begin to become aware of this whole organization and learn what it's like to help their parents, the sansei, as they get older," said Tony Naganuma, who helped design the colorful program for this year's show.

The theme also reflects the pan-Asian appeal of the benefit, he said.

"It's a coming together of the Asian community," said Naganuma. "That's what Kimochi is all about."

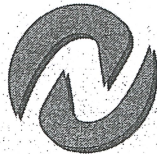
Fong-Torres, author of the recently published "The Rice Room," playwright Philip Kan Gotanda, poet Janice Mirikitani and writer Holly Uyemoto are among the 10 authors being honored at "Sansei Live!"

"Sansei Live!" begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Giftcenter Pavilion, 888 Brannan Street. Call 931-2294 for tickets.

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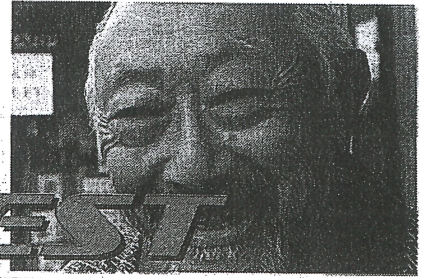
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## New Kimochi Senior Center to Serve, Preserve Culture and Values

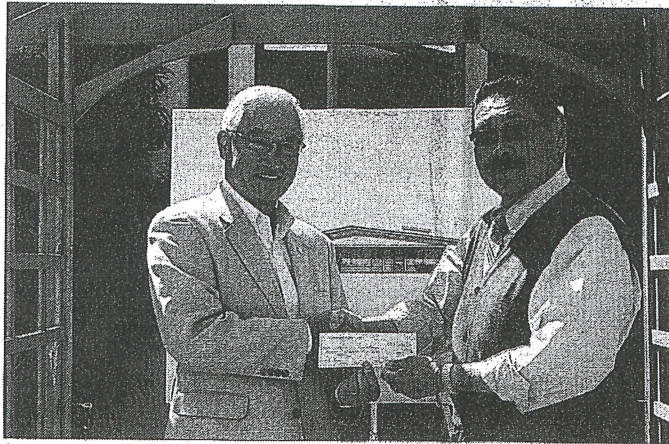
By JOHN SAMMON

SAN MATEO—Kimochi San Mateo, a senior center to open in the spring of 2014, will provide housing and services for seniors, but will also honor the heritage of Japanese Americans and the values the older generations have come to represent, including hard work, perseverance, and courage.

"The new center will provide an anchor," said Steve Nakajo, executive director and co-founder of Kimochi Inc. and Kimochi San Mateo. "It will show reverence for our elders. It's a way we can give back to our second generation."

Nakajo said it has been a dream to extend the services of Kimochi, which currently operates a senior housing project, Kimochi Home San Francisco, with 20 beds, at 1531 Sutter St. That facility is readying to celebrate its 30th anniversary this year.

"We always wanted to expand into the communities



Steven Okamoto (left) presents a check to Steve Nakajo (right).

of San Mateo, Palo Alto and Mountain View," Nakajo noted. "Japanese Americans are one of the ethnic groups whose numbers have been declining in what had formerly been Japanese American communities. We don't want it so that all we have left are

memories. We want to stay a presence."

To be located at the site of a former convalescent hospital at 453 N. San Mateo Dr., Kimochi San Mateo will install a 14-bed facility.

Nakajo said San Mateo is

a good choice for a new senior housing project--- in the midst of a growing area.

"As a community, it's booming," he said. "We've tried to assess needs for Japanese Americans. There has been little cultural alternative in the San

Mateo area for them. They didn't have a senior facility that could provide for example, Japanese food, social services and cultural and socializing activities."

Kimochi means "good feelings" in Japanese.

"It's a very loving word," Nakajo said.

Sandy Mori is also a co-founder of the project, with Steve Ishii serving as associate director, and Anna Sawamura Higaki program director. John Noguchi is a Kimochi board member and capitol campaign co-chair with Mori. Noguchi is also noted for his tenure as director of the Convention Facilities Dept. for the City and County of San Francisco at the George Moscone Convention Center.

The former hospital building at the San Mateo site will be renovated at an approximate total cost of \$2.5 million. Fund-raising for the project, which in the final architectural drawing stage of development, is underway and planners will ask the public to donate.

The majority of funds will

come from private sources and donations.

"Any donation is greatly appreciated, from \$5 from an individual, to more from a big company," Nakajo added.

He said moving the project forward from its conception through the recent hard economic times has been a tremendous challenge.

Nakajo is no stranger to either challenge or adversity. The 66-year-old has had cancer and two surgeries, and kept his sense of humor.

"People ask me, after cancer treatment, and at my age, how come my hair is still so black?" he said. "I would answer that it's funny what chemo (chemotherapy) does, it turned my hair black. I decided during recovery I was going to keep working hard just like I always have. I just decided not to stop."

Born in Salt Lake City and the son of an Episcopalian minister, as a six-year-old boy Nakajo was in Japan visiting grandparents when he learned that his father

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## 25th Anniversary of Redress Celebrated: Carrying on the Spirit of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act

By ANDY NOGUCHI and TWILA TOMITA

"contributions to educating the

# Kimochi House: Aid for Japanese elderly

By Ken Wong

There's a lot of "kimochi" floating around in Japantown. Kimochi is not pickled cabbage or an Asian version of chocolate-flavored coffee. Kimochi is a Japanese word for "good feelings." The good feeling is that young and old are working together to build Kimochi Home.

Work will start before the end of the year on the two-story structure on Sutter Street near Laguna Street. When completed in 1982, the \$1.27 million facility will provide residential and day care for seniors.

"What it is is an extension of the family to provide a supportive system for the elderly," said Sandy Mori, the project coordinator.

Mori noted that the Japanese-American community in The City is a small one, around 13,000 according to the 1980 U.S. Census. About 10 percent are elderly.

Kimochi Home is for the elderly who, because of physical, mental or emotional disabilities, find it difficult to handle daily routines. "We will provide 24-hour-a-day care for them," she said.

There are convalescent and room-and-board homes in the Bay Area, but none that provides Japanese bi-lingual and bi-cultural services.

"There was a Hatoyama home in the Haight-Ashbury years ago. The owners retired and it's been closed," she said.

Kimochi Inc. was started 10 years ago by the sansei (third generation of

Japanese in America) to serve the elderly issei (first generation). It is funded by United Way and federal sources.

"We've grown some since then," she said. "We now serve around 2,000 persons a year." It all began with helping the elderly fill out Social Security forms and taking them on weekly outings.

Now there's a hot lunch program that serves 220 persons seven days a week, interpreter and translation assistance, escort service, and health screenings.

There's also the Kimochi Lounge at the Japan Trade Center where the seniors can come to socialize. It's open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One can watch TV, read the daily papers, browse in the library or play cards. The card games are animated and players slap the cards on the table with a grunt.

It seemed like Ladies Day at Kimochi Lounge the other day. Where are the men?

"Yes, you see more women," said James Yano, a social service worker who works here three days a week.

"They are the widows, the picture brides," he said. "A man comes from Japan, he has no money to send for a wife. He works and saves his money. When he sends for a bride, he is 40 years old and the woman is 20. When he is 80 and dies, his wife is 60."

Then there were the immigration

laws that for years prevented Asian men from bringing their wives to this country.

The issei came to the U.S. in the 1900s to work on the land. Yano, 75, remembered his father, who settled in the Sacramento area. "He grew strawberries and sold them on a horsedrawn wagon," he said.

"We could not own land at the time, we could only lease it," he said. "Or buy it in the children's name."

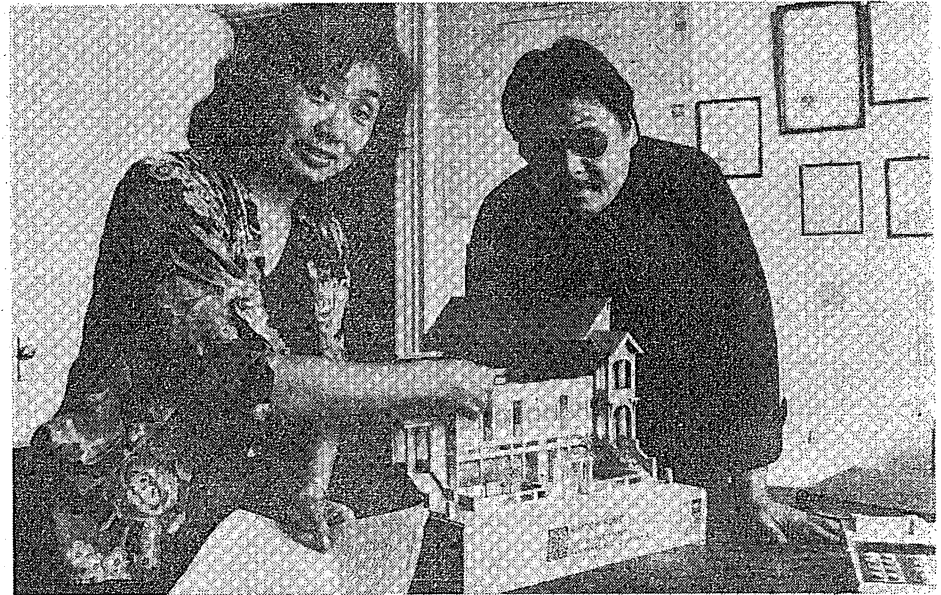
Yano retired five years ago from the University of California at Berkeley where he was a supervisor of records. At the Kimochi Lounge he is busy with translating and doing the calligraphy for the bi-lingual Kimochi Newsletter.

He is called upon often to translate public documents. He translated the San Francisco Police Department's "Safety in the Streets for the Senior Citizen" booklet.

"I've been doing translation all my life," he said. "It's my bread and butter."

Yano came to America as a boy. After graduation from University of Southern California, he worked as a secretary for the Japanese consulate in New Orleans. "There were few Japanese living in the South in the 1930s," he said, "but Japan was buying a lot of cotton and iron from the southern states." The consulate was needed for commercial transactions.

In World War II he was interned and was married in camp. "I enlisted in



Project coordinator Sandy Mori and director Steve Nakajo with model of \$1.27 million Kimochi House

the Army and served in Washington, D.C., and in Japan under Gen. MacArthur."

He and his wife have four children, three sons and a daughter. "They are scattered in Oakland, Hayward, New York and Sacramento, an M.D., a minister, a C.P.A. and a technician at UC Davis."

Yano said that many issei, although living elsewhere in The City, want to come back to Japantown. "We have two vans and a station wagon to pick them up and bring them home."

He noted that there have been changes in traditions. "Now the young

people live in small apartments and have no room for their parents. It's not like the old days when the rooms are big and you spread the mat for four or five kids in one room," he said.

But he added, "Living with the old is not easy. You have to look after them. They are forgetful. They have problems with their bladders."

Yet, when you place an old Japanese in a regular convalescent home, "You take away their rice and give them bread and they wither away before your eyes," he said.

Sandy Mori agreed. "They deteriorate physically and emotionally much

more quickly when they are isolated from the community."

Kimochi Home will provide residential and day care and serve as a recreational and service center. Individuals in the community, organizations and businesses have given \$125,000 and another \$125,000 from federal community development funds has been obtained.

"We have solicited the foundations and now we're asking the corporations to help," Mori said. "We have city approval and received the permit. We're ready to roll at the end of the year."

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WINTER 2010

## FORTY YEARS OF KIMOCHI

The new year, 2011, will be more than happy for Kimochi and all of its supporters--Kimochi, Inc. will celebrate 40 years of service to the seniors of Japantown and the greater San Francisco community. Throughout our first 40 years, Kimochi has remained committed to the core belief that we were founded upon: that "feelings" for our elders – respect, gratitude, and love – can be expressed through services that enable each generation to age with dignity, pride, support, and friendship.

Kimochi has come a long way since it first began in 1971 as a weekend and evening escort service for *Issei* seniors in Japantown, manned by students of San Francisco State University and community volunteers. Since then, we have grown and expanded to become one of the most influential grassroots social service providers in Japantown and a leading advocate of senior services in San Francisco and Northern California.

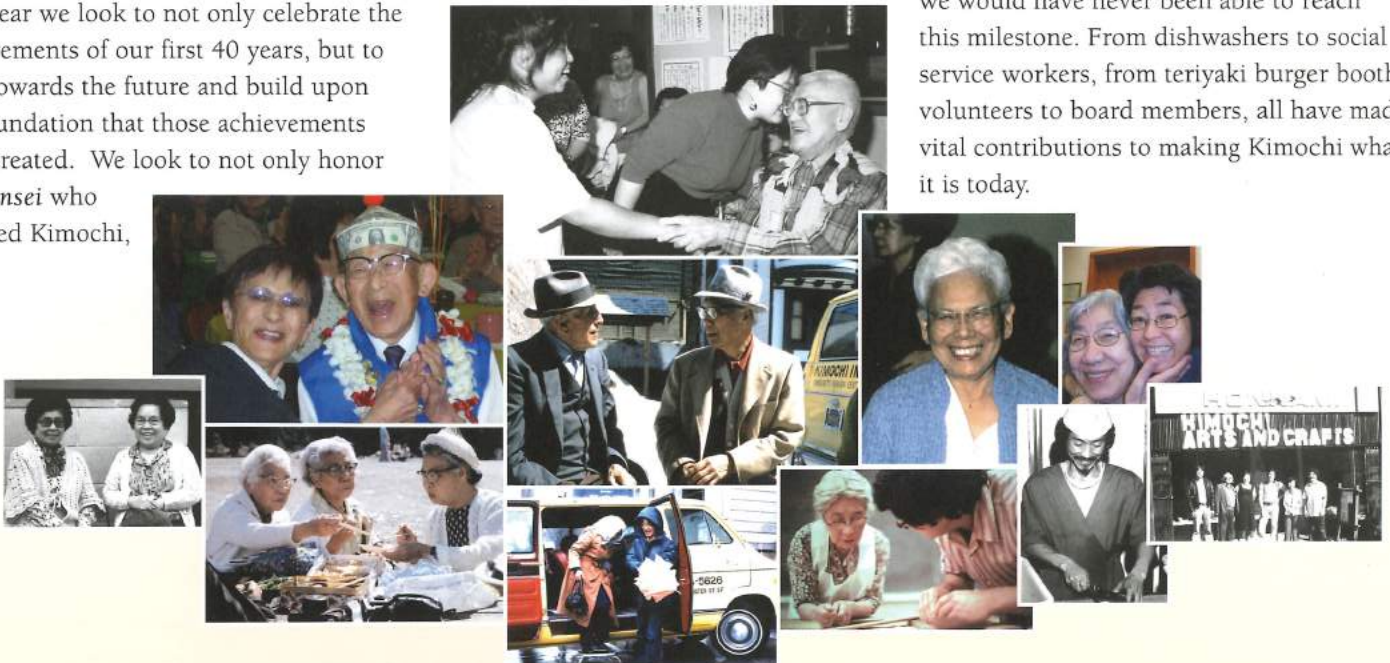
This year we look to not only celebrate the achievements of our first 40 years, but to look towards the future and build upon the foundation that those achievements have created. We look to not only honor the *Sansei* who founded Kimochi,



but to recognize that the Kimochi-spirit is alive and well in the *Yonsei* and *Gosei* generations that are preparing to meet the emerging needs of the *Sansei* generation as they age as well. We invite you to celebrate this year with us by recognizing and remembering the contributions and spirit that built Kimochi into what it is today, and work with us to shape the future of Kimochi to visualize what we can become to meet the future needs of the seniors of our community.

We will be formally celebrating our 40th Anniversary at our "Nightastic" Gala Dinner at the Hotel Nikko in San Francisco. At the event we will be honoring Sandy Mori (retired Development Director) and Steve Nakajo (Executive Director) as the founders and original organizers of Kimochi Kai for bringing their leadership and heart to the organization over four decades. In that spirit, we will also be recognizing the many other contributors to Kimochi over the first 40 years, without whom

we would have never been able to reach this milestone. From dishwashers to social service workers, from teriyaki burger booth volunteers to board members, all have made vital contributions to making Kimochi what it is today.



Kimochi is currently reaching out to all those who has been over the years, whether as a volunteer, staff, or board member, and asks all to get in touch with Steve Nakajo (executive director) or Wes Nihei (wnihei@kimochi-inc.org.) at Kimochi Administration, 1715 Buchanan St., San Francisco, 94115; (415) 931-2294.



# 45th Anniversary & 2016 Kimochi Spirit Awards

*Celebrating a legacy of service, volunteerism and community giving*



Sundance Kabuki Cinemas  
Saturday, May 14, 2016

## Program

### Entertainment

George Yamasaki, Pianist

### Welcome Remarks

Master of Ceremonies, Robert Handa

Paul Chin, Kimochi Board Chairperson

The Honorable Jun Yamada, Consul General of Japan

### Entertainment

Kimochi Odori Class & Kimochi Singers

### Kimochi Spirit Award Volunteer

Aaron Nakahara

*Presented by: Ellen Kiyomizu, Kimochi Board Member*

### Special Nihonmachi Spirit Award

Jeffrey Mori

*Presented by: Dave Mineta, President and CEO, Momentum for Mental Health*

### Kimochi Spirit Corporate Award

Japan Airlines

*Presented by: Rod Henmi, Kimochi Board Member*

### Kimochi Spirit Corporate Award

Kinokuniya Bookstore

*Presented by: Dennis Sato, Kimochi Board Member*

### Kimochi San Mateo Capital Campaign Report Update

Capital Campaign Co-Chairs Sandy Mori & John Noguchi

### Entertainment

First Voice - Brenda Aoki & Mark Izu

*Performing a vignette from their upcoming show "Uncle Gunjiro's Girlfriend"*

*A true story of love that overcame hate and its impact on descendants three generations later.*

### Raffle Drawing

### Closing Remarks

Steve Nakajo, Executive Director, Kimochi Inc.

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# Kimochi, Inc. Service Directory

*Continuing Generations of Caring*

Since 1971, Kimochi, Inc. has developed and promoted an intergenerational philosophy of care for seniors and families from San Francisco's Japantown. Our current continuum of care includes the following programs and services:

## **Kimochi, Inc.**

**1715 Buchanan, San Francisco, CA 94115 • Administration: (415) 931-2294 • Social Services: (415) 931-2275 • Fax: (415) 931-2299**

### **Administration**

The Administrative building is owned and operated by the agency and houses the administrative staff. We have approximately 200 volunteers assisting us each year in our programs.

### **Social Services Program**

Our staff is bilingual in English, Japanese, and Korean and provides language translation, information and referral, counseling, family caregiver support, case management and homecare registry assistance.

*The program annually assists 600 seniors and families providing 5,000 hours of services.*

### **Club Nikkei**

This membership based program is designed to outreach and provide healthy, independent seniors with a range of social activities and excursions to enjoy. Staff provides members with an activity calendar and transportation is included.

### **Home Safety Service**

Staff schedules and conducts home safety assessments for San Francisco homeowners to help them identify potential and existing safety issues that could compromise their ability to live safely and comfortably at home.

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## **Kimochi San Mateo**

**453 N. San Mateo Drive, San Mateo, CA 94401 Tel: (650) 346-7130 Fax: (650) 340-0256**

### **Assisted Living Care** (License #415600974)

Kimochi San Mateo is licensed by the State of California to provide 24 hour supervised non-medical care to ambulatory and non-ambulatory seniors. We have the capacity to house 14 seniors in either single or shared rooms. Each room has a private bathroom. Please call for more information on how to apply for a stay with us.

### **Home Delivered Meals Program**

Japanese and Asian style hot lunches are prepared and delivered Monday through Friday for seniors living at home. Meals are for those who are homebound and unable to prepare meals on their own. This is a donation based program and deliveries are scheduled based on need and geographic proximity to the Kimochi San Mateo site.

### **Family Caregiver Support Program**

Family members and friends are often providing caregiving support to their spouses, parents and to seniors in the community. This program offers information, outreach and supportive services to strengthen a caregiver's capacity to help keep seniors at home. We schedule presentations, home visits, support groups, and provide information and referrals to help address the unique needs of each family who contacts us.

**Please visit our website at [www.kimochi-inc.org](http://www.kimochi-inc.org) for more information about our various programs and services.  
If you would like to be on our mailing list, please contact Kimochi at (415) 931-2294 or [kimochikai@kimochi-inc.org](mailto:kimochikai@kimochi-inc.org).**



## Kimochi Lounge

**1581 Webster Street #202, San Francisco, CA 94115 • Tel: (415) 563-5626 • Fax: (415) 931-2299**

The Kimochi Lounge, located within Japan Center, is the agency's original site. Seniors come to "the lounge" to catch up on community news and socialize. The site also houses a book and video library where seniors can check out materials for free. There is also a senior information and resource section with health, safety, nutrition, and caregiving materials for seniors and families.

*This site is annually visited by 5,000 seniors, families, and visitors from throughout California and other countries.*

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## Kimochi Senior Center

**1840 Sutter Street, #101, San Francisco, CA 94115 • Tel: (415) 931-2287 • Fax: (415) 931-2299**

(Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California – JCCCNC)

### Nutrition

A nutritious well-balanced Japanese style hot lunch is provided 5 days a week. Any senior 60 years of age or older is welcome. A five week menu is produced by staff, and our nutritionist ensures each meal is healthy, nutritionally well-balanced and adequately proportioned for seniors. An average of 300 meals is served daily.

*The program annually serves 1,200 seniors 75,000 lunches.*

### Home Delivery Program

Seniors who are physically unable to travel to the senior center due to a disability or illness, can receive our Japanese style hot lunches at home. Each recipient is required to complete an eligibility assessment on a quarterly basis.

*The program annually serves 130 homebound and frail seniors 29,000 lunches.*

### Senior Center

In addition to enjoying lunch at the nutrition program, seniors are encouraged to participate in activities at the center. Staff and volunteers plan and offer a variety of activities on a monthly basis. We have morning exercise classes, a ceramics class, group singing classes, odori, bingo, arts and crafts, day trips, and overnight trips.

*The program annually serves 300 seniors and offers 700 hours of exciting activities.*

### Transportation

Safe and reliable door-to-door transportation services are provided to help seniors maintain a connection with their community and friends. Transportation can also be requested for medical trips and grocery shopping.

*The program annually assists 150 seniors with 10,000 rides.*

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## Kimochi Home - Home of Healthy Attitudes

**1531 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 • Tel: (415) 922-9972 • Fax: (415) 922-6821**

### Adult Social Day Care Program (License # 380504138)

This program is licensed by the State of California to provide seniors in need of supervision and support with a schedule of social and recreational activities in a safe and secure setting.

*The program annually assists 40 seniors who receive 21,000 hours of services and activities.*

### Residential/Respite Care (License # 380504099)

This program is licensed by the State of California to provide 24 hour non-medical care to ambulatory seniors. We have the capacity to house 20 seniors in either single or shared rooms.

# Nutritious Meals Created and Delivered from the Heart

Kimochi, Inc.'s Home Delivered Meals Program is an important way for us to connect with seniors through food. We began cooking Japanese meals in San Francisco in 1974 and delivered to approximately 20 seniors in our first year. The program is focused on providing meals for seniors who are homebound and unable to cook for themselves. Currently, we have 120 seniors receiving lunches daily. Menus are planned by our nutritionist. Our staff, with the assistance of volunteers, prepare and deliver each meal with "kimochi." The program allows us to see seniors each delivery day to make sure they are safe and doing well at home.

In July 2017, we began providing home delivered meals to seniors living in San Mateo County. This service allows us the opportunity to connect with an increasing number of seniors and families who are aging in place at home. Our goal is to provide them with a well-balanced meal delivered with the same "kimochi" as provided in San Francisco. We are looking forward to offering services to more families and continuing to honor and promote our Japanese tradition of care and support.



## Kimochi Home Programs

### Residential/Respite Care Program

RCFE License # 380504099

The Kimochi Home Residential/Respite Care program has the capacity to accommodate up to 20 ambulatory seniors in either private or semi-private rooms. Experienced, compassionate staff provide assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing and taking medications. Our intimate environment allows for individualized attention and greater personal relationships while encouraging independence. Residents can also participate in the on-site Adult Social Day Care activities.

The Respite Care program is temporary, short term, 24-hour supervised care for seniors. This service is available for families in need of backup care for an elderly member, especially during periods of caregiver burnout and stress or when a senior member is unable to travel with the family. The program is also an option for seniors who are being discharged from the hospital or who have recently been ill and need a temporary place to stay until they feel healthy enough to return home.



#### Both programs feature these services:

- 24 hour supervision in a secure building
- Three nutritious meals & snacks
- Housekeeping services including laundry
- Adult Social Day Care activities
- Monitoring and assessment of general health and development of appropriate care plans
- Transportation and escorts to medical appointments

### Eligibility Criteria

- Individual must be 60 years of age or older
- Ambulatory (able to walk independently with little or no assistance; canes may be used)
- Able to get along with others in a group setting
- Complete the Residential/Respite Care program application and assessment process

Please refer to the price card insert or contact Kimochi Home for current fees.

### Adult Social Day Care Program

ASDC License # 380504138

Seniors enjoy a variety of social, cultural, and recreational activities in a supervised setting at Kimochi Home's Adult Social Day Care program. Participants feel safe, active, and entertained at day care, while families receive respite from caregiving responsibilities. Family members who care for a senior can be assured that quality care and safety are provided. Planned activities promote social, emotional and physical well being.

The program is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Activities are scheduled from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

#### The program features the following activities:

- Daily exercise class
- Nutritious lunch & snack
- Art classes
- Weekly one day mini trips
- Intergenerational activities with day care and after school programs
- SPCA Animal Assisted Therapy visits
- Singing
- Special performances

### Eligibility Criteria

- Individual must be 55 years of age or older
- Complete the Adult Social Day Care program application and assessment process

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### Kimochi Home

1531 Sutter Street (at Octavia)  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
[www.kimochi-inc.org](http://www.kimochi-inc.org)

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*The Home of  
Healthy Attitudes*

# The Home of Healthy Attitudes

## About Kimochi Home

Established in 1983, Kimochi Home is a senior-friendly facility of Kimochi Inc., a non-profit organization providing a continuum of care for seniors since 1971.

At Kimochi, Inc. "feelings" for our elders—respect, gratitude, and love—are expressed through services that enable each generation to age with dignity, pride, support, and friendship.

### Safety

Safety is ensured through 24-hour supervision.



### Comfortable Atmosphere

Friendly, warm environment with interior and exterior gardens.



### Compassion

Experienced, and compassionate caregivers are dedicated to providing quality care.



### Neighborhood

Centrally located in a senior friendly neighborhood.



### Encouragement

Self-esteem and greater independence are always encouraged.

### Positive Aging

On and off-site activities are offered to enhance positive aging.

*"Maybe it's because I never knew my grandparents, maybe it's because of my upbringing and deep emotional appreciation of my heritage, maybe it's because I could see the challenges faced by my father through his aging process, maybe it's because I saw the changing and often difficult roles experienced by my mother... or maybe it's because I just feel very comfortable amongst senior citizens. I suspect it is an accumulation of all of these reasons plus more which has brought me to spend my day's time at a wonderful and caring environment called Kimochi Home."*

Grace M. Fujimoto  
Assistant Residential Coordinator

*"Safety was a top concern of mine finding a suitable facility to put my Mom in. My mom was a very independent woman before she was not able to live alone. It took my Mom six to eight months to get adjusted to living in Kimochi Home. I give much credit to the staff who worked with my mom."*

Margaret Harada,  
on her mother, Suzuye Hirakawa

*"I enjoy living in the Kimochi Home. I think that everything is very good for me. (Kimochi Home) takes good care of me therefore, my family is worry free."*

96 year old Kimochi Home resident

*"Fred has looked forward weekly to participate in Kimochi Home's Adult Daycare program for two years. He really enjoys being with other people. The staff are pleasant, friendly, kind and helpful. We appreciate the quality care offered by the entire staff at Kimochi Home."*

The Wong Family

### Moderately Priced

As a non-profit, community-based organization, Kimochi Home offers moderately priced rates.





## Asking for help is never easy.

However, reaching out for help when you need it is a sign of strength.

Help can come from family, friends, community resources, and professionals.

Caring for yourself is one of the most important (and often, most forgotten) things you can do as a caregiver. When you take care of your needs, the person you care for will also benefit.

The agencies included here will help you assess your situation and find resources to fit your needs. Information, referral, and some services are provided free of charge. There may be fees for additional services. Be sure to ask.



City and County of San Francisco  
**Department of  
Aging and Adult Services**

**Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)** coordinates services to seniors, adults with disabilities, and their families to maximize self-sufficiency, safety, health, and independence so that they can remain living in the community for as long as possible and maintain the highest quality of life.

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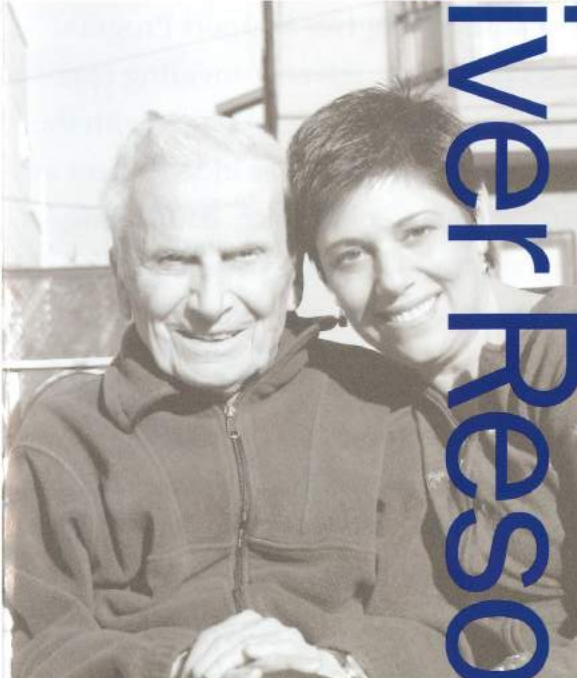


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# Caregiver Resources

Family | Friend | Partner

## Do you need help caring for an elderly or disabled loved one?

### You are not alone!

Families and friends provide the majority of care for those who are chronically ill or disabled and they know the challenges of caring for someone with a long-term illness. They also know how hard it is to locate services and support.

Caregivers include spouses, partners, adult children or other relatives, and friends who provide in-home help or other assistance.

They may live with their loved one or help out from a distance. Help may include providing personal care, paying bills, doing chores, or running errands.





**FAMILY CAREGIVER ALLIANCE®**  
National Center on Caregiving

**Family Caregiver Alliance** offers information, support, and assistance to caregivers of adults with chronic disabling health conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, stroke, ALS, and Parkinson's disease. An in-home or phone assessment of your caregiving situation connects you with programs and resources available to you.

Additional services include FCA CareJourney (online caregiver assessment and support), classes, workshops, webinars, fact and tip sheets, legal consultation, short-term counseling, connection to support groups, and respite opportunities.

Stay current on caregiving issues by subscribing to FCA's newsletters (Connections for family caregivers, and Caregiving Policy Digest covering research and advocacy issues).

**415.434.3388 | 800.445.8106**  
[www.caregiver.org](http://www.caregiver.org)



**KIMOCHI**

*Continuing the Japanese Tradition  
of Care and Support for Seniors*

**Kimochi, Inc.** has programs and services to help seniors and families age with dignity and respect in a safe, caring, and culturally sensitive environment.

Our Family Caregiver Support Program assists family caregivers providing care for parents and spouses at home with the goal of keeping seniors as independent as possible. We offer outreach, counseling, caregiver trainings, and translation services in Japanese and English.

Additional agency services include recreational activities, case management, congregate and home delivered meals, transportation, adult social day care, and 24 hour residential care in San Francisco and San Mateo.

**415.931.2294**  
[www.kimochi-inc.org](http://www.kimochi-inc.org)



housing, services, and community for LGBT seniors  
**openhouse**

**Openhouse** supports San Francisco Bay Area LGBT seniors to overcome the unique challenges they face as they age by providing housing assistance, direct services, and community programs. Our Openhouse Friendly Visitor program matches a screened and trained volunteer with an older LGBT adult to provide ongoing companionship and emotional support. In addition, Openhouse offers ongoing supportive groups such as our LGBT Caregivers of those with Dementia Support group, Self-Compassion groups, and Grief and Loss groups. Openhouse works to reduce isolation and empower LGBT seniors to improve their health, well-being, and economic security.

**415.296.8995**  
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ELDERLY**

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**Self-Help for the Elderly**

provides a wide range of multicultural and multilingual services including adult day services and Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), home care, and hospice. Additional services include congregate and home-delivered meals, residential care facilities for the elderly, senior housing, case management, naturalization services, family caregiver support services, emergency in-home supportive services, information and assistance, and housing services.

**415.677.7600**  
[www.selfhelpelderly.org](http://www.selfhelpelderly.org)



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Kimochi offers a range of programs for San Francisco Bay Area seniors and their families—everything from hot lunches to 24-hour residential programs. The word *kimochi* is Japanese for *deep feelings, from the heart*, and Kimochi, Inc. is based upon sincere respect and appreciation for seniors.

While Kimochi has its roots in San Francisco's Japantown and many of the programs offer bilingual services, programs and services are open to all San Francisco seniors.

### Kimochi, Inc Administration Office

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### Kimochi Lounge

Tel: (415) 563-5626

### Kimochi Home

Tel: (415) 922-9972

### Senior Center

Tel: (415) 931-2287

### Kimochi Nutrition Program

Tel: (415) 931-2287

### Transportation

Tel: (415) 931-2287

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# KIMOCHI



- Provides care and support for San Francisco Bay Area seniors and their families.
- Offers culturally sensitive, innovative senior services.
  - Encourages and helps maintain the autonomy and dignity of seniors.
  - Provides support for seniors who must depend on others.
- Operates from a tradition of intergenerational care based on respect and appreciation for elders.
- Seeks to enhance the quality of life both of seniors and the community at large.

## SENIOR CENTER



- The Senior Center embodies Kimochi's commitment to intergenerational, volunteer-based senior programs by offering a range of exciting activities developed by volunteers and staff specifically for independent, active seniors.
- Activities include ceramics, arts and crafts, exercise, Tai Chi, overnight Reno trips, day trips, karaoke and group singing.
- Services are offered from two sites in San Francisco's Japantown.

## SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM



- Whether it's a Medicare question or a family crisis, Kimochi's social workers provide personalized, culturally sensitive service to seniors, their families and friends, including: Information and Referral, Translation Services, Hospital and Home Visitations, Medical Escorts, Assistance with Government Benefits, Advocacy for the Elderly.

- In-Home Support Services link seniors with providers to assist with household chores and personal care.
- Senior Caregiver Support Groups offer families and friends a place to discuss and share concerns regarding care of seniors.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Kimochi offers safe and reliable door-to-door van service for individuals and groups.
- Service to Kimochi program sites, medical appointments, shopping trips, recreational outings, church, and cemetery visits.
- Makes it easy for seniors to maintain vital connections to friends and community.

## CONGREGATE NUTRITION



- Hot Japanese-style lunches are prepared and served in San Francisco's Japantown.
- Meals are carefully planned and prepared by the senior center coordinator, nutrition consultant and kitchen staff.
- Group setting is a good place to meet and make friends.
- Educational presentations and information are provided to assist in maintaining health and well-being.



## HOME DELIVERED MEALS

- Nutrition service provides homebound seniors with a nutritionally well-balanced meal.
- Kimochi delivers over 100 Japanese-style hot lunches to San Francisco residents.
- Each participant is assessed quarterly for any changes in his/her physical and/or mental health needs, and appropriate referrals or information are provided by Kimochi.

## ADULT SOCIAL DAY CARE

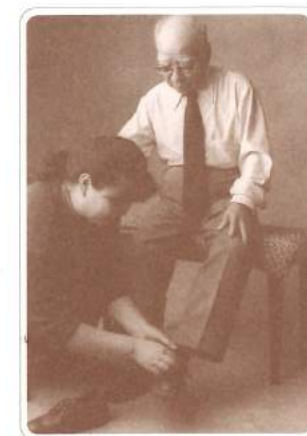


- Supervised, structured set of daytime social, cultural and recreational activities for seniors is offered at Kimochi Home.
- Activities include daily exercise, hot lunch, weekly mini trips, monthly tea parties, singing and art classes, bingo, videos and unique intergenerational, after-school programs.
- Provides respite for caregiver family members. The program assures that loved ones are active and entertained in a safe environment.

(License #380504138)

## RESIDENTIAL/RESPITE CARE

- Kimochi Home has space for 20 ambulatory seniors for either long-term or short-term stays.



- The Residential Program provides 24-hour supervised, non-medical care; three Japanese-style meals a day; recreation, exercise and a host of services; single or shared rooms are available.
- The Respite Program provides temporary senior care during periods of stress, caregiver burnout, or during family vacation, and as a transition point between hospital and home.

(License #380504099)



# KIMOCHI, INC.

## CURRENT LOCATIONS & PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Kimochi, Inc., 1715 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, CA 94115



### Administration

Kimochi, Inc. moved to this site in February, 1999. The building is owned and operated by the agency and houses our administrative staff. Counseling rooms and the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Board/Conference Room are available onsite for staff and agency use. Anyone interested in volunteering can come and talk with our staff and learn about the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the agency. We have approximately 250 volunteers assisting us each year in our program areas.

### Social Services Program

Kimochi's Social Services program offers a variety of support services for seniors, their families, and friends. Social workers and case managers are on staff to provide Japanese and Korean language translation, information and referral, naturalization assistance, counseling, assistance with insurance and government benefits, seminars and workshops on aging, as well as advocacy for the elderly. Support groups to address topics on aging are also available.

Social workers also help seniors and families in locating, hiring, and retaining providers to help with personal care and household chores. Case management services are also an important part of this program to help clients and families identify additional resources to keep seniors at home and independent for as long as possible. This is a fee-for-service program.

### Family Caregiver Support Program

This service targets spouses, siblings, and children who are actively involved in caring for a senior and provides them with counseling services, family caregiver support groups, assistance with hiring caregivers to help the family, and 24 hours respite care placements. We also offer family caregiver training in both Japanese and English to help families develop the skills necessary to perform caregiving activities.

### Club Nikkei

This membership-based program targets seniors in our community. It is designed to outreach and attract healthy, independent seniors who are interested in joining a group for exciting overnight trips, dinners, and activities. Staff plans quarterly calendars and all transportation for excursions is provided by our transportation program. We have added this important service to provide more fun, social and recreational opportunities for our seniors to enjoy.

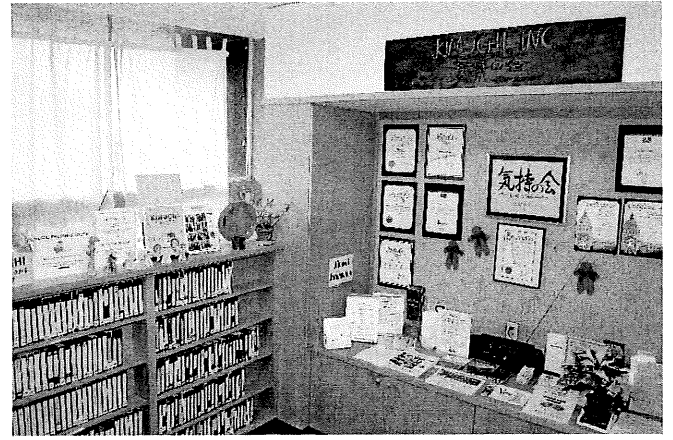
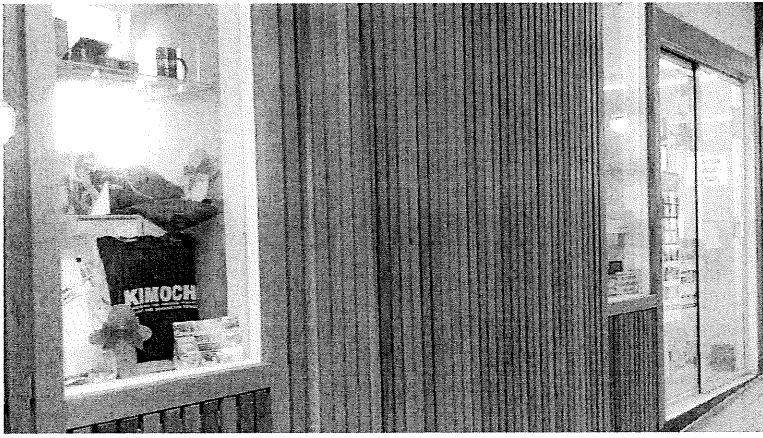
### Volunteer Program

Volunteers are a much needed and relied upon resource within Kimochi's Programs & Services and Fundraisers. It is with the assistance of volunteers that Kimochi is successful in providing a continuum of care for seniors.

### Home Safety Service

Kimochi offers home safety evaluations for senior homeowners and renters in San Francisco. Staff conducts assessments to identify potential and existing safety issues and assist by providing smoke detectors, stair strips, and other items free of charge.

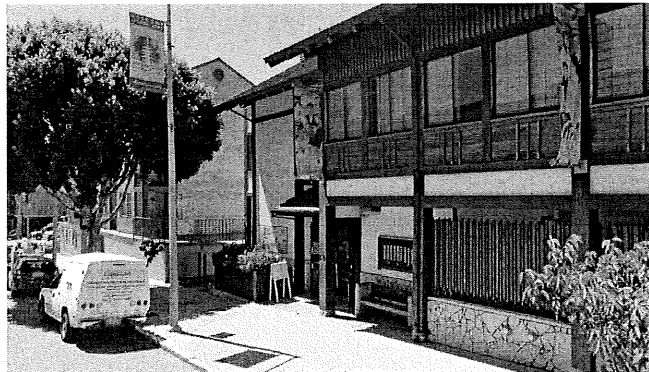
## Kimochi Lounge, 1581 Webster Street, San Francisco, CA 94115



### Kimochi Lounge (original site)

Opened in 1971, Kimochi Lounge, located within Japan Center, is the agency's original site. It was created as a meeting place where the Issei (first generation Japanese Americans) could rest, relax, get the latest news in the community, meet friends, and have tea. Today, Kimochi Lounge houses a free book and video library for seniors. Arts and crafts made by our seniors are also available for sale from this location as well as Kimochi logo products. In 2007, a new senior information and resource section was added to have important health, safety, nutrition, and caregiving resources available for seniors and families.

## 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115



### Congregate Nutrition Program

A nutritious well-balanced Japanese style hot lunch is provided five days a week. Any senior 60 years of age or older is welcome. A five week menu is produced by staff, and our nutritionist ensures each meal is healthy, nutritionally well-balanced and adequately proportioned for seniors. An average of 300 meals is served daily.

### Home Delivered Meals Program

Individuals who are physically unable to travel to the nutrition site due to a disability, illness, or recent hospital discharge, can receive hot meals at their homes. Approximately 120 lunches are delivered to homebound seniors living in Japantown, the Western Addition, Sunset, and Richmond districts of San Francisco.

### Senior Center Activities

In addition to enjoying lunch at the nutrition program, seniors are encouraged to participate in activities at the center. Staff and volunteers plan and offer a variety of activities on a monthly basis. We have morning exercise classes, a ceramics class, group singing classes, Hawaiian dance, odori, bingo, arts and crafts, Qi Gong, day trips, and overnight trips.

### Transportation Program

The transportation program offers seniors the opportunity to use safe and reliable door-to-door van services which help them maintain a connection with their community and friends. Group rides are provided to and from seniors' homes to the nutrition site, Kimochi Home, and Japantown. Cemetery trips, senior center trips, grocery trips and medical trips are also provided.

## Kimochi Home, 1531 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94109



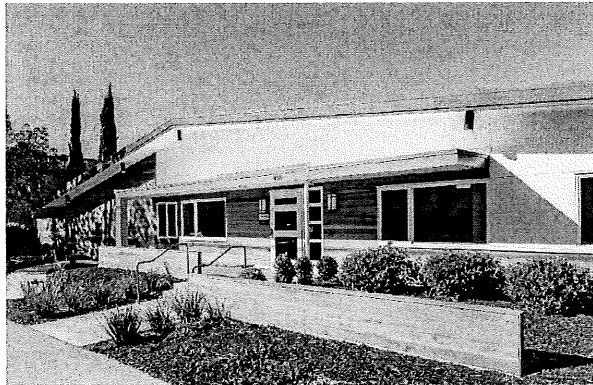
### **Adult Social Day Care Program** (License #380504138)

This is a program licensed by the State of California to provide seniors with a schedule of social and recreational activities. Staff trained in programming and providing services to seniors requiring social, emotional and physical support develop a monthly activity calendar which includes daily exercise, lunch, singing, bingo, video viewing, trips, and special cultural and intergenerational activities. Seniors are safe, active and entertained while families receive respite from caregiving responsibilities

### **Residential/Respite Care Program** (License #380504099)

The residential program is licensed by the State of California to provide 24 hour care to ambulatory seniors. It has the capacity to house up to 20 seniors in either single or shared rooms. They receive supervised, non-medical care and assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, and taking medications. Regular assessments are conducted by staff to determine each senior's personal care and daily living needs. Respite care is 24 hour care for seniors in need of short term placements. Temporary stays are available for seniors needing a place after a hospital discharge, when family is out of town or in need of respite, and for seniors interested in potential long term placement as a resident.

## Kimochi San Mateo, 453 North San Mateo Drive, San Mateo, CA 94401



### **Kimochi San Mateo** (License # 415600974)

In 2016, we officially opened the doors to our Kimochi San Mateo (KSM) site to extend the Japanese tradition of care to San Mateo County seniors and their families. KSM is open to seniors of all ethnicities with focus on Japanese and Japanese-speaking senior population. In addition to housing for 14 seniors for ambulatory and non-ambulatory care (wheelchair accessible), KSM now offers home delivered meals for seniors in the community

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## **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

Kimochi, Inc. was established on April 22, 1971, and officially opened our doors in July 1971. Kimochi, Inc. (a.k.a. Kimochi Kai) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit senior service agency based in San Francisco's Japantown neighborhood. The word "kimochi" means "feelings" in Japanese. For our organization, "feelings" for our elders – respect, gratitude, and love – are expressed through services that enable each generation to age with dignity, pride, support, independence and friendship.

Because of language and cultural barriers, many elder Japanese Americans were not able to access mainstream services. Recognizing this need, the Kimochi founders began helping seniors by providing them with information and assistance in applying for government and health benefits and offered transportation services and walking escorts to make sure seniors could leave and return safely to their homes. Organizers, participants and volunteers would gather at Kimochi Lounge, Kimochi's first site at 1581 Webster Street on the Webster Street Bridge connecting Japan Center's Kintetsu and Kinokuniya Buildings. The Lounge was where Issei could rest, relax, get the latest news in the community, meet friends and have tea. It still operates as a Kimochi site today.

In 1999, Kimochi moved to its permanent home at 1715 Buchanan Street, which is the headquarters and home to the Social Services program, family caregiver support program, volunteer program and Club Nikkei staff. Over the years, Kimochi has been quick to identify the needs of the senior population and obtain funding for nutrition, transportation and social service programs. In 1974, Kimochi applied for a grant and was awarded funding from the California Department on Aging to implement a Japanese hot meals program for seniors. Meals were prepared onsite and served at Konko Church, located at 1909 Bush Street. In 1979, Kimochi received funding from the Department of Aging and Adult Services (originally called San Francisco Commission on the Aging) to expand the Congregate Nutrition program to weekends and holidays making it a 365-day-per-year meal program with the weekends and holidays being at Nihonmachi Terrace/Hinode Tower at 1615 Sutter Street. In 1986, Kimochi's Congregate Nutrition program consolidated both sites and relocated to 1840 Sutter Street where it remains today. This site is also home to the Congregate Nutrition home delivered meals program, Senior Center and Transportation program.

In 1983, Kimochi completed the Kimochi Home building at 1531 Sutter Street and opened its doors for residential and respite care for 20 seniors and adult social day care for 40 seniors. It continues to be a vital community resource for seniors and their families. In 2012, Kimochi, Inc. purchased a site in San Mateo to provide services and support for seniors and families outside of San Francisco. In 2016, following extensive renovations, Kimochi San Mateo received its licensing approval to open as a non-ambulatory Residential Care facility for the elderly. In 2017, they were awarded funds from the JA Community Foundation to provide home delivered meals to 14 seniors in San Mateo County. Today, Kimochi occupies five sites—four in San Francisco and one in San Mateo.

The business headquarters is located in the Japantown neighborhood between Post and Sutter streets on Buchanan Street. It is within the NCD (Japantown Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District and within a 50-X Height and Bulk District.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS**

### *Review Criteria*

1. *When was business founded?*

The business was founded in 1971.

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

Yes. Kimochi qualifies for listing on the Legacy Business Registry because it meets all of the eligibility Criteria:

- i. Kimochi has operated continuously in San Francisco for 47 years.
- ii. Kimochi has contributed to the history and identity of Japantown and San Francisco.
- iii. Kimochi is committed to maintaining the physical features, craft, art form and traditions that define the business.

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

No.

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

Yes. Kimochi's 1715 Buchanan St. location serves as Kimochi's administration headquarters and houses our administrative staff, Social Services program and Club Nikkei program. From 1946 to 1997, the building was home to the Tatsuno family's Nichi Bei Bussan, a retail store that sold imported Japanese products.

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

No. The property has a Planning Department Historic Resource status of "B" (Properties Requiring Further Consultation and Review). The building was constructed in 1974, not making it age eligible as a historic resource under CEQA. However, property exists within the Japantown Neighborhood Commercial District and within the Japantown Cultural District.

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

Yes. The business is listed as a cultural resource in the Japantown Cultural Heritage and

Economic Sustainability Strategy. The strategy was unanimously adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in 2013 to develop a vision for the neighborhood by focusing on the both economic development and preserving and enhancing the historic and cultural assets.

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

Yes. Over the past 47 years, Kimochi has been featured numerous times in various newspaper articles, local television networks, and other media outlets. They include the San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Chronicle, NBC Bay Area, KTSF-TV, KTVU, Nichi Bei Times, Hokubei Mainichi Newspaper, Nikkei West and Asian Week.

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

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

- 1581 Webster Street #202 from 1971 to Present (47 years)
- 1840 Sutter Street #208 from 1986 to Present (32 years)
- 1715 Buchanan Street from 1999 to Present (19 years)
- 1531 Sutter Street from 1983 to Present (35 years)

**Recommended by Applicant**

- Culturally sensitive care for seniors and their families that focuses on serving the Japanese American community
- The spirit of “kimochi” or “appreciation for older generations' sacrifices and hardships”
- Services including transportation, referral and outreach , health and consumer education, healthy activities, social services, meals, in-home support, adult social day care, and 24-hour residential and respite care

**Additional Recommended by Staff**

- None



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**ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR KIMOCHI, INC CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 1715 BUCHANAN STREET, (BLOCK/LOT 0685/042).**

**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 December 19, 2018, 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 Kimochi, 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 Kimochi, Inc.

***Location(s):***

- 1581 Webster Street #202
- 1840 Sutter Street #208
- 1715 Buchanan Street
- 1531 Sutter Street

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

- *Culturally sensitive care for seniors and their families that focuses on serving the Japanese American community*
- *The spirit of “kimochi” or “appreciation for older generations’ sacrifices and hardships”*
- *Services including transportation, referral and outreach , health and consumer education, healthy activities, social services, meals, in-home support, adult social day care, and 24-hour residential and respite care*

**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 2018-016422LBR to the Office of Small Business.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Commission on December 19, 2018.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: