

FILE NO. 070672

ORDINANCE NO.

267-07

1 [Initiative Petition Circulator Identification Requirements.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code by adding section 335 to require**
4 **initiative, recall and referendum petition circulators to display a badge disclosing**
5 **whether they are volunteer or paid circulators and requiring circulators to disclose the**
6 **name(s) of the proponents of the petition upon request.**

7 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
8 deletions are strikethrough italics Times New Roman.
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

11 Section 1. The San Francisco Municipal Elections Code is hereby amended by adding
12 Section 335, to read as follows:

13 **SEC. 335. CIRCULATOR IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

14 (a) Upon request of any person circulating, as a principal or agent, or having charge or
15 control of the circulation of, or obtaining signatures to, any City initiative, referendum or recall
16 petition, the Department of Elections shall provide badges to that person to be worn as described in
17 subsection (b). Each badge shall contain either the words "VOLUNTEER CIRCULATOR" or "PAID
18 CIRCULATOR." Each badge shall be printed in a font and size that is clearly legible to the intended
19 public. When the Department of Elections provides badges to any person pursuant to this subsection,
20 the Department of Elections also shall provide written notice to the person requesting the badges
21 describing the requirements set forth in subsection (b).

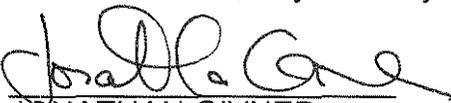
22 (b) Every person is guilty of an infraction, punishable by the maximum fine allowed under
23 state law, who, circulating, as a principal or agent, or having charge or control of the circulation of,
24 or obtaining signatures to, any City initiative, referendum or recall petition, intentionally fails to
25 display an identification badge provided by the Department of Elections pursuant to subsection (a) on

1 his or her outermost piece of clothing that includes the words "VOLUNTEER CIRCULATOR" if the
2 person is not being paid to circulate the petition or "PAID CIRCULATOR" if the person is being paid
3 to circulate the petition.

4 (c) Every person who receives written notice from the Department of Elections described in
5 subsection (a) shall provide an exact copy of the written notice to every person to whom the person
6 distributes a badge received from the Department of Elections. Any person who fails to provide an
7 exact copy of the written notice as required under this subsection shall be guilty of an infraction,
8 punishable by the maximum fine allowed under state law.

9 (d) Upon request by any person, a person circulating, as a principal or agent, or having charge
10 or control of the circulation of, or obtaining signatures to, any City initiative, referendum or recall
11 petition shall disclose the name(s) of the proponents of the petition. Any person who intentionally fails
12 to make such disclosure shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by the maximum fine allowed
13 under state law.

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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November 6, 2007 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Noes: 1 - Alioto-Pier

November 13, 2007 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
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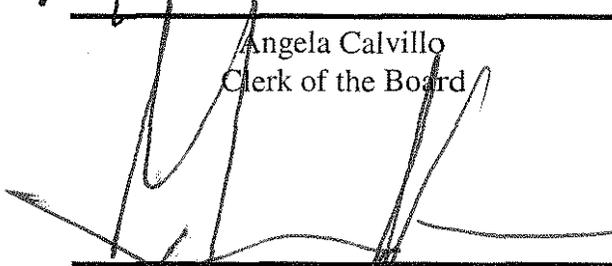
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance
was FINALLY PASSED on November 13,
2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City
and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

11-21-07

Date Approved



Mayor Gavin Newsom