

1 [Commending John Arntz and the Department of Elections.]

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3 **Resolution commending John Arntz and the Department of Elections for their**
4 **outstanding accomplishments.**

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6 WHEREAS, public elections are the cornerstone of our democratic government; and

7 WHEREAS, public confidence in elections depends on the ability of elections officials
8 to conduct fair, orderly and efficient elections, in which all aspects are open to public view and
9 which produce clear, verifiable results; and

10 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Elections has had an unfortunate history
11 of election-related irregularities which, over a period of years, undermined public confidence in
12 the integrity and accuracy of our municipal elections; and

13 WHEREAS, under the capable leadership of the current Director, John Arntz, the
14 Department of Elections has become an efficient, professional department, operating at the
15 highest possible standards; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Elections conducted an unprecedented number of
17 elections in the last thirteen months - the October 7, 2003 Recall Election, the November 4,
18 2003 Municipal Election, the December 9, 2003 Run-Off Election, the March 2, 2004 Primary
19 Election and the November 2, 2004 Presidential Election - each of which was remarkably well-
20 run, with clear and verifiable election results reported in record time; and

21 WHEREAS, in the November 2, 2004 election, the Department of Elections
22 successfully implemented ranked-choice voting, a new voting method that has never before
23 been used in the United States, and this success was the result of careful planning and
24 preparation and extraordinary dedication on the part of John Arntz and his staff; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Elections has set a new standard of excellence that has helped to restore public confidence in our municipal elections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That John Arntz and the Department of Elections are commended for their outstanding accomplishments.



City and County of San Francisco

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December 14, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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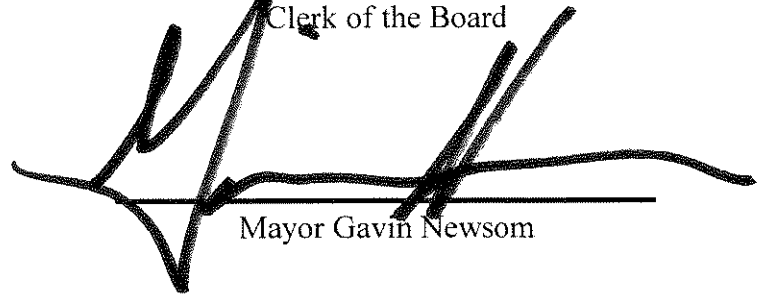
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 14, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

12/24/04

Date Approved



Mayor Gavin Newsom