

1 [Ballot Argument]
2 AUTHORIZING PROPONENT'S BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B, A
3 CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS, SAFETY
4 EMPLOYEES.

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6 IT IS HEREBY MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the Municipal Elections
7 Code, the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize a ballot argument in favor of
8 Proposition B, a Charter amendment (Third Draft) amending Appendix A8-500-1, A8.559-
9 14, and 8.585.14, relating to retirement benefits for safety employees who transferred
10 membership under the Retirement System Sections 8.586 or 8.588 in 1980; and be it

11 FURTHER MOVED, That the full text of said argument hereby authorized be shown
12 in the copy attached to this motion and is hereby declared to be a part hereof; and, be it

13 FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby authorized and
14 directed to include said argument in the pamphlet accompanying the sample ballots to be
15 mailed to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on
16 Tuesday, November 2, 1999.

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The Undersigned authors of this Ballot Argument: X **FOR** or **AGAINST, PROPOSITION B** at the election to be held in San Francisco on November 2, 1999 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

FILE NO. 991401

Style Notes B, I, or BI		# of words in each line
	A small group of 254 firefighters and police officers -- mostly minorities	11
	and women -- have been unintentionally excluded from retirement	8
	benefit improvements recently approved by voters for the City's Tier 2	11
	Retirement System.	2
	Their unequal status is due to Proposition F, passed in 1980. Proposition	17
	F saved the City hundreds of millions of dollars by encouraging	1
	firefighters and police officers to transfer out of the expensive Tier 1 into	13
	the far less generous Tier 2 plan. Those who transferred were promised	12
	that they would receive future Tier 2 benefit improvements if they	11
	repaid money they got to transfer. However, obscure provisions in	10
B	Proposition F locked them out of Tier 2 improvements <u>even if they</u>	12
	<u>repaid</u> the funds by requiring a separate special charter amendment just	11
	to receive the same improvements other Tier 2 employees receive.	10
	Recently, voters have granted Tier 2 benefit improvements including	9
	better pension payments earlier, improved cost of living adjustments	9
	and domestic partner benefits. Those who transferred to Tier 2 cannot	11
	get any of these improvements.	5

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	<p>Even new employees get far better benefits than these twenty-five year veterans who transferred to Tier 2! While the City requires private employers to offer domestic partner benefits, these employees cannot receive the same benefits!</p>	<p>12 11 9 2</p>
B	<p>This proposed Charter amendment will cure this unfairness at no cost to the City until at least 2015 and little cost thereafter. Those who transferred will repay <u>with interest</u> the City's contributions received in 1981 and get benefit improvements already enjoyed by their co-workers.</p>	<p>12 1 10 5 1</p>
	<p>Those who transferred will not return to Tier 1 or get more than what they were promised in 1981. This small group of long-term firefighters and police officers will simply get the same retirement benefits as newer co-workers.</p>	<p>14 11 12 1</p>
B	<p>Please Vote Yes on Proposition B.</p> <p><i>Board of Supervisors</i></p>	<p>6 3 12</p>
	<p>Total # of Words =</p>	<p>294</p>



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Motion authorizing proponent's ballot argument in favor of Proposition B, a charter amendment regarding retirement benefits, safety employees.

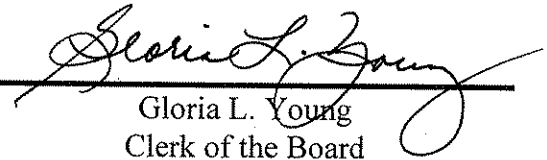
August 9, 1999 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

Ayes: 9 - Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee, Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown,
Kaufman

Absent: 2 - Teng, Katz

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on August 9, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board