

1 SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION
2 **RESOLUTION ON ACCESSIBLE VOTING EDUCATION**

3 (PROPOSED / DRAFT)

4 Date: August 16, 2017

5 **Resolution supporting informing all voters of the options for accessible voting.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Elections Commission (“Elections Commission”)
8 supports the rights of all voters to vote independently and privately;

9 WHEREAS, People with non-visible disabilities (e.g. people with low vision who
10 do not use a white cane or seeing-eye dog; people with learning, developmental, or
11 intellectual disabilities that are not apparent; and people with dexterity disabilities such
12 as arthritis that affect their hands) may need to use accessible voting equipment;

13 WHEREAS, Many voters may not realize that they can use and benefit from
14 accessible voting equipment, even if they do not consider themselves to be disabled,
15 such as seniors, people who have a temporary disability such as one resulting from
16 surgery or wearing a cast, and people who cannot fully engage with a paper ballot such
17 as when carrying a young child;

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a county that provides all voters with paper ballots;

19 WHEREAS, All of San Francisco’s polling places provide all voters with
20 accessible voting equipment; and

21 WHEREAS, All San Francisco voters with disabilities will have the option to
22 receive an accessible vote-by-mail ballot by email, that voters can then mark using

1 digital tools, print, and return in the mail to the Department of Elections; now, therefore
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That it be the policy of the Elections Commission to support all
4 voters being informed of the opportunities available to them to vote using accessible
5 ballots or voting equipment, including when voting by mail.