

1 [Voter Outreach]

2 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE,  
3 MULTILINGUAL VOTER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO INFORM VOTERS OF THE NEW  
4 SYSTEM OF DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT EVERY VOTER RECEIVES  
5 INFORMATION REGARDING HIS OR HER DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.

6 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco has not held district  
7 elections for the Board of Supervisors since 1979; and,

8 WHEREAS, This year's district election system differs greatly  
9 from the citywide system utilized for the past 22 years in many ways,  
10 including the simultaneous election of all eleven Supervisors, the  
11 determination of two or four year terms, the election of the  
12 President of the Board of Supervisors, and the possibility of  
13 district-by-district run-off elections to be held December 12, 2000,  
14 in districts where no candidate garners a majority; and,

15 WHEREAS, Nearly half the voters in a recent exit poll remained  
16 unaware of the change to a district election system and how it will  
17 affect them; and,

18 WHEREAS, Only 2.5 percent of voters polled could correctly name  
19 the district they actually live in; and,

20 WHEREAS, In some cases, district lines separate neighbors on  
21 opposite sides of the street; and,

22 WHEREAS, With more than 100 candidates expected to run for  
23 Supervisor citywide, it will be essential for voters to know how the  
24 system of district elections works and which is their district of  
25 residence; now therefore be it,

SUPERVISORS TENG, BROWN, LENO, KATZ, KAUFMAN, BECERRIL, YAKI, NEWSOM,  
BIERMAN, AMMIANO  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
2 of San Francisco hereby urges the Department of Elections to perform  
3 a comprehensive, multilingual voter outreach campaign to inform  
4 voters of the new system of district elections and to ensure that  
5 every voter receives information about his or her district of  
6 residence.

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# City and County of San Francisco

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### Resolution

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**File Number:** 000646

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the Department of Elections to perform a comprehensive, multilingual voter outreach campaign to inform voters of the new system of district elections and to ensure that every voter receives information regarding his or her district of residence.

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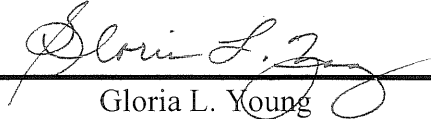
April 17, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

File No. 000646

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 17, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.