Supervisor Peskin's Comments Introducing his Resolution at the November 29, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Agenda Item #32. Roll Call for Introductions

Peskin: [3:12:49] I am also introducing a resolution with regard to the recent decision pursuant to Section 13.104 of the Charter by the Elections Commission to, at this point, not renew the contract for a term of five years of the existing Director of Elections and instead, as is their prerogative under the Charter, to go out with a executive recruitment. For any number of reasons, I think that, uh—well, I know that—nine of the ten of you have cosponsored this resolution. We think this is a Department that works, that we have no need to change horses in the middle of the stream.

[3:13:39] Having said that, I have had now a number of productive and hopefully promising initial communications with members of the Elections Commission, and I've made it clear that it is my intent, and this is expressed in the resolution that I am introducing today, cosponsored by nine of you, that this Board of Supervisors under its powers of appropriation granted by the Charter has no intention and is declaring such, of funding said executive recruitment search.

[3:14:15] They must act by the 21st day of April. With a lack of funds, I think this is a foregone conclusion. But, having said that, I do understand that they—had they done this differently, had they said a number of years ago that they were going to go out and do this search, it would be a very different situation. And so I think it is incumbent on this Board to work with them in good faith and also to acknowledge that in five years' time they will need funds to do such recruitment and search and that we, as a matter of policy, intend to fund that in five years' time. So work in progress. Thank you for your cosponsorship.