

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill Nos. 2655 (Berman), 2839 (Pellerin), 3211 (Wicks),  
2 and Senate Bill No. 1228 (Padilla) - Artificial Intelligence in Elections]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2655 introduced by Assembly**  
4 **Member Marc Berman, Assembly Bill No. 2839 introduced by Assembly Member Gail**  
5 **Pellerin, Assembly Bill No. 3211 introduced by Assembly Member Buffy Wicks, and**  
6 **Senate Bill No. 1228 introduced by Senator Steve Padilla to address various**  
7 **technologies of artificial intelligence in elections.**

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9 WHEREAS, Artificial Intelligence technology has greatly developed in recent years,  
10 causing concerns over the potential impacts on election integrity; and

11 WHEREAS, There have already been instances across the country of AI technology  
12 being used to interfere in elections on all levels; and

13 WHEREAS, There have been efforts at the state and federal levels, including the  
14 Federal Elections Commission (FEC), to introduce legislation to reduce the potential harms of  
15 AI on elections; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Dean Preston held a hearing on AI in local elections at the  
17 Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on May 13, 2024; and

18 WHEREAS, The Brennan Center released a report on May 8, 2024, entitled ‘How  
19 Election Officials Can Identify, Prepare for, and Respond to AI Threats,’ which provides  
20 recommendations on how cities can reduce and prevent risks associated with AI technology,  
21 and which was discussed at the May 13, 2024, Rules Committee hearing; and

22 WHEREAS, A State Bill package was identified at the May 13, 2024 Rules Committee  
23 hearing as crucial to preventing misleading or deceptive AI-generated material, and  
24 proactively helping to ensure that Californians have access to transparent and accurate  
25 information; and

1           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2655 (AB 2655), introduced by Assembly Member Marc  
2 Berman, would require large online platforms to block the posting or sending of materially  
3 deceptive and digitally modified or created content related to elections, or to label that content,  
4 during specified periods before and after an election; and

5           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2839 (AB 2839), introduced by Assembly Member Gail  
6 Pellerin, would prohibit the distribution of an advertisement or other election communication  
7 that contains materially deceptive and digitally altered or created images, audio, or video files  
8 with the intent to influence an election or solicit funds for a candidate or campaign; and

9           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 3211 (AB 3211), introduced by Assembly Member Buffy  
10 Wicks, would require the implementation of watermark and content provenance requirements  
11 on artificial intelligence (AI) system providers, camera technology manufacturers, and online  
12 platforms, enforceable through administrative penalties assessed by the California  
13 Department of Technology (CDT); and

14           WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1228 (SB 1228), introduced by State Senator Steve  
15 Padilla, would require large online platforms to seek to verify influential users, to label such  
16 accounts and their posts with notes that the user is or is not authenticated by the platform,  
17 and authorizes public prosecutors to file prioritized actions to enjoin violations and seek other  
18 equitable relief; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors expresses its concern  
20 about the potential use of AI-generated content to mislead or deceive San Francisco voters  
21 and threaten election integrity; and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors finds that it is  
23 essential for the State of California to take action to prevent the potential use of AI-generated  
24 content to mislead or deceive San Francisco voters and threaten election integrity; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports, and  
2 urges the California State Legislature and Governor to support, AB 2655, AB 2839, AB 3211,  
3 and SB 1228; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the  
5 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Assembly Member Matt Haney, Assembly  
6 Member Phil Ting, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Member Marc Berman, Assembly  
7 Member Gail Pellerin, Assembly Member Buffy Wicks, State Senator Steve Padilla, California  
8 Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas,  
9 and Governor Gavin Newsom.

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