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1 [Ballot Argument]

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3 AUTHORIZING PROPONENT'S BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION E, A  
4 CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING HEALTH COVERAGE FOR RETIRED  
5 EMPLOYEES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AND SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNERS.

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7 MOVED, That pursuant to Section 540 of the Municipal Elections Code, the Board of  
8 Supervisors does hereby authorize a ballot argument in favor of Proposition E, a Charter  
9 amendment amending section A8.428, relating to the health coverage for retired employees  
10 and surviving spouses and surviving domestic partners, and, be it

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

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15 FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby authorized and  
16 directed to include said argument in the pamphlet accompanying the sample ballots to be  
17 mailed to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on  
18 Tuesday, November 7, 2000.

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The Undersigned authors of this Ballot Argument: **FOR PROPOSITION E** at the election to be held in San Francisco on November 7, 2000 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

**FILE NO. 001464**

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|                               | San Francisco's senior retirees are facing a healthcare crisis.                  | 8                          |
|                               | Access to decent affordable healthcare is shrinking rapidly. Some city           | 10                         |
|                               | contracted premiums and rates have skyrocketed—up more than 600% in just         | 12                         |
|                               | three years.   | 2                          |
|                               | Some retirees have been completely cut-off from the healthcare services they     | 12                         |
|                               | desperately need simply by the arbitrary financial decisions of HMOs.            | 10                         |
|                               | The Board of Supervisors sponsored placing this charter amendment on the         | 11                         |
|                               | November ballot—by a unanimous 11-0 vote—to protect the healthcare benefits      | 12                         |
|                               | of San Francisco's retirees. It is the right thing to do.                        | 10                         |
|                               | At this time—while San Francisco is experiencing unprecedented prosperity and    | 10                         |
|                               | city government is strong—we have both the opportunity and the responsibility    | 12                         |
|                               | to protect our most vulnerable citizens.   | 6                          |
|                               | This charter amendment is only fair. The City will pay half of the out-of-pocket | 16                         |
|                               | costs of a retiree's health care premium. And the city will pay half the out-of- | 16                         |
|                               | pocket cost of the retiree's first dependent coverage—usually the retiree's      | 11                         |

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|  | <p>spouse or domestic partner. It's a 50-50 proposal—the essence of fairness.</p> <p>We urge you to join us in protecting the healthcare of people who worked hard for all of us—retired firefighters, librarians, janitors, teachers, municipal gardeners—thousands of people who served the city well. Let us not fail to ensure they live with the dignity and security they worked a lifetime to achieve.</p> <p>Please vote yes.</p> <p>Supervisors Mabel Teng, Barbara Kaufman, Amos Brown, Alicia Becerril, Michael Yaki, Mark Leno, Tom Ammiano, Leland Yee, Sue Bierman, Gavin Newsom and Leslie Katz</p> <p>Board of Supervisors</p> | <p>13</p> <p>15</p> <p>10</p> <p>14</p> <p>14</p> <p>3</p> <p>9</p> <p>11</p> <p>4</p> <p>3</p> |
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Motion authorizing proponent's ballot argument in favor of Proposition E, a charter amendment regarding health coverage for retired employees and surviving spouses and surviving domestic partners.

August 21, 2000 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on August 21, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria L. Young", written over a horizontal line.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board