

1 [Instant Runoff Voting.]

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3 **Resolution supporting legislation recently introduced in the United States Congress by**
4 **Representative Jesse Jackson Jr. regarding Instant Runoff Voting.**

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6 WHEREAS, On November 6, 2001 Jesse Jackson Jr. introduced a bill in the House of
7 Representatives, H.R. 3232, the "Voting Equipment Compatibility With Instant Runoff Voting
8 Act of 2001," to direct the Federal Election Commission to make grants to States which have
9 adopted an Instant Runoff Voting system for presidential elections; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the current Plurality system of voting being used for Presidential
11 elections, a candidate can win a state's electoral votes despite receiving less than a majority
12 of the votes when there are more than two candidates running in the election; and

13 WHEREAS, This results in a plurality democracy where a President can be elected
14 without majority consensus; and

15 WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting results in the winner of an election being chosen by
16 a majority of voters without necessitating a delayed run-off election which in many cases has
17 low turnout; and

18 WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting allows voters to rank their candidate choices, and if
19 a candidate does not win a clear majority on the first count, recounts can be performed that
20 take voter's choices into account; and

21 WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting can result in a greater proportion of the electorate
22 participating in the selection of elected officials; and

23 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors voted to place an Instant
24 Runoff Elections proposition on the March 2002 ballot for citywide elections and the Board of
25 Supervisors; and

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco voters will have the opportunity in March 2002 to choose to
2 have instant runoff elections for local offices; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges San Francisco's
4 Congressional delegation, Representatives Pelosi and Lantos and Senators Feinstein and
5 Boxer, to support Representative Jackson's efforts with H.R. 3232, the "Voting Equipment
6 Compatibility With Instant Runoff Voting Act of 2001"; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward a
8 copy of this resolution to San Francisco's Congressional delegation, Representatives Pelosi
9 and Lantos and Senators Feinstein and Boxer, as well as Representative Jesse Jackson Jr.

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December 17, 2001 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Rules Committee

February 25, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Noes: 3 - Maxwell, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 25, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: March 5, 2002

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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