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M98-110

1 [Ballot Argument]  
2 AUTHORIZING PROPONENT'S BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C,  
3 A CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR UNIFORMED  
4 MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY PARAMEDICS.

5 IT IS HEREBY MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the  
6 Municipal Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors does hereby  
7 authorize a ballot argument in favor of Proposition C, a charter  
8 amendment concerning retirement benefits for uniformed members of  
9 the Fire Department who were previously paramedics; and, be it

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

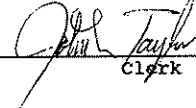
13 FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby  
14 authorized and directed to include said argument in the pamphlet  
15 accompanying the sample ballots to be mailed to the voters of the  
16 City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on  
17 Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco August 17, 1998

Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Bierman Brown Katz Kaufman Leno  
Medina Newsom Yaki Yee

Absent: Supervisor Teng

I hereby certify that the foregoing motion  
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors  
of the City and County of San Francisco

  
Clerk

File No.  
98-1308

Supervisor Medina  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE

The Undersigned authors of this Ballot Argument:  FOR or  AGAINST, PROPOSITION C at the election to be held in San Francisco on November 1998 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

FILE NO. 98-1308

Style Notes B, I, or BI	Paramedics in the fire department work side by side with other members of the fire department, protecting the lives of our city residents. However, under current retirement policy, paramedics are not treated equally to other department members.	14 11 11 1
	Paramedics in the Fire Department, who were transferred from the Public Health Department, are unable to apply accrued pension benefits toward their firefighter pension. Instead, they must receive pensions from two different systems. This situation creates inequalities that should be responsibly addressed.	12 10 10 10
	One of San Francisco's greatest assets is its emergency response personnel. It is incumbent upon the City and County of San Francisco to offer competitive pension plans and benefits which will help us keep qualified employees.	12 11 11
	Should Proposition C pass, the City will actually save on retirement expenditures due to a decrease in Social Security contributions by over \$700,000 per year.	10 11 3

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	Thus, Proposition C is both fiscally smart and fair to the people who take care of us. Your approval of Proposition C is key to maintaining the safety of our city and some of our most valuable assets, our dedicated public servants.	15 14 11
I	<u>Board of Supervisors</u>	3
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