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1 [Appropriation - Department of Elections - Costs Associated with Statewide November  
2025 Special Election - \$4,508,500 - FY2025-2026]

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3 **Ordinance appropriating \$4,508,500 of State cost reimbursement revenue to the**  
4 **Department of Elections to support costs associated with the Statewide**  
5 **November 2025 Special Election in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026; this Ordinance**  
6 **requires a two-thirds approval vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors**  
7 **for \$4,178,500 pursuant to Charter, Section 9.113(c).**

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9 deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.  
10 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
11 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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14 Section 1. The sources of funding outlined below are herein appropriated to  
15 reflect the funding available in Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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1 **SOURCES Appropriation**

2	Fund /	Project & Activity /	Account	Description	Amount
3	Department ID	Authority			
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5	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	448999	Other State	\$4,508,500
6	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000		Grants &	
7	Elections Services	Operating		Subventions	
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9	<b>Total SOURCES Appropriation</b>				<b>\$4,508,500</b>

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11 Section 2. The uses of funding outlined below are herein appropriated to reflect  
 12 the projected uses of funding in Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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14 **USES Appropriation**

15	Fund /	Project & Activity /	Account	Description	Amount
16	Department ID	Authority			
17					
18	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	505010	Temporary	\$700,000
19	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000		Staffing	
20	Elections Services	Operating			
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22	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	511010	Overtime	\$100,000
23	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000			
24	Elections Services	Operating			

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1	Fund /	Project & Activity /	Account	Description	Amount
2	Department ID	Authority			
3	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	513010	Mandatory Fringe	\$200,000
4	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000		Benefits	
5	Elections Services	Operating			
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7	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	527000	Professional and	\$3,168,500
8	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000		Specialized	
9	Elections Services	Operating		Services	
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11	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	560990	Other Equipment	\$100,000
12	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000			
13	Elections Services	Operating			
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15	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	549510	Other Office	\$13,000
16	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000		Supplies	
17	Elections Services	Operating			
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19	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	581360	DT Telecomm	\$15,000
20	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000		Services	
21	Elections Services	Operating			
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23	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	581820	Reproduction	\$10,000
24	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000			
25	Elections Services	Operating			

1	Fund /	Project & Activity /	Account	Description	Amount
2	Department ID	Authority			
3	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	581880	Rec & Park	\$2,000
4	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000		Gardener	
5	Elections Services	Operating			
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7	10000 GF Annual Account	10026787-0001 RG	581930	Sheriff	\$200,000
8	Ctrl/ 232302 REG	Elections/ 10000			
9	Elections Services	Operating			
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11	<b>Total USES Appropriation</b>				<b>\$4,508,500</b>

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14 Section 3. The total of \$4,178,500 requires a two-thirds approval vote by the Board  
 15 of Supervisors for salary and mandatory fringe benefits, non-personnel services, and  
 16 services of other departments for reproduction and mail services pursuant to Charter  
 17 Section 9.113(c).

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19 Section 4. The Controller is authorized to record transfers between funds and  
 20 adjust the accounting treatment of sources and uses appropriated in this ordinance as  
 21 necessary to conform with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and other laws.

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<p><b>Item 1</b> <b>File 25-0978</b></p>	<p><b>Department:</b> Elections</p>
<p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Legislative Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$4,508,500 from state cost reimbursement revenue to fund the special election in San Francisco on November 4, 2025.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier this year, the California Legislature passed and the Governor signed a constitutional amendment known as the “Election Rigging Response Act.” The resolution proposed a ballot measure that would amend the State Constitution to provide for using district boundaries on a temporary basis until new congressional boundary lines can be drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2031 and every ten years thereafter. The measure was approved by voters in a special election that took place on November 4, 2025.</li> <li>• The Legislature and Governor also appropriated funding for counties to conduct the November 4, 2025 statewide special election. The law states that any excess funds received by counties shall be used to offset state costs for the next statewide election conducted by the county. San Francisco received \$4,508,500 from the State to fund election costs.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fiscal Impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to the Department of Elections, the total state appropriation of \$4,508,500 will cover all costs for the special election.</li> <li>• The majority of costs—\$3,168,500 (70 percent)—is budgeted for professional and specialized services including printing of ballot and informational materials, postage, stipends for poll workers and polling place providers, translation or other professional services, and vehicle rental.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the proposed ordinance.</li> </ul>	

**MANDATE STATEMENT**

City Charter Section 9.113(c) states that a supplemental appropriation ordinance recommended by the Mayor or a member of the Board of Supervisors after the adoption of the budget and prior to the close of the budgetary cycle containing any item which had been rejected by the Mayor in his review of departmental budget estimates for the budgetary cycle or which had been rejected by the Board of Supervisors in its consideration of the Mayor's proposed budget for the budgetary cycle, shall require a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2008, California voters approved Proposition 11, an initiative state constitutional amendment that established a Citizens Redistricting Commission charged with establishing district boundaries for Assembly, State Senate, Board of Equalization, and the U.S. House of Representatives. The California Constitution requires the Citizens Redistricting Commission to adjust the boundary lines of the congressional, State Senate, Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts in the year following the year in which the national decennial census is taken and requires the districts be redrawn in conformance with specified standards.

Earlier this year, the California Legislature passed and the Governor signed Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 8 known as the "Election Rigging Response Act." The resolution proposed a ballot measure that would amend the State Constitution to provide for using districts reflected in companion legislation—Chapter 99, Statutes of 2025 (AB 604, Aguiar-Curry)—on a temporary basis until new congressional boundary lines can be drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2031 and every ten years thereafter. The measure was approved by voters in a special election that took place on November 4, 2025. The Legislature and Governor also approved Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025 (SB 280, Cervantes) which appropriated funding for counties to conduct the November 4, 2025 statewide special election. The law states that any excess funds received by counties shall be used to offset state costs for the next statewide election conducted by the county.

The total statewide cost of the special election is \$282 million, including \$251 million for counties and \$31 million for the Secretary of State's office for printing and mailing the voter information guide, voter outreach, staffing and logistics, according to the state Department of Finance.

**DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$4,508,500 from State revenue to fund the special election on November 4, 2025. The San Francisco Department of Elections administers elections, including the operation of 100 polling locations and 37 vote-by-mail drop boxes for 29 days of early voting.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The legislation includes ten categories of funding, as shown in Exhibit 1. According to the Department of Elections, the total appropriation of \$4,508,500 will cover all costs for the special election.

**Exhibit 1: Proposed Expenditures for November 4, 2025 Special Election**

Category	Amount	Description
Professional and Specialized Services	\$3,168,500	Services include: printing of ballot and informational materials, postage, stipends for poll workers and polling place providers, translation or other professional services, and vehicle rental.
Temporary Staffing	700,000	Temporary employees for ballot processing, collections, voter assistance, polling place recruitment, poll worker recruitment, and warehouse assistance.
Mandatory Fringe Benefits	200,000	Temporary staff receive a lower level of fringe benefits and temporary staff who exceed 1,040 hours receive health care benefits.
Sheriff	200,000	City requirement for secure transport of ballots from polling locations and drop boxes.
Overtime	100,000	Overtime for staff who work on weekends close to election day as well as election day itself.
Other Equipment	100,000	Rented equipment includes a forklift, tower lights, and porta-potties for the warehouse where election supplies are stored.
DT Telecomm Services	15,000	Staff are issued cell phones for three months to manage election-related tasks.
Other Office Supplies	13,000	Office supplies include pens, extra paper, and stationary supplies for polling locations.
Reproduction	10,000	Copies of election materials such as the roster of voters for polling places.
Rec & Park Gardener	2,000	Staff time for gardeners to unlock and lock certain park facilities used as polling places.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,508,500</b>	

Source: Department of Elections and Proposed Ordinance

A total of \$4,178,500 of the total allocation of \$4,508,500 requires a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors for approval because the associated accounts decreased from FY 2024-25 to FY 2025-26. The accounts are associated with salary and mandatory fringe benefits, non-personnel services, and services of other departments for reproduction and mail services, according to the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the proposed ordinance.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SAN FRANCISCO



DANIEL LURIE  
MAYOR

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors  
RE: Appropriation - Department of Elections - \$4,508,500 - FY2025-2026  
DATE: September 30, 2025

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Ordinance appropriating \$4,508,500 of State cost reimbursement revenue to the Department of Elections to support costs associated with the Statewide November 2025 Special Election in Fiscal Year 2025-2026. This Ordinance requires a two-thirds approval vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors for \$4,178,500 pursuant to Charter Section 9.113(c).

Should you have any questions, please contact Adam Thongsavat at [adam.thongsavat@sfgov.org](mailto:adam.thongsavat@sfgov.org)