Resolution declaring the Board of Supervisors’ intent to call a special municipal election, to be consolidated with a prospective statewide recall election.

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2021, the California Secretary of State announced that the threshold of verified signatures reported by counties has been met for the recall of Governor Gavin Newsom; and

WHEREAS, The California Elections Code requires additional steps before the State can formally call a statewide recall election regarding Governor Newsom, including allowing for voter signature withdrawals and for the calculation and review of the estimated costs of the election (Cal. Elec. Code § 11108); and

WHEREAS, The Lieutenant Governor may formally call for a statewide recall election regarding Governor Newsom, only after the Elections Code’s procedures are completed, and that such a recall election must be held within 60-80 days of the date of its calling (Cal. Const., Art. II § 15); and

WHEREAS, The California Secretary of State has indicated that this statewide recall election regarding Governor Newsom will most likely occur between late November and early December but has not yet fixed a final date for this election; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 13.103 provides that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, call a special municipal election and consolidate a special municipal election with a statewide election; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 13.103 provides that the Board of Supervisors’ Resolution calling a special municipal election must fix a date for that election, and the election must occur between 105 and 120 days after the enactment of that Resolution; and
WHEREAS, Charter, Section 13.103 requires the Board of Supervisors to appropriate funds sufficient to pay for all of the City’s costs and expenses with respect to a special municipal election; and

WHEREAS, The City may submit local ballot measures to the voters at such a special municipal election, and the voters may desire an opportunity to vote on candidates for local elected offices that have been vacated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to call a special municipal election to be consolidated with the prospective statewide recall election regarding Governor Newsom; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will formally call this special municipal election and fix its date through a subsequent Resolution, as the State proceeds through its legally required steps for the prospective statewide recall election; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will coordinate with the Controller, the Mayor’s Budget Office and the Department of Elections to determine the appropriation necessary to pay for the costs and expense of a such a special municipal election.
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May 17, 2021 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 25, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 210465

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/25/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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06/04/2021

London N. Breed
Mayor

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06/04/2021

Date Approved

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board