

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



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April 13, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/13/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

4/22/2010

Date Approved