

1 [SRO Voter Education and Registration]

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3 **Resolution urging increased voter education and registration outreach to SRO**  
4 **residents by the Department of Elections and urging SRO managers and owners to**  
5 **facilitate access for these purposes.**

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7 WHEREAS, There are over 500 single residence occupancy (SRO) residential hotels  
8 in San Francisco that are home to more than 30,000 residents; and,

9 WHEREAS, SRO residents include many low income people, minorities, seniors, and  
10 people with disabilities; and,

11 WHEREAS, populations such as those living in SROs have traditionally been  
12 registered to vote at a lower rate than the general population; and,

13 WHEREAS, SRO residents have a panoply of political issues which affect them and  
14 which can only be addressed if they vote and let there voices be heard in the governmental  
15 process; and,

16 WHEREAS, many SRO residents move frequently and have difficulty maintaining and  
17 updating proper voter registration; and

18 WHEREAS, Department of Elections outreach attempts affecting SRO residents have  
19 been admirable but have not yet achieved the level of voter registration needed to adequately  
20 enfranchise these people; and,

21 WHEREAS, the Department of Elections has difficulty gaining access to SROs for  
22 general voter education and registration; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the owners and managers of SROs  
24 in San Francisco to allow access to the Department of Elections for the purpose of voter

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1 education and registration and for placement of posters explaining how to maintain proper  
2 registration when moving residence; and, be it

3           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of  
4 Elections to increase voter education and registration activities directly targeting SRO  
5 residents.

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