

1 [Authorizing Preparation of Proponent Ballot Arguments and Rebuttal Ballot Arguments -
2 November 3, 2020, Consolidated General Election]

3 **Motion authorizing preparation of written Proponent ballot arguments and rebuttal**
4 **ballot arguments for submittal to the voters for the November 3, 2020, Consolidated**
5 **General Election.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors wishes to authorize the listed Board Members or
8 sponsor, supporting the following ballot measures, to prepare and submit a written proponent
9 ballot arguments and proponent rebuttal arguments for submittal to the Director of Elections:

- 10 ▪ Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of
11 San Francisco to require that members of boards, commissions, and advisory
12 bodies be residents of the City and of legal voting age, replacing the requirement
13 that members of boards, commissions, and advisory bodies be United States
14 citizens and registered voters; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.
15 (Board File No. 200452) (Supervisor Walton)
- 16 ▪ Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of
17 San Francisco to authorize youths aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections; at
18 an election to be held on November 3, 2020. (Board File No. 200477) (Supervisor
19 Yee)
- 20 ▪ Charter Amendment (Fourth Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of
21 San Francisco to create the Department of Sanitation and Streets to succeed to
22 specific duties currently performed by the Department of Public Works; to create a
23 Sanitation and Streets Commission to oversee the Department of Sanitation and
24 Streets; to create a Public Works Commission to oversee the Department of Public
25 Works; and to require an annual performance audit and cost and waste analysis for

1 both departments; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the
2 California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on November 3,
3 2020. (Board File No. 200510) (Supervisor Haney)

- 4 ▪ Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of
5 San Francisco to create the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board to advise and
6 report findings and recommendations to the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors
7 regarding Sheriff's Department operations; to create the Sheriff's Department Office
8 of Inspector General, under the direction of an Inspector General appointed by the
9 Oversight Board, to investigate complaints of non-criminal misconduct by
10 employees and contractors of the Sheriff's Department and in-custody deaths,
11 develop policy recommendations for the Sheriff's Department, and report quarterly
12 its findings, results, and recommendations to the Sheriff and the Oversight Board; at
13 an election to be held on November 3, 2020. (Board File No. 200514) (Supervisor
14 Walton)
- 15 ▪ Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of
16 San Francisco to remove the minimum police staffing requirement, to require the
17 Police Department to submit a report and recommendation regarding police staffing
18 levels to the Police Commission every two years, and to require the Police
19 Commission to consider the report and recommendation when approving the
20 department's proposed budget; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.
21 (Board File No. 200515) (Supervisor Yee)
- 22 ▪ Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of
23 San Francisco to provide that future annual adjustments in baseline funding for the
24 following Charter-mandated funds will not take into account certain changes in City
25 revenue resulting from voter-approved business taxes on the November 3, 2020

1 ballot: the Municipal Transportation Fund, the Park, Recreation and Open Space
2 Fund, the Children and Youth Fund, the Library Preservation Fund, the Housing
3 Trust Fund, the Public Education Enrichment Fund, the Dignity Fund, and the Street
4 Tree Maintenance Fund; an Initiative Ordinance to amend the Business and Tax
5 Regulations Code to: 1) reduce the annual Business Registration Fee for
6 businesses with \$1,000,000 or less in San Francisco gross receipts; 2) increase the
7 small business exemption ceiling for the Gross Receipts Tax to \$2,000,000 and
8 increase the annual Business Registration Fee on businesses benefiting from this
9 increased exemption ceiling; 3) modify the Gross Receipts Tax rates; 4) repeal the
10 Payroll Expense Tax; 5) increase the Gross Receipts Tax on certain taxpayers for
11 20 years if a final judicial decision has the effect of invalidating the Homelessness
12 Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance; 6) impose a new general tax on the gross receipts
13 from the lease of certain commercial space for 20 years if a final judicial decision
14 has the effect of invalidating the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax
15 Ordinance; and 7) make other changes to the City's business taxes; and to increase
16 the City's appropriations limit by the total revenues collected under Articles 12-A-1
17 and 36 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code for four years from November 3,
18 2020; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020. (Board File No. 200648)
19 (Supervisor Yee)

- 20 ■ Ordinance calling and providing for a special election to be held in the City and
21 County of San Francisco on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of
22 submitting to San Francisco voters a proposition to incur bonded indebtedness of
23 not-to-exceed \$487,500,000 to finance the acquisition or improvement of real
24 property, including: facilities to house and/or deliver services for persons
25 experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorder, and/or

1 homelessness; parks, open space, and recreation facilities, including green and
2 climate resilient infrastructure; and streets, curb ramps, street structures and
3 plazas, and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes;
4 authorizing landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to
5 residential tenants under Administrative Code Chapter 37; providing for the levy and
6 collection of taxes to pay both principal and interest on such Bonds; incorporating
7 the provisions of the Administrative Code relating to the Citizens' General
8 Obligation Bond Oversight Committee's review of Bond expenditures; setting
9 certain procedures and requirements for the election; adopting findings under the
10 California Environmental Quality Act; and finding that the proposed Bonds are in
11 conformity with the General Plan, and with the eight priority policies of Planning
12 Code, Section 101.1(b). (Board File No. 200478) (Mayor Breed)

13 ▪ Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3,
14 2020, an Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to impose
15 an additional gross receipts tax or an administrative office tax on businesses with a
16 greater than 100:1 ratio of the compensation of the business's highest-paid
17 managerial employee to the median compensation paid to the business's
18 employees based in the City; and increasing the City's appropriations limit by the
19 amount collected under the additional tax for four years from November 3, 2020.
20 (Board File No. 200629) (Supervisor Haney)

21 ▪ Motion ordering an Ordinance to be submitted to the voters at an election to be held
22 on November 3, 2020, authorizing the City and County of San Francisco (City) to
23 own, develop, construct, acquire, or rehabilitate up to 10,000 affordable rental units
24 in the City under Article 34 of the California Constitution. (Board File No. 200647)
25 (Supervisor Preston)

- 1 ▪ Initiative Ordinance submitted by the Mayor to the voters for the November 3, 2020,
2 Election, entitled "Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code
3 and Administrative Code to repeal the annual parcel tax in the Living Wage for
4 Educators Act of 2018 (the "Act") that, as of July 1, 2021, will be \$320 plus a one-
5 year consumer price index adjustment (and subject to future annual consumer price
6 index adjustments), and replace it on July 1, 2021, with a \$288 annual parcel tax
7 (also subject to future annual consumer price index adjustments) to be spent, as
8 under the Act, by the San Francisco Unified School District for purposes related to
9 educators' compensation and educational improvements; and increasing the City's
10 appropriations limit by the amount collected under the new tax for four years from
11 November 3, 2020." (Board File No. 200649) (Mayor Breed)
- 12 ▪ Initiative Ordinance submitted by the Mayor to the voters for the November 3, 2020,
13 Election, entitled "Ordinance amending the Planning Code and the Business and
14 Tax Regulations Code to adopt and implement the Save our Small Businesses
15 Initiative to simplify procedures and allow greater flexibility for certain kinds of
16 businesses by 1) coordinating and streamlining City review and inspection
17 procedures for principally permitted storefront uses in Neighborhood Commercial
18 and Neighborhood Commercial Transit districts; 2) allowing eating and drinking
19 uses in Neighborhood Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial districts to offer
20 workspaces; 3) expanding principally and conditionally permitted uses in
21 Neighborhood Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial Transit districts; 4)
22 removing neighborhood notice requirements for principally permitted uses in
23 Neighborhood Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial Transit districts and
24 limited commercial and limited corner commercial uses; 5) broadening the definition
25 of a Bona Fide Eating Place and Social Service or Philanthropic Facility; 6)

1 permitting temporary "pop-up" retail activities in vacant commercial storefronts; 7)
2 allowing certain outdoor activity areas on the ground level; 8) allowing temporary
3 uses in certain bars and entertainment venues; 9) removing certain buffer
4 requirements near NC-1 districts, limited commercial uses and limited corner
5 commercial uses; 10) adopting a policy to allow use of parklets for certain kinds of
6 restaurant service; 11) coordinating permit processing and providing waiver of
7 additional fees in specified cases of City department error; and 12) allowing certain
8 amendments to the Initiative." (Board File No. 200650) (Mayor Breed)

- 9 ■ Initiative Ordinance submitted by four or more Supervisors to the voters for the
10 November 3, 2020, Election, entitled "Ordinance amending the Business and Tax
11 Regulations Code to increase the Real Property Transfer Tax rate from 2.75% to
12 5.5% on transfers of properties with a consideration or value of at least \$10,000,000
13 and less than \$25,000,000 and from 3% to 6% on transfers of properties with a
14 consideration or value of at least \$25,000,000; and to increase the City's
15 appropriations limit by the amount of the tax increase for four years from November
16 3, 2020." (Board File No. 200654) (Supervisor Preston)

17 WHEREAS, The Board Members or sponsor authorized by this Motion to submit the
18 ballot arguments will submit the proponent arguments to the Director of Elections no later than
19 the deadline of noon, August 13, 2020, and the respective rebuttal proponent ballot
20 arguments no later than noon, August 17, 2020; now, therefore, be it

21 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Board Members or
22 sponsor listed above, under Municipal Elections Code, Sections 530 and 550, to prepare and
23 submit written proponent ballot arguments and respective rebuttal proponent ballot arguments
24 on the listed measures as referenced; and, be it

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1 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board Members or sponsor who are authorized by this
2 Motion to prepare and submit proponent ballot arguments, may authorize or assign to any
3 other person(s) under Municipal Elections Code, Section 550(c) and (d), to prepare and
4 submit the proponent’s ballot arguments and/or respective rebuttal arguments.

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