Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 37 introduced by Assembly Member Marc Berman that would extend the requirements to mail a ballot to every registered voter for all elections and apply them to all municipal elections and require a vote by mail tracking system to be accessible to voters with disabilities.

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus (COVID-19) forced Mayor London N. Breed to issue the City and County of San Francisco’s first public health order requiring residents to shelter-in-place on March 16, 2020, while local health officials sought methods to control and eliminate the virus’ deadly impact to San Francisco’s residents; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a stay at home order to protect the health and well-being of all California residents on March 19, 2020, and provide a statewide unified response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, On May 8, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order to send every registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco received record number of returned ballots and voter turnout for the November 3, 2020, general election that accounted for more than 2/3 of the County’s registered voters voting largely by mail-in ballots; and

WHEREAS, A supermajority of legislators in the California Assembly and Senate recently supported and successfully passed Senate Bill No. 29 (SB 29) that continues the state’s universal vote-by-mail system until the end of 2021; and
WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 37 (AB 37) would permanently extend the State’s universal vote-by-mail system by extending the requirements to mail a ballot to every registered voter to all elections and apply them to all municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, AB 37 would also require a vote by mail tracking system to be accessible to voters with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, AB 37 would provide vote by mail ballot are deemed timely if cast on or before election day and, if returned by mail, received no later than 7 days after Election Day; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill No. 37 which would permanently extend the requirements to mail a ballot to every registered voter to all elections and apply them to all municipal elections; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco distribute this Resolution to San Francisco’s State Legislative Delegation and to California Governor Gavin Newsom.
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June 08, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/8/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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

London N. Breed
Mayor

06/17/2021
Date Approved