

**PROPOSED INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO BE SUBMITTED
BY THE MAYOR TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 ELECTION.**

[Under Charter Sections 3.100(15) and 2.113(b), this measure must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and filed with the Department of Elections no fewer than *45 days prior* to the deadline for submission of such initiatives to the Department of Elections set in Municipal Elections Code Section 300(b).]

[Promoting Good Government by Prohibiting Dual Office Holding in a City Elective Office and an Elected Board of a Political Party County Central Committee]

Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of Article III of the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code by adding Section 3.221 to prohibit dual office holding in a City elective office and an elected board of a political party county central committee.

Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby amended by adding Section 3.221, to read as follows:

SEC. 3.221. PROHIBITION OF DUAL OFFICE HOLDING IN A CITY ELECTIVE OFFICE AND AN ELECTED BOARD OF A POLITICAL PARTY COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

(a) Findings.

(1) Holding public office requires the subordination of personal and political concerns to the faithful discharge of duties on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco.

(2) Fairness and integrity are critical to the operation of government in the City and County of San Francisco, and therefore any perceived or actual division of loyalties caused by local elected officials' service on political party county central committees is contrary to good government.

(3) This prohibition on dual office holding furthers good government by ensuring that elected officials never act when the responsibilities and constituencies of one office may conflict with those of another office. It also prevents undue political influence on government decision-making.

(4) Allowing local elected officials to seek election to political party county central committees provides an opportunity for the subversion of local campaign finance laws. This prohibition on dual office holding closes that loophole, and thus addresses the appearance of corruption that arises when large campaign contributions are made to local elected officials or the political party county central committees on which they sit.

(b) **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "political party county central committee" means any county central committee of a political party recognized by the California Elections Code that performs political activities for the benefit of the party and on behalf of the party's candidates.

(c) **Prohibition.** A person holding City elective office may not be a member of a political party county central committee in the City and County of San Francisco including, but not limited to, the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee or the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee.

(d) **Penalty.** In addition to the penalties provided in this Chapter, any violation of this section shall constitute official misconduct, and shall render the elected official subject to suspension and removal under Charter Section 15.105.

Section 2. Operative Date. The operative date of this ordinance shall be January 31, 2011.

SUBMITTED:

Mayor, City and County of San Francisco

Date: _____