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FILE NO. 012170   MOTION NO. MOl-180

1   [Ballot Argument]

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3   **Motion authorizing proponent's ballot argument in favor of Proposition A, a Charter**

4   **Amendment regarding Elective Officials.**

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6   MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the Municipal Election Code, the Board of

7   Supervisors does hereby authorize a ballot argument in favor of Proposition A, a charter

8   amendment to repeal the current Section 13.102 and add a new Section 13.102 to provide for

9   the election of the Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor-

10   Recorder, Public Defender, and members of the Board of Supervisors using a ranked-choice,

11   or "instant run-off" ballot, to require that City voting systems be compatible with a ranked-

12   choice system, and setting date and conditions for the implementation; and, be it

13   FURTHER MOVED, That the full text of said argument hereby authorized be shown in

14   the copy attached to this motion and is hereby declared to be a part hereof; and, be it

15   FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby authorized and

16   directed to include said argument in the pamphlet accompanying the sample ballots to be

17   mailed to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on

18   Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

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Rules Committee

THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHOR(S) of this BALLOT ARGUMENT __X__ FOR or __ AGAıNST
PROPOSITION __A__ FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO ON
MARCH 5, 2001 HEREBY STATE THAT SUCH ARGUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE
BEST OF HIS/HER/THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. ALL SIGNERS OF THIS ARGUMENT
MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Style Notes B, I, or BI	KEEP TEXT WITHIN THESE VERTICAL LINES	# of words in each line
	Proposition A will allow San Francisco to elect candidates supported by a	11
	popular majority without needing expensive, low-turnout December runoff	9
	elections. This will	3
B	**SAVE $2 MILLION TAX DOLLARS PER YEAR,**	7
B	**RAISE VOTER TURNOUT** and	4
B	**REDUCE NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING**	3
	Last December's runoff had a voter turnout of only FIFTEEN PERCENT -- the	12
	lowest in San Francisco's history. December is an awful time for an election.	13
	Voters are busy with holiday plans, and don't even realize the runoff is	13
	happening. Voter turnout usually declines.	5
	Runoffs are costly to taxpayers. The December runoff for city attorney cost	12
	nearly $2 MILLION, an average of $29 per voter. This money could be better	14
	spent on other city services threatened with cutbacks in our ailing economy.	12
	Previous runoff elections have seen excessive negative campaigning and "hit"	10
	pieces. Such mudslinging is common when the field is reduced to two	12
	candidates, and candidates can win by attacking their lone opponent rather than	12
	attracting voters.	2
	The purpose of the runoff—to ensure majority support for winners—is a good	14
	one, but huge declines in voter turnout, high costs, and negative campaigning	12
	undermine this worthy goal.	4
	Proposition A implements instant runoff voting to fulfill the goal of electing	12
	majority winners without the inconvenience of a second election.	9
	The "instant" runoff works much like December's "delayed" runoff. Voters	10
	indicate their favorite candidate, just like now. But at the same time they also	14
	rank their runoff choices, 1, 2, 3. This eliminates the need for a separate runoff	15
	election.	1
	By doing it in one election, we produce winners who have a majority of the vote	16
	and save millions of tax dollars. And we avoid the considerable headaches of a	14
	second election during the busy holiday season.	7
B	Proposition A will make our elections more **EFFICIENT** and **LESS**	10
B	**EXPENSIVE.**	1
B	**SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**	4
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Motion authorizing proponent's ballot argument in favor of Proposition A, a Charter Amendment regarding Elective Officials.
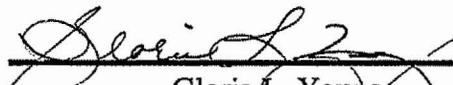
December 17, 2001   Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

December 17, 2001   Board of Supervisors — APPROVED AS AMENDED

     Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick
     Noes: 4 - Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED AS AMENDED on December 17, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board