

1 [Touch Screen Voting Machines]

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3 **Resolution urging the Department of Elections and the Elections Commission to take**
4 **steps necessary to acquire touch-screen voting machines utilizing state Proposition 41**
5 **funds and federal grant funds allocated by Congress and implement the use of touch-**
6 **screen voting technology at the earliest possible date.**

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8 WHEREAS, There are many benefits to touch-screen voting technology including
9 greater language access for voters, the ability for voters to review their ballots before casting
10 them and allowing disabled citizens to vote with greater independence; and,

11 WHEREAS, Touch-screen voting allows for easier collection and tallying of votes by
12 poll workers and eliminates the potential for a voter to cast more than one vote in a single
13 race; and,

14 WHEREAS, Switching from paper ballots to touch screen technology is likely to save
15 the City and County millions of dollars in printing fees; and,

16 WHEREAS, The California Secretary of State has certified touch screen systems for
17 use in other California counties and the County of Riverside has allowed the use of touch-
18 screen technology in county-wide general elections; and,

19 WHEREAS, There is wide-spread voter approval for touch-screen technology; and,

20 WHEREAS, In March of 2002, California voters approved Proposition 41, the Voting
21 Modernization Act which provides \$3 in state money for every \$1 counties put towards buying
22 qualified ballot-counting equipment; and;

23 WHEREAS, Congress has approved funds to be provided to states for modernization
24 of voting technology; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors finds touch-screen voting
2 technology to be beneficial to voters and to the Department of Elections; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of
4 Elections and the Elections Commission to develop a plan for acquiring touch-screen voting
5 technology and implement the use of this technology at the earliest possible date;.

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