

1 [Establishing a 19-member task force to study civic participation and electoral reform.]

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3 **Resolution establishing the Civic Participation Task Force to study trends in civic**
4 **participation and report back to the Board of Supervisors with proposed electoral**
5 **reforms.**

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7 WHEREAS, The electoral process is an important part of our society's governing
8 framework, allowing people the opportunity to express their opinions on candidates and
9 issues of the day; and

10 WHEREAS, This process must assure that each and every vote is counted, that every
11 eligible person is encouraged to participate, and that sufficient information is provided to
12 make informed choices on the items on the ballot; and,

13 WHEREAS, A number of improvements to voting technology have been enacted,
14 including "The Eagle" optical scan vote count system; and,

15 WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of eligible San Franciscans do not vote each year
16 for a number of reasons; and,

17 WHEREAS, People of color, youth, immigrants and homeless people are generally
18 much less likely to vote than the general population; and,

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is committed to increasing the
20 number of San Franciscans who vote, and the information they use to come to informed
21 decisions; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors establishes a Civic Participation Task
23 Force, to be comprised of nineteen members as follows:

24 The Director of the Department of Elections or his/her designee;

25 8 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, representing:

- 1 A. Two members representing neighborhood organizations,
2 B. Two members representing academic institutions and nonprofit groups working on
3 civic participation,
4 C. One member representing an organization representing children and youth,
5 D. One member representing an organization representing senior services,
6 E. One member representing an organization representing the business community,
7 F. One member representing organized labor,

8 Seven members appointed by the Board of Supervisors from the following
9 organizations each of which shall submit at least three nominees, which nominees may
10 be members of their nominating body:

- 11 A. One member representing the San Francisco Democratic County Central
12 Committee,
13 B. One member representing the San Francisco Republican County Central
14 Committee,
15 C. One member representing the San Francisco Green Party County Council,
16 D. One member representing the San Francisco Youth Commission,
17 E. One member representing the Immigrants Rights Commission,
18 F. One member representing the San Francisco Unified School District,
19 G. One member representing the Community College District,

20 Three members appointed by the Mayor as follows:

- 21 A. Two representatives of academic institutions and nonprofit groups working on civic
22 participation,
23 B. One representative of the Mayor's Disability Council; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the quorum for this Task Force, to be able to conduct a
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1 meeting, shall be a majority of the filled position on the Task Force, but no fewer than 7; and,
2 be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this task force shall provide a final report and
4 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors within 6 months of the Task Force's initial
5 meeting, and in any event no later than June 1, 2002; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Task Force shall automatically terminate on June 1,
7 2002, unless its existence is further extended by action of the Board of Supervisors.

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution establishing the Civic Participation Task Force to study trends in civic participation and report back to the Board of Supervisors with proposed electoral reforms.


August 27, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 27, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

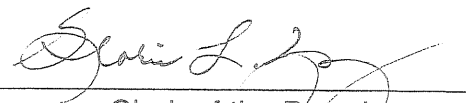

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: September 7, 2001

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.


Clerk of the Board

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