

1 [Urging the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations to Implement Guidelines
2 to Ensure Voting Access for Eligible Offenders.]

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4 **Resolution urging the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s**
5 **Corrections Standard Authority to adopt specific guidelines for County Sheriffs and**
6 **Departments of Corrections, in order to facilitate voting among eligible incarcerated**
7 **individuals.**

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9 WHEREAS, The right to vote is fundamental – and a critical way that individuals
10 participate in our democratic society; and

11 WHEREAS, California Election Code Section 2101 states that “A person entitled to
12 register to vote shall be a United States citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on
13 parole for the conviction of a felony, and at least 18 years of age at the time of the next
14 election;” and

15 WHEREAS, California courts have specifically held that convicted felons who are
16 sentenced to county jail or placed on probation are entitled to vote; and

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Sheriff’s Department has implemented model protocols
18 and procedures for ensuring that all inmates who are eligible to vote can do so; and

19 WHEREAS, These critical steps have not been taken in other counties, resulting in the
20 disenfranchisement of eligible voters – and a fundamental barrier to civic engagement for
21 these individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s Corrections
23 Standards Authority (CDCR/CSA), which oversees all county jails, has been silent on this
24 issue; now, therefore be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 hereby urges the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Corrections
3 Standard Authority (CDCR/CSA) to adopt specific guidelines for county sheriffs and
4 departments of corrections, in order to facilitate voting among eligible incarcerated individuals.

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