

1 [Resolution of Intent to Not Appropriate Funding in FY 2022-2023 for Executive Recruitment  
2 Services and Urging Reappointment of Incumbent Director of Elections]

3 **Resolution declaring the Board of Supervisors' intent to not appropriate funding in**  
4 **Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 for the services of an executive recruitment firm to engage**  
5 **in a search for a new Director of Elections, and intent to appropriate such funding in FY**  
6 **2026-2027, and urging the Elections Commission to reappoint the incumbent Director.**  
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8 WHEREAS, Charter, Section 13.104, authorizes the San Francisco Elections  
9 Commission to appoint a Director of Elections from a list of qualified applicants; and

10 WHEREAS, On November 16, 2022, the Elections Commission, by a vote of 4-2,  
11 moved to undertake a process to recruit a Director of the Department of Elections rather than  
12 reappoint the incumbent Director for an additional term; and

13 WHEREAS, In a Mission Local article entitled "Elections Director John Arntz's term not  
14 renewed by Elections Commission" and dated November 21, 2022, on file with the Clerk of  
15 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 221210, which is hereby declared to be a part of this  
16 Resolution as if set forth fully herein, Elections Commissioner Dai indicated that the Elections  
17 Commission "would be looking to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for (public) funds with  
18 which to conduct a search for a new Elections Director; and

19 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the current Director of Elections, John Arntz, the  
20 Department of Elections has been recognized numerous times as a model for efficient,  
21 inclusive, and transparent elections by the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury, the San Francisco  
22 Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco Elections Commission, and members of the public;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Under the management of Director Arntz, the Department's core functions  
25 have been extremely well planned and implemented, resulting in over 30 successful elections,

1 including six elections since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with an unprecedented four  
2 separate elections in the 2022 calendar year alone and five elections in one year's time; and

3 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Director Arntz, a cohesive team of Elections  
4 Department staff have developed and implemented a wide range of programs to educate,  
5 engage, and enfranchise the general public, including the City's most vulnerable residents;  
6 those who do not speak English, those with disabilities, those involved with the justice system,  
7 and those living in Single Room Occupancy (SRO) residential hotels without individual  
8 mailboxes and those experiencing homelessness; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,  
10 hereby declares its intent to not appropriate funding in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the services  
11 of an executive recruitment firm for the purpose of hiring a new Director of Elections prior to  
12 the May 21, 2023, expiration of the incumbent Director of Elections' current term; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
14 Francisco, hereby declares its intent to appropriate funding in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the  
15 services of an executive recruitment firm for the purpose of hiring a new Director of Elections  
16 prior to the May 21, 2027, expiration of the incumbent Director of Elections' next term; and, be  
17 it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Elections  
19 Commission to rescind or otherwise reverse its decision of November 16, 2022, to embark on  
20 a search for a new Director, and instead reappoint the incumbent Director; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
22 of Supervisors to transmit this Resolution to the Elections Commission and the Mayor.  
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