[SRO Voter Education and Registration]

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Resolution urging increased voter education and registration outreach to SRO residents by the Department of Elections and urging SRO managers and owners to facilitate access for these purposes.

WHEREAS, There are over 500 single residence occupancy (SRO) residential hotels in San Francisco that are home to more than 30,000 residents; and,

WHEREAS, SRO residents include many low income people, minorities, seniors, and people with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, populations such as those living in SROs have traditionally been registered to vote at a lower rate than the general population; and,

WHEREAS, SRO residents have a panoply of political issues which affect them and which can only be addressed if they vote and let their voices be heard in the governmental process; and,

WHEREAS, many SRO residents move frequently and have difficulty maintaining and updating proper voter registration; and

WHEREAS, Department of Elections outreach attempts affecting SRO residents have been admirable but have not yet achieved the level of voter registration needed to adequately enfranchise these people; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Elections has difficulty gaining access to SROs for general voter education and registration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the owners and managers of SROs in San Francisco to allow access to the Department of Elections for the purpose of voter

education and registration and for placement of posters explaining how to maintain proper registration when moving residence; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Elections to increase voter education and registration activities directly targeting SRO residents.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 14, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

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Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi,

Peskin, Sandoval Noes: 1 - Alioto-Pier Absent: 1 - Daly