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[Ballot Argument]

**Motion authorizing proponent's ballot argument in favor of Proposition A, a Charter Amendment regarding Elective Officials.**

MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the Municipal Election Code, the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize a ballot argument in favor of Proposition A, a charter amendment to repeal the current Section 13.102 and add a new Section 13.102 to provide for the election of the Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor-Recorder, Public Defender, and members of the Board of Supervisors using a ranked-choice, or "instant run-off" ballot, to require that City voting systems be compatible with a ranked-choice system, and setting date and conditions for the implementation; 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 5, 2002.

Declaration by Authors of Arguments and / or Rebuttals

THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHOR(S) of this BALLOT ARGUMENT  X  FOR or   AGAINST PROPOSITION  A  FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO ON MARCH 5, 2001 HEREBY STATE THAT SUCH ARGUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER/THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. ALL SIGNERS OF THIS ARGUMENT MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Style Notes B, I, or BI	KEEP TEXT WITHIN THESE VERTICAL LINES	# of words in each line
	Proposition A will allow San Francisco to elect candidates supported by a popular majority without needing expensive, low-turnout December runoff elections. This will	11 9 3
B	<b>SAVE \$2 MILLION TAX DOLLARS PER YEAR,</b>	7
B	<b>RAISE VOTER TURNOUT and</b>	4
B	<b>REDUCE NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING</b>	3
	Last December's runoff had a voter turnout of only FIFTEEN PERCENT -- the lowest in San Francisco's history. December is an awful time for an election. Voters are busy with holiday plans, and don't even realize the runoff is happening. Voter turnout usually declines.	12 13 13 5
	Runoffs are costly to taxpayers. The December runoff for city attorney cost nearly \$2 MILLION, an average of \$29 per voter. This money could be better spent on other city services threatened with cutbacks in our ailing economy.	12 14 12
	Previous runoff elections have seen excessive negative campaigning and "hit" pieces. Such mudslinging is common when the field is reduced to two candidates, and candidates can win by attacking their lone opponent rather than attracting voters.	10 12 12 2
	The purpose of the runoff—to ensure majority support for winners—is a good one, but huge declines in voter turnout, high costs, and negative campaigning undermine this worthy goal.	14 12 4
	Proposition A implements instant runoff voting to fulfill the goal of electing majority winners without the inconvenience of a second election.	12 9
	The "instant" runoff works much like December's "delayed" runoff. Voters indicate their favorite candidate, just like now. But at the same time they also rank their runoff choices, 1, 2, 3. This eliminates the need for a separate runoff election.	10 14 15 1
	By doing it in one election, we produce winners who have a majority of the vote and save millions of tax dollars. And we avoid the considerable headaches of a second election during the busy holiday season.	16 14 7
B	Proposition A will make our elections more <b>EFFICIENT</b> and <b>LESS</b>	10
B	<b>EXPENSIVE.</b>	1
B	<b>SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b>	4
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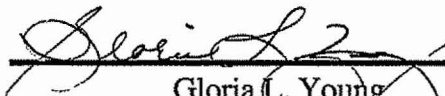
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December 17, 2001 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick  
Noes: 4 - Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED AS AMENDED on December 17, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board