Amendment of the Whole in Board

[Establishing a new process for the Board's consideration of Mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission.]

Motion amending the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to establish a new process for the Board's consideration of Mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission, the new process requiring that the Clerk of the Board prepare and submit for Board consideration for each such appointment a motion supporting the appointment, a motion rejecting the appointment, and a motion taking no position on the appointment.

NOTE: This entire Rule is new.

WHEREAS, The Mayor is authorized by Sections 3.100 (17), 4.105, 4.106 (a), and 4.112 of the City Charter to appoint members to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The Board's current practice is for the Clerk of the Board to notify Board members and the public of the Mayor's appointments to these three bodies by placing a notice of all such appointments at the back of the calendar for each regular meeting of the Board; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3.100 of the City Charter gives the Board of Supervisors the authority to reject the Mayor's appointments to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission by a two-thirds vote of the Board within 30 days following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment; and,

WHEREAS, These three bodies are three of the most meaningful bodies of the City and County government, most of their decisions affecting many residents, neighborhoods,
businesses and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, The current process of the Board of Supervisors for considering Mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission does not automatically provide for public hearing and public consideration by the Board of Supervisors of the appointments to these three bodies; and,

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to establish a new process that will require swift public consideration by the Board of Supervisors, accompanied by the opportunity for public comment, of each mayoral appointment to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby amends the Rules of Order of the Board to add a new Rules 2.31, to read as follows:

2.31. Consideration of Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission. Upon receipt of each and every Notice of Appointment from the Mayor appointing a member to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, or the Public Utilities Commission, the Clerk of the Board shall immediately prepare and introduce three motions for each such appointment. The Clerk shall refer the motions to the Rules Committee for hearing as soon as possible. If the Rules Committee is unable to schedule and consider the motions within a time period that will allow for full Board consideration before the expiration of the thirty day period provided for in Charter Section 3.100, then the Clerk shall place the motions on the calendar (Adoption Without Committee Reference) of the last Board meeting at which the Board may consider the proposed motions before the thirty days expires. One motion shall support the appointment. A second motion shall reject the appointment. The third motion shall take no position on the appointment. The motion rejecting the appointment shall state in its text that the motion requires a two-thirds vote (eight votes) for approval under Section 3.100 of the City Charter. Each Committee and
Board calendar upon which motions prepared under this Rule appear shall also state that
Section 3.100 of the City Charter provides that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to
reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote of the Board (eight votes) within thirty days
following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment, and that failure of the Board to
reject the appointment by two-thirds vote within the thirty day time period shall result in the
appointee continuing to serve as appointed.
Motion amending the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to establish a new process for the Board's consideration of Mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals, and the Public Utilities Commission, the new process requiring that the Clerk of the Board prepare and submit for Board consideration for each such appointment a motion supporting the appointment, a motion rejecting the appointment, and a motion taking no position on the appointment.

March 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

March 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED AS AMENDED on March 26, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board