MEETING MINUTES

Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Committee (BOPEC)
of the San Francisco Elections Commission

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 421
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
Commissioner Jerdonek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present:
Commissioners Jerdonek and Paris. The third seat is currently vacant. Also present:
Director of Elections John Arntz.

2. General Public Comment
None.

3. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting
Moved by Commissioner Paris and seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek to approve
the draft minutes of the December 2, 2015 BOPEC Meeting. No public comment. The
vote was UNANIMOUS to approve.

4. Review of Department’s proposed budget
Director Arntz introduced the proposed budget. A highlight of the proposed budget is
$2.3 million for the initial funding of a project to develop and certify an open source
voting system. Of that, $300,000 is for project management, and $2 million is for the
development of the first components. There are no other “big ticket” items in the budget.
Even though the fiscal year includes only a single election (the November 2016
election), there is a slight increase in the associated costs for that election because of
an anticipated larger turnout in the election as it is a Presidential election.

Commissioner Paris asked about how the two-year budget is affected by the election
cycle being four years. Commissioner Jerdonek asked if the decision not to purchase a
new voting system in the coming fiscal year is reflected in the budget as a gain over the
previous two-year budget. Director Arntz replied that the previous budget did not include
a number for the planned purchase of a voting system. Commissioner Jerdonek also
asked about the planned extension of the current voting system contract. Director Arntz
replied that Dominion has sent initial cost estimates for an extension, but those numbers
are not finalized yet. Nevertheless, the numbers are reflected in the forms and would
allow the Department to extend the contract without a supplemental appropriation.

The Committee then went over each form individually with Director Arntz and asked
questions.

Public comment: David Cary commended the Director and the Commission for the initial
funding request for the open source voting project. Alec Bash spoke in support of the
open source voting project. Brent Turner also spoke in support of the open source
voting project and made other comments about the budget.

Moved by Commissioner Paris and seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek to forward the
proposed budget to the full Commission with a recommendation to approve. The vote
was UNANIMOUS to approve.

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.