

1 [Rules of Order - Adding Board Rule 1.3.2 - Political Activities Prohibited During Board of
2 Supervisors' Meetings]

3 **Motion amending the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors by adding Rule 1.3.2**
4 **regarding political activities that are prohibited during public comment at Board of**
5 **Supervisors' meetings, and the authority to enforce such Rule.**

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7 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 hereby amends its Rules of Order to create a new Rule 1.3.2, as follows:

9 **1.3.2. Political Activities Prohibited During Public Comment.** Public comment that expressly
10 advocates for or against a pending candidate or ballot measure shall be prohibited, except as required
11 by public meetings laws for specific agenda items. For the purpose of this rule, "expressly advocate"
12 shall mean speaking or using words and phrases that clearly urge support or opposition to a candidate
13 or ballot measure. "Express advocacy" shall include, but not be limited to, words and phrases such as
14 "vote for," "elect," "support," "cast your ballot for," "Smith for Mayor," "vote against," "defeat,"
15 or "reject." This rule shall apply to spoken public comment, as well as materials that are visibly
16 televised by an individual speaking or present, including, but not limited to, signs, buttons, placards,
17 and clothing.

18 The President, the Chair of the Committee and/or the Clerk shall provide any person making
19 such public comment a reasonable opportunity to redirect their public comment to matters within the
20 Board's jurisdiction and/or to take down any materials visible to the public. If the speaker continues to
21 expressly advocate for or against a pending candidate or ballot measure, the President, the Chair of
22 the Committee and/or Clerk may end the speaker's opportunity for public comment. This Rule shall
23 also apply to matters being considered in Committee (Rule 3.8) and at Board (Rule 4.22).