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TO: LAFCO Commissioners

FROM: Jason Fried, Senior Community Development

DATE: February 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Item #4: Update on Study on the Voting Process,
Including Rank Choice Voting, For Local Offices in the
City and County of San Francisco (Discussion)

At the January 27, 2012 meeting, the Commission discussed and approved a Municipal Service Review (MSR) on the election process for local offices in the City and County of San Francisco. During the discussion at the January 27, 2012 Commission meeting, the following topics of interest were discussed:

- Voter Turn-out under current IRV and other voting styles;
- List of other communities that use IRV;
- Department of Elections' educational program for IRV voting;
and
- Concerns around IRV and other voting systems.

In accordance with this MSR, the Commission staff began a dialogue with the Department of Elections in order to establish an accounting of what information is already available and what studies have been conducted. Staff is also in the process of compiling election information and analyzing the data to compare voter turn-out and participation in choosing elected officials. Additionally, LAFCo has been tasked with researching the topographic availability of empirical information that has been produced around the IRV system, both here in San Francisco and around the county.