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Rebuttal Argument Motions

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[Rebuttal Argument] 2 Motion authorizing rebuttal ballot argument against Proposition R, an Initiative 3 Ordinance regarding changes to the City's Condominium Conversion Regulations. MOVED. That pursuant to Section 550 of the Municipal Elections Code, the Board of 6 7 Supervisors does hereby authorize a rebuttal ballot argument against Proposition R, an initiative ordinance to amend the City's Condominium Conversion Regulations; and, be it FURTHER MOVED, That the full text of said argument hereby authorized be shown 9 in the copy attached to this motion and is hereby declared to be a part hereof; and, be it 11 FURTHER MOVED, That the Director of Elections be and is hereby authorized and directed to include said argument in the pamphlet accompanying the sample ballots to be mailed to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002. 15 18 19 20 21 22 23 25

## SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS PROFERRED FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING LOCAL BALLOT ARGUMENT Declaration by Autl of Arguments and / or Rebuttals

THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHOR(S) OF THIS BALLOT ARGUMENT \_\_ FOR or  $\underline{X}$ \_AGAINST PROPOSITION  $\underline{R}$  FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO ON NOVEMBER 5, 2002 HEREBY STATE THAT SUCH ARGUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER/THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. ALL SIGNERS OF THIS ARGUMENT MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN SAN FRANCISCO

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	A fundamental tenet of democracy is majority rule. Nothing becomes law	11	
	without majority support.	3	
	But under Prop R, the minority rules. Prop R says that as few as 25% — and	16	
	never greater than 40% — of the tenants can make the crucial decision whether	13	
	to convert the entire building to condominiumsor not.	9	
	If Prop R passes, that same small minority will also decide the future of housing	15	
	in San Francisco. That's because Prop R allows over 85,000 apartments — 40%	11	
	of our rental stock — to be converted to condominiums.	9	
	The disenfranchised majority, although promised a "lifetime lease," actually risk	10	
	massive rent hikes or even eviction because under state law the so-called "tenant	14	
	protections" are unenforceable and condominiums are easily exempted from rent	10	
	control. In Santa Monica, a similar law resulted in only 8% of tenants being able	14	
	to purchase their units.	4	
	Prop R weakens protections against earthquakes by exempting converted	9	
	buildings from seismic safety standards. They will also be exempt from	11	
	affordable housing requirements and review by the Planning Commission.	9	
	When a similar approach was tried before in San Francisco, the vast majority of	13	
	tenants couldn't afford to buy their apartments. Prop R would put thousands of	13	
	senior, working family and immigrant tenants at risk.	8	

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Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin,

Sandoval

Noes: 3 - Hall, Newsom, Yee

August 26, 2002 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

Noes: 4 - Hall, Leno, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED AS AMENDED on August 26, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board