

1 [Tabulating ranked choice votes for the November 2nd, 2004 election]

2 **Resolution directing the Department of Elections and urging the Elections Commission**
3 **to release timely and substantial ranked choice ballot information.**
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5 WHEREAS, Security and integrity of the electoral process is essential to voters' faith in
6 our democracy and their elected officials; and

7 WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting will be used for the first time in San Francisco this
8 November 2, 2004 for elections to the Board of Supervisors; and

9 WHEREAS, It is important that voters, the media, and advocates of the public interest
10 have confidence in ranked choice voting; and

11 WHEREAS, The timely release of ballot information and access to the data used with
12 ranked choice voting is integral to public confidence in the new system; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors directs the Director of Elections and urges the
14 Elections Commission to release timely and substantial ballot information in the following
15 format:

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- 17 1. For Tuesday, November 2, after 8 pm (Election Night, after the close of polls): the Director
18 will release all first-choice rankings from all ballots that are available at that time, including
19 those from absentee and provisional ballots that have been processed up to that point;
 - 20 2. For Wednesday, November 3, 12 noon: the Director will release the complete ranked
21 choice voting data set of all ballot records and complete rankings that have been processed to
22 that point, including all rankings from Election Day cast in the precincts and all absentee and
23 provisional ballots that have been processed up to that point.
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- 1 3. For Wednesday, November 3, 4 pm: the Director will release to the public the preliminary
2 ranked choice voting tabulation results and round by round vote totals for all candidates. The
3 tabulation will be run on the ballots available to that point, including absentee and provisional
4 ballots that have been processed. It is understood that results from this tabulation are
5 preliminary in nature, and not considered final or official results.
- 6 4. For Thursday, November 4, 4pm and each subsequent day until the counting of absentee
7 and provisional ballots is complete: the Director will run the ranked choice voting tabulation
8 on all ballots processed up to that point, giving round by round vote totals, including all ballots
9 cast in the precincts on Election Day and all processed absentee and provisional ballots. It is
10 understood that results from this tabulation are preliminary in nature, and not considered final
11 or official results.
- 12 5. For Thursday, November 4, 4pm and each subsequent day until the counting of absentee
13 and provisional ballots is complete: the Director will release the complete ranked choice
14 voting data set of ballot records, including absentees and provisional ballots processed up
15 that point, at the same time as the release of new absentee and provisional
16 totals for other races.
- 17 6. Method for releasing the data: We request that the Director make a copy of the complete
18 data set for ranked choice voting ballot records publicly available on its web site for
19 downloading by interested individuals and media outlets. The Director additionally could
20 make the data set available to the public by storing the data on a CD and making them
21 available to members of the public. The Director should update this data set and release it to
22 the public by 4 pm of each day following Election Day until final official results are announced.
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