Amendment of the Whole
7/8/03

FILE NO. 030652
ORDINANCE NO. 183-03

[Amendments to the Municipal Elections Code.]

Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to amend Sections 110, 200, 250, 260, 300, 360, 370, 500, 510, 530, 535, 550, 590, 595, and 800, add Sections 225 and 270, and delete Section 930 to: Conform the Municipal Elections Code to recent changes in the Charter; change the deadlines for submission of materials for publication in the Voter Information Pamphlet; specify the public examination periods for each category of material submitted for publication in the Voter Information Pamphlet; modify the deadlines for delivery of the Voter Information Pamphlet prior to each general and special election; specify language for inclusion in the Voter Information Pamphlet concerning ballot measures which concern the same subject matter and which may have conflicting provisions; explicitly incorporate the State law that applies to local ballot designations; explicitly state the rules concerning ballot printing after the death of a candidate; impose a 100-word limit on bond measure statements; add definitions; correct outdated code references; codify departmental practice; and clarify ambiguous language.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code, Article I, is hereby amended by amending Section 110, to read as follows:

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Sec. 110. DEFINITIONS.

Whenever the following terms are used in this Municipal Elections Code, these definitions shall apply:

(a) "Measure" means an ordinance, charter amendment, referendum, recall, declaration of policy, or bond measure that will be voted on only in the City and County of San Francisco.

(b) "Signed and sworn statement" means a statement signed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that includes the original signature of the signer. Facsimile or electronically produced or reproduced signatures are not original signatures for purposes of this Article.

(c) "Voter" means an individual who is registered to vote in the City and County of San Francisco.

Section 2. The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code, Article II, is hereby amended by amending Sections 200, 250 and 250, and adding Sections 225 and 270, to read as follows:

Sec. 200. NOMINATION AND RECALL OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS; INCORPORATION OF STATE LAW.

Except as otherwise provided by the Charter or this Municipal Elections Code, nomination of elective officers shall be made pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10220 et seq., and the recall of elective officers shall be made pursuant to California Elections Code Section 11000 et seq. If the official proposed to be removed at a recall election is recalled, the vacancy shall be filled pursuant to Charter sections 3.100(14) and 13.101.5.

Sec. 225. BALLOT DESIGNATIONS.

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The submission and form of ballot designations shall be governed by California Elections Code Section 13107 and any implementing regulations, rules or guidelines issued by the California Secretary of State.

Sec. 250. WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION; WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT.

A nominator may withdraw his or her nomination of a candidate by notifying the candidate at least 72 hours before the close of the nomination period and filing with the Director of Elections, at any time up until 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period, a signed and sworn statement of withdrawal stating that the nominator provided the candidate with the required 72 hours notice, at any time up until 5:00 p.m. of the last day of the nomination period. The signed and sworn statement of withdrawal shall indicate that the nominator informed the candidate, at least 72 hours before the close of the nomination period, of the nominator’s intent to withdraw. No nominator may withdraw his or her nomination of a candidate after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period.

In addition, supporters who are not nominators but who authorize use of their name in the candidate qualification statement may withdraw this authorization by filing with the Director of Elections a signed and sworn statement of withdrawal at any time up until 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period. No supporter may withdraw his or her authorization after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the nomination period.

Sec. 260. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY.

The name of every candidate who has been duly and regularly nominated shall be placed on the ballot under the title of the office for which he or she is a candidate, provided that a candidate whose nomination has been completed may withdraw as a candidate by filing a signed and sworn statement of withdrawal with the Director of Elections no fewer than 67 days before the election. No candidate may withdraw as a candidate after 5:00 p.m. on the 67th day before the date of the election.
Sec. 270. DEATH OF CANDIDATE.

The Director of Elections shall not print a candidate's name upon the ballot or the candidate's Candidate Qualification Statement in the Voter Information Pamphlet if, before 5:00 p.m. on the 67th day before the date of the election, the Director ascertains that the candidate has died. If the Director ascertains after 5:00 p.m. on the 67th day before the date of the election that the candidate has died, the Director shall print the candidate's name on the ballot and the candidate's Candidate Qualification Statement in the Voter Information Pamphlet, provided that the candidate's declaration of candidacy otherwise complied with all legal requirements.

Section 3. The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code, Article III, is hereby amended by amending Sections 300, 360 and 370, to read as follows:

Sec. 300. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF MEASURES.

(a) Charter Amendments and Bond Measures. Except as provided in Subsection (c) of this Section, proposed Charter amendments and bond measures shall be submitted to the voters at the next election held no fewer than 102 days after the date said measure is received by the Director of Elections.

The Director of Elections shall have the discretion to submit to the voters Board of Supervisors may submit, and the Director of Elections shall have the discretion to accept, one proposed Charter amendment or bond measure per election that is received fewer than 102 days before the date of the election, provided that said measure is received no fewer than 95 days before the date of the election.

(b) Measures Submitted by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, or Four or More Supervisors. Measures Ordinances and declarations of policy proposed by a majority of the Board of Supervisors or by four or more Supervisors pursuant to Charter Section 2.113, or by the Mayor pursuant to Charter Section 3.100(15), shall be submitted to the voters at the next
Measures proposed by initiative petition pursuant to Charter Sections 14.101 or 9.110 shall be submitted to the voters upon certification of the sufficiency of the petition signatures by the Director of Elections. An initiative petition shall be submitted to the Director of Elections no fewer than 120 days before the date of the election for which the initiative is intended. The Director of Elections shall certify the sufficiency of the petition signatures, or determine the insufficiency of the signatures, no later than 30 days after the date the petition is received.

(1) Except as provided in Subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, a vote on an initiative shall occur at the next general municipal or Statewide election occurring no fewer than 90 days from the date of the certificate of sufficiency executed by the Director of Elections. Any initiative petition that is certified by the Director of Elections to contain the requisite number of valid signatures, but that is certified within 90 days of an election, shall not be placed on the ballot for that election but shall be placed on the ballot at the next general municipal or Statewide election.

(2) The Director of Elections shall call for a special municipal election on an initiative if the initiative petition complies with the requirements of Charter Section 14.101.

(3) The Board of Supervisors may call for a special municipal election on an initiative pursuant to Charter Section 14.101, provided that the special election occurs no fewer than 90 days from the date the certificate of sufficiency is executed by the Director of Elections.
Sec. 360. MEASURES CONCERNING THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER: COMPETING AND CONFLICTING MEASURES; COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES.

When two or more proposed measures concern the same subject matter, the Director of Elections shall publish in the Voter Information Pamphlet the following statement on the ballots:

Propositions (1) and (2) concern the same subject matter. If both measures are adopted by the voters, and if there is a conflict between provisions of the two measures, then some or all of the measure approved by fewer votes would not go into effect.

When two or more proposed measures are of the same general purpose, the Director of Elections shall so declare. If there is a conflict between two or more such measures adopted at the same election, then the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

In case two or more measures adopted at the same election have conflicting provisions and are tied for the highest vote, they shall be resubmitted at the next ensuing general election.

Sec. 370. WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURES.

(a) Measures Proposed by the Mayor or Board of Supervisors. Measures proposed by the Mayor or Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 300(a) or (b) of this Article may be withdrawn at any time up until and including the legal deadline for submission of the measure to the Director of Elections. The Mayor and Board of Supervisors cannot withdraw measures after the legal deadline for submission of the measure to the Director of Elections.

(b) Measures Proposed by Four or More Supervisors.

(1) Unanimous Withdrawal. Measures proposed by four or more members of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 300(b) of this Article may be withdrawn at any time up until and including the legal deadline for submission of the measure to the Director of Elections if each of the Supervisors who submitted the measure files with the Director of Elections a signed and sworn...
statement of withdrawal before the legal deadline for submission of the measure. The four or more Supervisors who submitted the measure cannot withdraw the measure after the legal deadline for submission of the measure to the Director of Elections.

(2) Withdrawal of Support by One or More Supervisors. Measures proposed by four or more members of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 300(b) of this Article shall be withdrawn if one or more of the Supervisors withdraw their support for the proposed measure, and following this withdrawal fewer than four Supervisors continue to support the proposed measure. For purposes of this subsection, a Supervisor may withdraw his or her support for a measure by filing with the Director of Elections a signed and sworn statement of withdrawal at any time up until 72 hours before the legal deadline for submission of the measure to the Director of Elections. Following such a withdrawal, additional members of the Board of Supervisors may join in support of the proposed measure provided that they do so in writing before the legal deadline for submission of the measure to the Director of Elections. No Supervisor may withdraw his or her support for a measure pursuant to this subsection if fewer than 72 hours remain before the legal deadline for submission of the measure to the Director of Elections.

(c) Initiatives. Once submitted to the Department of Elections, measures proposed by initiative petition may not be withdrawn.

Section 4. The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code, Article V, is hereby amended by amending Sections 500, 510, 530, 535, 550, 590 and 595, and deleting Sections 555, 560, 565, 570 and 585, to read as follows:

Sec. 500. VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET; CONTENTS; FORMAT.

With respect to any election to be held in the City and County, the Director of Elections shall prepare a voter information pamphlet. The voter information pamphlet shall contain, in addition to any other material required by the Charter or by general law, the following materials:
(a) General contents:

(1) A table of contents;

(2) An index of candidates and measures;

(3) A brief explanation of the purpose and use of the pamphlet;

(4) A summary of voters' rights, including a description of the right provided to every elector by California Elections Code sections 9295 and 13314 to seek a writ of mandate or an injunction prior to the publication of the Voter Information Pamphlet, requiring any or all of the materials submitted for publication in the Pamphlet to be amended or deleted;

(5) A brief description of the rules and procedures that govern the submission, selection and publication of ballot arguments in the pamphlet, including a statement explaining that each person entitled to submit a "Proponent's" or "Opponent's" argument is chosen pursuant to the priority list stated in Section 545 of this Code;

(6) A disclaimer that neither the Director of Elections nor any other City agency, official or employee verifies the accuracy of information contained in the ballot arguments or candidate qualification statements appearing in the pamphlet, and an explanation that any person submitting a ballot argument or qualifications statement bears the sole responsibility for claims made therein;

(7) Artwork, graphics and other material which the Director of Elections determines will make the pamphlet easier to understand or more useful to the voter;

(8) Definitions of terms appearing in the pamphlet; and

(9) A sample ballot.

(b) Contents as to candidates:

(1) The candidate qualification statement of each candidate for an elective office of the City and County;
A brief statement of the term, compensation, and duties of each elective office of the City and County appearing in the pamphlet; and

Any notice required by the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance, Administrative Code Section 16.510 et seq., or the Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 85600 et seq., informing voters whether the candidate has adopted the applicable voluntary expenditure ceiling.

Contents as to measures:

(1) The identification of each measure by letter and title;

(2) The City Attorney's statement or question for each measure;

(3) The digest of each measure prepared by the Ballot Simplification Committee;

(4) The Controller's financial analysis of each measure;

(5) An explanation of how the measure qualified for submission to the voters;

(A) If the measure was submitted to the voters by the Board of Supervisors, the explanation required by Subsection (c)(5) of this Section shall identify those Supervisors who voted for submission of the measure and those Supervisors who voted against submission of the measure,

(B) If the measure was submitted to the voters by four or more members of the Board of Supervisors, the explanation required by Subsection (c)(5) of this Section shall identify those Supervisors who submitted the measure,

(C) If the measure was submitted to the voters by initiative petition, the explanation required by Subsection (c)(5) of this Section shall include the number of valid signatures of registered San Francisco voters that were required to qualify the measure for the ballot, and the date on which the Director of Elections certified that the measure qualified for the ballot;

(6) The full text of each measure to be voted upon at the election; and
(7) The opponent, proponent, rebuttal and paid arguments, if any, for or against each measure; and

(8) A disclaimer before any opponent, proponent or rebuttal argument that is submitted by the Board of Supervisors or by one or more members of the Board of Supervisors for or against any measure, stating, "The Board of Supervisors authorized the submission of the following argument. As of the date of the publication of this Voter Information Pamphlet, the following Supervisors endorse the measure [insert names of Supervisors who have by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline for the submission of proponent and opponent arguments set forth in section 535 of this Code notified the Department of Elections in writing that they endorse the measure]; oppose the measure [insert the names of Supervisors who have by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline for the submission of proponent and opponent arguments set forth in section 535 of this Code notified the Department of Elections in writing that they oppose the measure]; take no position on the measure [insert the names of the Supervisors who have by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline for the submission of proponent and opponent arguments set forth in section 535 of this Code either failed to notify the Department of Elections that they support or oppose the measure or notified the Department of Elections in writing that they have not taken a position on the measure]." This disclaimer shall not be counted towards the number of words permitted in each argument.

Measures, and the material specified in this Section relating to said measures, shall be printed in the voter information pamphlet in the same order in which designated upon the ballot.

The items specified in Subsection (c)(1) to (c)(5) of this Section shall be printed together on the same page of the voter information pamphlet. This page shall be known as the "ballot measure title page." The ballot measure title page shall also indicate: the page number at which the full text of the measure is printed; the page number at which the
arguments for or against the measure are printed; and, if applicable the page number at which
the definitions of terms appearing on ballot measure title page are printed.

The format of the voter information pamphlet shall be determined by the Director of
Elections, subject to the approval of the Ballot Simplification Committee.

The voter information pamphlet shall be mailed to each registered San Francisco voter
so as to be received at least 21 10 days prior to each general, runoff or special municipal
election.

Sec. 510. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENT OR QUESTION.

(a) **Format.** Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the City Attorney shall
prepare a general statement of any ballot measure to be submitted to the voters, followed by
the words "yes" and "no," so arranged that voters may indicate a choice upon the ballot. The
general statement or question shall not exceed 30 words, except where the subject measure
is unusually complex, in which case the general statement or question shall not exceed 100 words.

(b) **Deadline.** The general question or statement for any measure shall be
transmitted to the Director of Elections no fewer than 85 days prior to the election to which it
relates, for printing and inclusion in the voter information pamphlet:

(c) **Bond Measures.** The City Attorney shall not prepare the general statement of a bond
measure where the Board of Supervisors approves a general statement of the measure by ordinance or
resolution. The general statement of a bond measure shall not exceed 100 words.

Sec. 530. BALLOT ARGUMENTS; PROCEDURES.

(a) **Rules for Submission.** These procedures shall govern the submission and
publication of ballot arguments for or against any measure submitted to the voters.

(b) **Authorship.** The Board of Supervisors, or any member or members of the Board
of Supervisors authorized by that body; the Mayor; any proponent of an initiative measure or a
referendum; any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or group of such
Authorization Signatures Required. A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the signature or signatures of the person or persons submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an association or organization, the name of the association or organization and the signature of at least one of its principal officers who is a registered San Francisco voter. The association or organization submitting the argument must clearly indicate whether it wishes the name of the officer submitting the argument to be printed as part of the argument. The names of additional associations, organizations, or individuals who are registered San Francisco voters may be submitted as co-authors of the argument. The names and titles of all co-authors, and the name and title of any other person to be included in the text of the argument as printed in the voter information pamphlet, shall be counted against the 300-word limit specified in Section 575 of this Article. Such names and titles shall be subject to the per-word fee specified in Section 830 of this Code.

Consent Required. A ballot argument which includes in its text the name of a individual or entity, other than a co-author of the argument, which is represented as being for a measure, or which is represented as supporting or endorsing the views expressed in the argument, shall not be accepted unless the argument is accompanied by a statement of consent.
consent signed by such individual or entity. The consent of an entity shall be signed by an 
officer or other duly authorized representative.

Sec. 535. BALLOT ARGUMENTS; DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION, CORRECTION, 
AND WITHDRAWAL.

(a) Proponent and Opponent Arguments. Ballot arguments submitted for selection as 
the "proponent's" argument for or "opponent's" argument against a measure as provided in 
Section 545 must be submitted to the Director of Elections no later than noon of the eighty-
first eighth seventy-seventh day prior to the election at which the measure is to be voted 
on upon.

(b) Rebuttal Arguments. Rebuttal arguments as provided for in Section 550 must be 
submitted to the Director of Elections no later than noon of the seventy-seventh seventy-sixth 
seventieth day prior to the election at which the measure is to be voted upon.

(c) Paid Arguments. Ballot arguments submitted for publication as paid arguments 
for or against a measure as provided for in Section 560 must be submitted to the Director of 
Elections no later than noon of the seventy-sixth seventy-fourth seventieth day prior to the 
election at which the measure is to be voted upon.

(d) Modification or Withdrawal of Submitted Arguments. Arguments may be changed or 
withdrawn by the persons submitting them at any time up to and including the last day for 
submission. No person may change an argument, except as provided in subsection (e), and no 
person may withdraw an argument, after the deadline for submission of the argument.

(e) Correction of Submitted Arguments. Grammatical, spelling and factual errors 
contained in an a proponent or opponent argument may be corrected by the person 
submitting the argument at any time up until noon of the seventy-eighth seventy-fifth sixty-
 eighth day prior to the election. Grammatical, spelling and factual errors contained in a 
rebuttal argument may be corrected by the person submitting the argument at any time up
until noon of the seventy-sixth day prior to the election. Grammatical, spelling and factual
errors contained in a paid argument may be corrected by the person submitting the argument
at any time up until noon of the seventy-fifth day prior to the election. For purposes of this
subsection, the determination of what constitutes a grammatical, or spelling or factual error
shall be made by the Director of Elections. No person may correct grammatical, spelling or
factual errors contained in an argument after the deadline specified in this subsection, noon of
the seventy-fifth day prior to the election.

Sec. 550. PROPONENT AND OPPONENT ARGUMENTS; REBUTTALS;
ASSIGNMENT OF ARGUMENTS.

(a) Exchange of Proponent and Opponent Arguments. Upon selection of the
"proponent's" argument for and "opponent's" argument against a measure, the Director of
Elections shall immediately send copies of both to the persons whose arguments have been
selected. The authors of the direct arguments may each prepare and submit a rebuttal
argument not to exceed 250 words. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner
as the direct arguments and in a location immediately following the appropriate direct
arguments. If no direct argument is submitted in support of or in opposition to a measure, the
Director of Elections shall not accept or publish any rebuttal argument.

(b) When the Board of Supervisors authorizes a member or members of that body to
submit and sign a rebuttal argument to any proponent or opponent argument for or against
any measure for publication in the voter information pamphlet, or assigns that right to another
person pursuant to section 550 of this Code, the Board shall provide such authorization by
motion and need not take any further action, including voting on or otherwise approving the
actual text of the rebuttal argument before it is submitted for publication.

(c) Assignment of Proponent and Opponent Arguments. A person who is entitled,
pursuant to Section 545(a)(1)(A), (B) or (C) or Section 545(a)(2)(A), (B) or (C), to submit the
proponent or opponent argument for a particular measure may assign the right to submit the argument to another person, provided that the assignee is eligible to submit an argument pursuant to Section 530(b) of this Code.

(d) A person who is entitled, pursuant to Section 545(a)(2)(A), (B) or (C), to submit the opponent argument for a particular measure may assign the right to submit the argument to another person, provided that the assignee is eligible to submit an argument pursuant to Section 530(b) of this Code.

(d) (e) Assignment of Rebuttal Arguments. The author of a direct proponent or opponent argument may assign to another person the right to submit a rebuttal argument, provided that the assignee is eligible to submit an argument pursuant to Section 530(b) of this Code.

Sec. 590. VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET; PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

California Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13313 require that certain materials submitted for publication in the voter information pamphlet shall be subject to a 10-day public examination period. The public examination period for each category of material is specified below, and commences one day after the deadline for submitting that material to the Department of Elections and ends ten days later. Following the close of the public examination period for each category of material, the Department of Elections may proceed with publication of that material.

(a) Candidate Materials.

(1) Candidate Qualification Statements. Candidate qualification statements submitted pursuant to Section 220 of this Article shall be available for public examination starting no later than noon on the eighty-seventh day prior to the election. The public examination period shall end at noon on the seventy-seventh day prior to the election.

(2) Ballot Designations. Candidate ballot designations submitted pursuant to Section 225 of this Article shall be available for public examination starting no later than noon on the eighty-
seventh day prior to the election. The public examination period shall end at noon on the seventy-
seventh day prior to the election.

(b) Ballot Measure Materials.

(1) Controller Statements. Statements prepared by the Controller pursuant to section 520 of
this Article shall be available for public examination starting no later than noon on the eighty-fourth
day prior to the election. The public examination period shall end at noon on the seventy-fourth day
prior to the election.

(2) City Attorney Statements or Questions. Statements or questions prepared by the City
Attorney pursuant to section 510 of this Article shall be available for public examination starting no
later than noon on the eighty-fourth day prior to the election. The public examination period shall end
at noon on the seventy-fourth day prior to the election.

(3) Proponent and Opponent Arguments. Proponent and opponent arguments submitted
pursuant to section 535(a) of this Article shall be available for public examination starting no later
than noon on the seventy-seventh seventy-ninth day prior to the election. The public examination
period shall end at noon on the sixty-seventh sixty-ninth day prior to the election.

(4) Rebuttal Arguments. Rebuttal arguments submitted pursuant to section 535(b) of this
Article shall be available for public examination starting no later than noon on the seventy-fifth day
prior to the election. The public examination period shall end at noon on the sixty-third sixty-fifth day
prior to the election.

(5) Paid Arguments. Paid arguments submitted pursuant to section 535(c) of this
Article shall be available for public examination starting no later than noon on the seventy-
fourth day prior to the election. The public examination period shall end at noon on the sixty-
third day prior to the election.

(c) Other Materials. For all other materials submitted for publication in the voter
information pamphlet that are subject to a 10-day public examination period pursuant to California
Elections Code Sections 13313, but for which an examination period is not specified by this
Section, the examination period shall commence no later than noon on the sixty-ninth day prior to the
election and shall end at noon on the tenth day after the date of commencement.

For all materials to be placed in the voter information pamphlet for an election, the 10-day
period for public examination of election materials related to that election provided for in California
Elections Code Section 9295 shall commence no later than noon on the sixty ninth day prior to said
election.

Sec. 595. VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET TO CONTAIN INFORMATION ON
ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES.

(a) It is the City's policy to urge and encourage all individuals who cannot speak
English to take English language classes, and thereby enhance their ability to participate
in and contribute to the process of deliberation vital to the democratic process.

(b) The Director of Elections is directed, in those instances in which a separate
ballot pamphlet or pamphlets in a foreign language are distributed, to place in such
pamphlets, in the corresponding language, information as to the time, place, nature and
telephone numbers of free English language classes in public and private schools and
agencies in the City.

Section 5. The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code, Article VIII, is hereby
amended by amending Section 800 and deleting section 830, as follows:

Sec. 800. CHARTER AUTHORIZATION.

The fees imposed by this Article are adopted pursuant to Charter Section 13.109.
These fees shall not become operative until January 1, 1998.

Section 6. The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code, Article IX, is hereby amended
by deleting Section 930, as follows:

SEC. 930. VACANCY RESULTING FROM RECALL.
If the official proposed to be removed at a recall election is recalled, the mayor shall appoint a successor pursuant to Charter Sections 2.102, 3.100(14), and 6.107.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: [Signature]
Julia A. Möll
Deputy City Attorney
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July 8, 2003  Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Newsom

July 8, 2003  Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Newsom

July 15, 2003  Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on July 15, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.