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RESOLUTION NO.

517-06

1 [Urging Federal Officials to Urge Mexico's Federal Electoral Tribunal to Order a Vote by Vote  
2 Recount]

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4 **Resolution urging Federal officials to urge Mexico's Federal Electoral Tribunal to order  
5 a vote by vote recount in the presidential election.**

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7 WHEREAS, On July 2, 2006, Mexico held a national election to choose its next  
8 president; and

9 WHEREAS, On July 4, 2006, Mexico's Federal Election Institute announced that  
10 candidate Felipe Calderon had a nearly 500,000 vote lead over candidate Andres Manuel  
11 Lopez Obrador; and

12 WHEREAS, This announcement resulted in an immediate challenge by Lopez Obrador  
13 who argued that over 3 million ballots or 8% of the total vote, had not been counted; and,

14 WHEREAS, On July 5, 2006, Mexico's Federal Election Institute acknowledged that,  
15 contrary to its prior assertions, over three million ballots had not been counted and began  
16 counting them; and

17 WHEREAS, On July 6, 2006, the New York Times sampled six precincts, and found  
18 that all had miscounted their totals in favor of Calderon and to the detriment of Lopez  
19 Obrador; and

20 WHEREAS, On July 6, 2006, Mexico's Federal Election Institute declared Calderon the  
21 winner by 236,000 votes out of 41 million cast; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the past month, media outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The*  
23 *Washington Post* and Pacifica Radio's Democracy Now have covered numerous charges of  
24 electoral fraud from observers and the Lopez Obrador campaign which has cited irregularities  
25 in over 40,000 of Mexico's 130,000 polling sites and has received numerous videos of

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1 electoral fraud, including videos showing ballot box stuffing in the state of Guanajuato and an  
2 election official in the state of Queretaro refusing to recount a ballot box that was later shown  
3 to have discrepancies in favor of Calderon; and

4 WHEREAS, In order to ensure fairness of the election, a vote by vote recount is  
5 essential without which the country's democratic process will be at risk; and

6 WHEREAS, Mexico's Federal Electoral Tribunal, an independent judicial body, is  
7 charged with approving the election or ordering recounts by September 6, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, On July 7, 2006, *The New York Times* editorialized on the election saying,  
9 "there are enough problems to warrant a complete recount" and suggesting that Mexico's  
10 Federal Electoral Tribunal order a recount as it has done for recent elections in the Mexico  
11 states of Tabasco and Colima; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the past few weeks following the election millions of Mexican citizens  
13 have been rallying across the country and in the capital demanding a full vote by vote recount  
14 -- asserting that only a vote by vote recount can put to rest lingering doubts about the July 2  
15 election; and

16 WHEREAS, on August 4, 2006, the Federal Electoral Tribunal ordered only a partial  
17 recount of 9% of the country's ballots, a recount that few believe will resolve these doubts or  
18 ameliorate growing tensions within the country; and

19 WHEREAS, As evidence of these doubts people across Mexico and in the  
20 international community have stepped up their call for a vote by vote recount and on August  
21 8, 2006, *The San Francisco Chronicle* editorialized against the Federal Electoral Tribunal's  
22 ordering a partial recount saying only "a full recount is necessary to establish public  
23 confidence in the final outcome"; and

1           WHEREAS, With thousands of Mexican immigrants people of Mexican descent and  
2 with the City and State's economy closely linked to Mexico, San Francisco has a strong  
3 interest in the survival of Mexico's democratic system; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges our Federal  
5 officials to urge Mexico's Federal Electoral Tribunal to order an immediate vote by vote  
6 recount in the presidential election.

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**City and County of San Francisco**  
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**Resolution**

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**File Number:** 061017

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the Mexican Federal Electoral Tribunal to order a ballot by ballot recount of votes in the presidential race.

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July 18, 2006 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Rules Committee

August 15, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin,  
Sandoval

Noes: 1 - Elsbernd

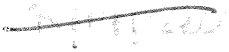
Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 15, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board




Date Approved



Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: August 25, 2006

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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