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MOTION NO. M79-00

[Ballot Argument]

AUTHORIZING PROPONENT'S BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE A DISTRICT AIDE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the Municipal Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize a ballot argument in favor of Proposition B, a Charter amendment amending Section 2.117, to provide a district aide for each member of the Board of Supervisors, and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the full text of said argument hereby authorized be shown in the copy attached to this motion and is hereby declared to be a part hereof; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby authorized and directed to include said argument in the pamphlet accompanying the sample ballots to be mailed to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000.

The Undersigned authors of this Ballot Argument: X FOR or AGAINST, PROPOSITION B at the election to be helding San Francisco on November 7, 2000 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

001461 FILE NO. Style # of words KEEP TEXT WITHIN THESE VERTICAL LINES Notes in each line \mathbf{B} , I, or BISince 1997, members of the Board of Supervisors have had 3 aides to assist with answering letters, e-mail and phone calls from residents; researching and writing legislation; and reviewing the City's budget. Many supervisors also hire aides who can speak other languages such as Spanish and Cantonese to better serve residents. Aides make it possible to respond to the many requests supervisors receive each day and to stay informed about issues facing the City. Unfortunately, due to a provision in the Charter, authorization to maintain 3 aides will expire in January 2001, just as the City moves to district elections for members of the Board. Up to 8 current employees at the Board of Supervisors, who make under \$40,000, could lose their jobs. In 1998, voters had a chance to eliminate the 3rd aide for each Board member, but wisely voted not to, opting instead for a more responsive Board of Supervisors. Now voters have a chance to reaffirm their decision and to ensure a smooth transition to district elections. Under district elections, members of the Board will be directly accountable to residents in their district. If you have a pothole, a dangerous pedestrian crossing, or a problem affecting your neighborhood park, there will be a district supervisor representing your neighborhood to whom you will turn to get the problem fixed. These problems deserve close attention from your representative; without the proper staffing to follow up on requests, it will take longer for your Supervisor to respond to your needs. Board members have only 3 staff members in each office to keep track of the budgets and activities of over 50 City departments. Please consider voting yes on Prop B to ensure that Board members in each district can effectively respond to your needs.

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Motion authorizing proponent's ballot argument in favor of Proposition B, a charter amendment to provide a district aide for each member of the Board of Supervisors.

August 21, 2000 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

August 21, 2000 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Teng, Yaki

Noes: 3 - Kaufman, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED AS AMENDED on August 21, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board