

1 [Establishing Accessible Voting Systems for November 2004 Elections]

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3 **Resolution directing the Department of Elections to immediately determine the cost of**
4 **implementing touch screen voting systems for the disabled for the November 2004**
5 **election.**

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7 WHEREAS, Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machines presently provide the
8 greatest level of accessibility to the disability community; and,

9 WHEREAS, Fourteen counties in California are currently using these accessible DRE
10 touch screen systems; and

11 WHEREAS, The current San Francisco vendor, ES&S, has the accessible DRE touch
12 screen system available, and the system is certified by the Secretary of State; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately 51,000 voting age residents in the City and County of San
14 Francisco have vision or upper body disabilities that make it difficult or impossible to vote
15 independently with the current optical scan voting system; and

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Elections has told the disability community that it
17 would make available of DRE touch screen systems since 2001, but has yet to do so; and

18 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is spending staff time and city resources in
19 upgrading the current technology; now, therefore, be it

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22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Department of Elections
23 to advise the Board, as soon as possible, and in any case no later than May 18, 2004, in
24 writing, of the cost of and procedures required to place one DRE touch screen machine in

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1 each polling place in the City and County of San Francisco for the November 2004 election;
2 and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of
4 Elections to advise the Board, as soon as possible, in writing, and in any case no later than
5 May 18, 2004, of the cost of and procedures required to place 10 DRE touch screen
6 machines in each Supervisorial district in the City and County of San Francisco, plus three
7 machines in City Hall, and three at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind.
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