Motion authorizing proponent's ballot argument in favor of Proposition C, a Charter Amendment regarding Noncitizens on City Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies.

MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the Municipal Election Code, the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize a ballot argument in favor of Proposition C, a charter amendment to amend Section 4.101 to permit noncitizens to serve on appointive boards, commissions, and advisory bodies and advisory bodies, and to clarify existing provisions allowing nonelectors to serve on appointive boards, commissions, and advisory bodies; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the full text of said argument hereby authorized be shown in the copy attached to this motion and is hereby declared to be a part hereof; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby authorized and directed to include said argument in the pamphlet accompanying the sample ballots to be mailed to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2002.
THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHOR(S) of this BALLOT ARGUMENT _X_ FOR or _ _ AGAINST PROPOSITION _C_ 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.

Proposition C will ensure that qualified individuals are appointed to San Francisco commissions and task forces. City commissions and task forces are created to advise the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on important public policy issues such as housing, health care, and civil rights. The individuals on these commissions are selected to serve because of their expertise in a specific field and to provide valuable input on a wide array of legislation.

Currently, the San Francisco City Charter allows the Board of Supervisors, and other appointing authorities, such as the Mayor, to appoint only electors who reside in San Francisco. Exemptions can be made for 1) someone under the age of 18, or 2) someone who is not a San Francisco resident. Generally, exemptions are made if an applicant would provide expertise or a unique perspective not otherwise available.

This Charter amendment will add citizenship to the list of requirements an appointing authority may waive, by majority vote. The citizenship requirement may be waived for an applicant where the perspective of a noncitizen may be deemed essential and there is no equally qualified citizen applicant available.

San Francisco has long been a beacon for immigrant communities. Currently, noncitizens work in our City government and in our Municipal court system. They also pay our local, state and federal taxes. However, noncitizens are not able to advise San Francisco policymakers in a formal manner. This Charter amendment will further San Francisco’s tradition of encouraging civic involvement from its immigrant communities and give the Board of Supervisors the power, when they deem appropriate, to waive citizenship requirements for advisory bodies.

Vote Yes on Proposition C.

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor Daly
Supervisor Gonzalez
Supervisor Hall
Supervisor Leno
Supervisor Maxwell
Supervisor McGoldrick
Supervisor Newsom
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December 17, 2001 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

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

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

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board