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[Rebuttal Argument]

AUTHORIZING REBUTTAL TO OPPONENT'S BALLOT ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION D, A CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING HEALTH AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the Municipal Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize a rebuttal argument to opponent's ballot argument against Proposition D, a Charter amendment (First Draft) amending Appendix A8.425 and A8.502 and deleting A8.501, relating to medical and retirement benefits for members of the board of supervisors; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the full text of said argument hereby authorized be shown in the copy attached to this motion and is hereby declared to be a part hereof; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby authorized and directed to include said argument in the pamphlet accompanying the sample ballots to be mailed to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

The Undersigned authors of this Rebuttal Ballot Rebuttal Argument: X **FOR** or **AGAINST**, **PROPOSITION D** at the election to be held in San Francisco on March 7, 2000 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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Style Notes B, I, or BI	KEEP TEXT WITHIN THESE VERTICAL LINES	# of words in each line
	Proposition D is about equality.	5
	Members of the Board of Supervisors must be treated like everyone else. They	13
	should not be treated like a 'House of Lords' with unreasonable 'special'	12
	privileges.	1
	But since when have health and retirement benefits been considered 'special'	11
	privileges? Indeed, are any rights more basic? Sadly, the same tactic of	12
	confusing equal rights with 'special' rights has been used to keep basic benefits	13
	from other groups.	3
	Proposition D asks that Members of the Board of Supervisors be given the same	14
	benefits as other city employees. Nothing more. Nothing less.	9
	Despite what opponents would have you believe, the job of Supervisor is full-	13
	time. Each Member works countless hours meeting with constituent groups,	9
	drafting pieces of legislation, and attending community functions. It is	10
	ridiculous to suggest that any Member of the Board is looking for a 'giveaway'	14
	or expects to become rich from this civic position.	9

	<p>Unfortunately, opponents to Proposition D understand what is truly at stake.</p> <p>With District Elections only months away, opponents do not want to see anything which might encourage the average neighborhood person from running for District Supervisor. Instead, they would prefer professional politicians and their wealthy donors keep tight control over City Hall.</p> <p>By not extending these basic benefits, opponents of Proposition D hope that average neighborhood people will be dissuaded from running.</p> <p>It is sad that persons would seek to limit participation in Democracy.</p> <p>Say 'YES' to Equality.</p> <p>Say 'YES' to Open Government.</p> <p>Say 'YES' to Proposition D.</p> <p>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>10</p> <p>10</p> <p>9</p> <p>12</p> <p>8</p> <p>12</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>5</p> <p>3</p>
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Motion authorizing rebuttal to opponent's ballot argument against Proposition D, a charter amendment regarding health and retirement benefits for members of the Board of Supervisors.

December 23, 1999 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

Ayes: 7 - Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki

Absent: 4 - Ammiano, Katz, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on December 23, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board