

1 [Authorizing preparation of Proponent/Opponent ballot arguments and rebuttal ballot
2 arguments for submittal to the voters at the November 4, 2008 Election]

3 **Motion authorizing preparation of written Proponent and Opponent ballot arguments**
4 **and rebuttal ballot arguments for submittal to the voters at the November 4, 2008**
5 **Election.**

6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors wishes to authorize the Board Member
7 sponsors of the following ballot measures to prepare and submit a written proponent ballot
8 argument and proponent rebuttal argument for submittal to the Director of Elections:
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- 10 • Charter Amendment to add Section 16.127 to establish a baseline appropriation and set aside the
11 equivalent of the available annual tax of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) on each one hundred
12 dollars (\$100) of assessed property tax valuation for the next fifteen (15) years to support affordable
13 housing programs; require the Mayor's Office of Housing, in cooperation with the Department of
14 Public Health and Department of Human Services, to prepare an affordable housing plan every
15 three (3) years and an annual affordable housing budget; affirm City policy urging the
16 Redevelopment Agency to use at least fifty percent (50%) of its tax increment funds for low and
17 moderate income housing; and set an expiration date of July 1, 2024. (Supervisor Daly)
- 18 • Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by adding
19 Section 8B.128, to create an Office of the Independent Ratepayer Advocate to evaluate, analyze,
20 provide comments and make recommendations on the efficiency, equity, and fiscal feasibility, from
21 the ratepayers' perspective, of utility rate proposals prepared by the San Francisco Public Utilities
22 Commission under Charter section 8B.125; to require the City Administrator to appoint an
23 Independent Ratepayer Advocate; and prescribing the duties and responsibilities of the Office of the
24 Independent Ratepayer Advocate. (Supervisor Alioto-Pier)
- 25 • Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending
Section 14.103, to adopt State law regarding the number of signatures required to qualify a recall
petition for local officers. (Supervisor McGoldrick)

- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 4.101, to prohibit City employees from serving as members of boards and commissions created in the Charter. (Supervisor McGoldrick)
- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Sections 2.101 and 13.101 and Article XVII to change the election cycle for the offices of Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer so that these offices will be elected in even-numbered years; and to amend the definition of general municipal election so that such elections occur only in even-numbered years. (Supervisor McGoldrick)
- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by adding Sections A8.523 through A8.523-7, to allow retirement system credit for eligible members who have taken unpaid parental leave while employed with the City and County; amending Sections A8.509, A8.559-10, A8.585-10, A8.586-10, A8.587-7, A8.588-10, A8.595-10, A8.596-10, A8.597-10, and A8.598-10, relating to computation of service credit for a period of unpaid parental leave; and amending Sections A8.509, A8.559-11, A8.585-11, A8.586-11, A8.587-8, A8.588-11, A8.595-11, A8.596-11, A8.597-11, and A8.598-11, relating to the source of funds for eligible members who elect to purchase service credit for a period of unpaid parental leave. (Supervisor Alioto-Pier)
- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Sections 8B.120, 8B.123, and 9.107, and adding Sections 8B.128 through 8B.131, to: (i) address the crisis of global climate change by moving San Francisco from fossil fuels to clean, sustainable energy production, (ii) ensure environmentally sustainable and affordable electric supplies for residents, businesses, and City departments, (iii) require the Public Utilities Commission to determine the most effective means of providing clean, sustainable, reliable and reasonably-priced electric service to San Francisco residents, businesses and City departments, and (iv) establish an Independent Ratepayer Advocate to represent the interests of San Franciscans that purchase utility services from the City by evaluating and making recommendations on utility rate proposals prepared by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission under Charter section 8B.125. (Supervisor Mirkarimi)
- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by adding Sections B7.310 and B7.320, and amending Section B6.406, to: authorize the Board of Supervisors to approve a Pier 70 financial and land use plan; authorize a mechanism for the City to appropriate General Fund revenues in an amount up to 75% of the projected hotel and payroll taxes attributable to new development at Pier 70 to finance waterfront improvements; waive Board approval of leases consistent with the approved Pier 70 plan; require the City to appropriate funds for certain Board-approved agreements between City departments and the Port Commission; and, updating the priorities for use of Port revenues. (Supervisor Maxwell)

- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 4.105 and adding Section 4.135 to establish an Independent Historic Preservation Commission, appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors and meeting certain specified qualifications, with authority to recommend approval, disapproval or modification to the Board of Supervisors of landmark, and significant or contributory building designations under the Planning Code and historical property contracts under Chapter 71 of the Administrative Code without referral to the Planning Commission; recommend approval, disapproval or modification to the Board of Supervisors of historic district and conservation district designations under the Planning Code with comment by the Planning Commission; approve, disapprove, or modify certificates of appropriateness to landmarks buildings or historic districts; approve, disapprove, or modify permits for major and minor alterations to significant or contributory buildings or conservation districts; recommend a Preservation Element of the General Plan to the Planning Commission; and take such other actions on matters as may be prescribed by ordinance; and establishing appeal provisions; requiring referral of certain matters; and establishing budget, fees and staffing provisions. (Supervisor Peskin)
- Ordinance submitting to the voters an ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code by (1) amending Section 902.1 and adding Section 902.2 to clarify the tax liability of "pass through entities" under the Payroll Expense Tax Ordinance, including partnerships, Subchapter S corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships and other persons or entities not subject to federal income tax or which are allowed a deduction in computing such tax for distributions to the owners or beneficiaries of such persons or entities and specifying safe harbor measure of taxable payroll expense for owners of pass through entity (200% of compensation for its most highly paid quartile of employees, provided entity has at least 4 employees); and (2) amending Section 905-A to increase the Small Business Tax Exemption to include all taxpayers whose taxable payroll expense is \$250,000 or less. (Supervisor Peskin)
- Ordinance submitting to the voters an ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code by: (1) amending Section 1102 to increase the Real Property Transfer Tax rate from 0.75% to 1.5% if the consideration for or value of the transfer exceeds \$5 million; (2) amending Section 1105 to reduce the tax on transfers of residential property by up to one third (1/3) if, after January 1, 2009, the transferor has installed an active solar system or made seismic retrofitting improvements or improvements utilizing earthquake hazard mitigation technologies; (3) amending Section 1114 to clarify application of tax to transfers of ownership interests in legal entities that own real estate; and (4) amending Section 1108.3 to apply transfer tax to transfers of 35 year or longer leasehold interests. (Supervisor Peskin)
- Motion ordering submitted to the voters an ordinance concerning tenant rights and remedies against harassment under the City's residential rent ordinance, at an election to be held on November 4, 2008. (Supervisor Daly)

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors wishes to authorize the Board Member(s) opposed to the following ballot measures to prepare and submit a written opponent ballot argument and rebuttal ballot argument for submittal to the Director of Elections:

- Charter Amendment to add Section 16.127 to establish a baseline appropriation and set aside the equivalent of the available annual tax of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property tax valuation for the next fifteen (15) years to support affordable housing programs; require the Mayor's Office of Housing, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health and Department of Human Services, to prepare an affordable housing plan every three (3) years and an annual affordable housing budget; affirm City policy urging the Redevelopment Agency to use at least fifty percent (50%) of its tax increment funds for low and moderate income housing; and set an expiration date of July 1, 2024. (Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Chu, Elsbernd)
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- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 14.103, to adopt State law regarding the number of signatures required to qualify a recall petition for local officers. (Supervisors Chu, Elsbernd, Peskin, Sandoval)
- Charter Amendment to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by: adding Sections A8.523 through A8.523-7, to allow retirement system credit for eligible members who have taken unpaid parental leave while employed with the City and County; amending Sections A8.509, A8.559-10, A8.585-10, A8.586-10, A8.587-7, A8.588-10, A8.595-10, A8.596-10, A8.597-10, and A8.598-10, relating to computation of service credit for a period of unpaid parental leave; and amending Sections A8.509, A8.559-11, A8.585-11, A8.586-11, A8.587-8, A8.588-11, A8.595-11, A8.596-11, A8.597-11, and A8.598-11, relating to the source of funds for eligible members who elect to purchase service credit for a period of unpaid parental leave. (Supervisors Elsbernd, Peskin)
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WHEREAS, The Board Member(s) authorized to submit the proponent and opponent ballot arguments, will submit the argument to the Director of Elections no later than the deadline of noon, August 14, 2008, and the respective rebuttal ballot argument no later than noon, August 18, 2008; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the sponsors and designated opponents of each measure, as listed above, under the provisions of the San Francisco Elections Code Sections 530 and 550, to prepare and submit a written proponent and opponent ballot argument and respective rebuttal ballot arguments on their measures; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the sponsors and opponents of measures submitted to the voters for the November 4, 2008 Election, who are authorized by this motion to prepare and submit arguments, may authorize or assign to any other person(s) under the provisions of the San Francisco Elections Code Sections 530 and 550 (c) and (d) the right to prepare and submit the proponent or opponent's ballot arguments and/or respective rebuttal arguments.