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1 [Endorsing the California Democracy Act]

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3 **Resolution endorsing the California Democracy Act and supporting the campaign to**
4 **ensure its passage in 2010.**

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6 WHEREAS, The state of California requires a two-thirds vote of the legislature to pass
7 all revenue and budget legislation; and

8 WHEREAS, This has resulted in rule by a minority of the legislature that has
9 consistently blocked the will of the majority of the citizens of the state of California, delayed
10 annual enactment of revenue and budget legislation to support the state budget, reduced the
11 credit rating of the state, and forced the state to rely on borrowing which burdens future
12 generations of California's citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, The two-thirds rule has resulted in a financial catastrophe for the state of
14 California, and has caused undue harm to the health and welfare of its citizens, and
15 undermined democratic rule: now therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco supports amending the
17 constitution of the state of California to state that all legislative actions on revenue and budget
18 must be determined by a majority vote; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That we support the initiative entitled the California
20 Democracy Act submitted by George Lakoff and will join with the CA Democracy Act
21 campaign to ensure its passage in 2010.

The California Democracy Act

"All legislative actions on revenue and budget must be determined by a majority vote."

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What is the California Democracy Act?

The California Democracy Act is a ballot initiative which, with your help, will be on the November 2010 ballot and will repeal the two-thirds rules and restore democracy to California. The California Democracy Act says only this:

"All legislative actions on revenue and budget must be determined by a majority vote."

Because the two-thirds rules allows a third of either house of the California legislature to hold the budget process hostage, necessary funds for higher education, infrastructure, and social services are withheld from California. This undemocratic and dysfunctional system is breaking California's promise to its citizens.

We have seen our fees raised 32 percent, our classes cut, and our standard of education degraded. To save our educations and to save our state, we must stand up and fight for majority rule and democracy.

[Check out our zine to learn more about the California Democracy Act!](#)