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Hello,

Please see below for communication from Betty Packard regarding File No. 221210, which is Item No. 29 on today's agenda.

File No. 221210 - Resolution of Intent to Not Appropriate Funding for Executive Recruitment Services and Urging Reappointment of Incumbent Director of Elections

Sincerely,

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From: Betty P. <bettypackard@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:02 AM
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To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I have served on the Ballot Simplification Committee since 1997 and as its chair since 2004. I also served for 22 years as a Federal Election Deputy, responsible for the performance of a number of precincts on election day.

The first years I served in both capacities were under three enormously incompetent Directors of Elections. The staff operated as best they could but, without leadership, it could only be described as chaotic.

Then John Arntz became director. First there was peace, then there was organization and professionalism among the staff. As John's expertise and vision grew, so did that of the staff. FEDs were supplied with wonderful teaching tools and reporting forms to make the election more transparent. During both elections and the remaining months of the year, the staff became more efficient and transparent. When it became time to replace the voting machines, our committee joined staff and members of the community to physically analyze and compare various brands of machines and give our opinion as to which would best serve the voting public. The highest-rated machines and company won the contract. In every circumstance, John has conducted himself with total professionalism and integrity throughout the years I have worked with him.

I thoroughly disagree with the Elections Commission's desire to replace John Arntz based solely on the need for diversity. The next scheduled elections are the 2024 presidential primary and general elections. The thought of a brand new director running this important year of elections conjures up nothing but nightmares. Now is not a time to replace John Arntz. I encourage you to vote yes on Supervisor Peskin's legislation to not fund the search for a new director and to extend John Arntz' contract.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Packard
Chair, Ballot Simplification Committee