

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

3 **Resolution declaring the Board of Supervisors’ intent to not appropriate funding for the**
4 **services of an executive recruitment firm to engage in a search for a new Director of**
5 **Elections, and urging the Elections Commission to reappoint the incumbent Director.**

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7 WHEREAS, Charter, Section 13.104, authorizes the San Francisco Elections
8 Commission to appoint a Director of Elections from a list of qualified applicants; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the current Director of Elections, John Arntz, the
19 Department of Elections has been recognized numerous times as a model for efficient,
20 inclusive, and transparent elections by the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury, the San Francisco
21 Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco Elections Commission, and members of the public;
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23 WHEREAS, Under the management of Director Arntz, the Department’s core functions
24 have been extremely well planned and implemented, resulting in over 30 successful elections,

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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 for the services of an executive
11 recruitment firm for the purpose of hiring a new Director of Elections prior to the May 21, 2023,
12 expiration of the incumbent Director of Elections' current term; and, be it

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

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

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