

1 [Instant Run Off Cost]

2 Resolution urging the Department of Elections and the  
3 Budget Analyst to provide pertinent information regarding  
4 the cost savings and other logistical specifics of instant  
5 run off voting to support the Board of Supervisors  
6 consideration of a charter amendment for the November 2001  
7 ballot.

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco currently holds run off  
10 elections several weeks after regularly scheduled  
11 elections; and

12 WHEREAS, In the December 2000 run off election, voter  
13 turn out was as low as 16% in one Supervisorial district  
14 and in many districts turn out stood at roughly 30%; and,

15 WHEREAS, The cost of holding a second election is  
16 substantive and could be reduced with the implementation of  
17 an instant run off system; and

18 WHEREAS, With instant run off elections, instead of  
19 casting a vote for just one candidate for each office, a  
20 voter would vote for a first, second and third choice, The  
21 candidate receiving the fewest first choice votes would be  
22 eliminated from the race; and,

23 WHEREAS, This process continues until one candidate is  
24 left with a majority of the vote; and  
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1           WHEREAS, This system would provide an equitable way of  
2 determining electoral winners without the additional cost  
3 of a second election; and,

4           WHEREAS, The full cost savings and logistical  
5 feasibility of an instant run off election system in San  
6 Francisco is currently unknown; now, therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City  
8 and County of San Francisco hereby urges the Department of  
9 Elections and the Budget Analyst to provide pertinent  
10 information regarding the cost savings and other logistical  
11 specifics of instant run off voting to support the Board of  
12 Supervisors consideration of a charter amendment for the  
13 November 2001 ballot.  
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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Department of Elections and the Budget Analyst to provide pertinent information regarding the cost savings and other logistical specifics of instant run off voting to support the Board of Supervisors consideration of a charter amendment for the November 2001 ballot.

May 7, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 7, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.