COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. This is an action brought in the public interest to enjoin the conduct of San Francisco municipal elections in violation of the constitutional and voting rights of Plaintiffs and those similarly-situated.
- Since 2004 the City and County of San Francisco has used an "instant runoff" (sometimes called "ranked-choice") voting system to conduct its elections for the Board of Supervisors, Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor-Recorder, and Public Defender. S.F. CHARTER § 13.102. While instant runoff voting systems are used in a handful of jurisdictions around the country, the instant runoff voting system being implemented in San Francisco is unorthodox and—at the time it was adopted—unprecedented in that it allows a voter to "rank" only three candidates even though there often are more than three candidates running for a particular office. San Francisco's novel system violates the constitutional rights of voters because it arbitrarily and illegally extinguishes a voter's right to vote once his or her three ranked candidates are eliminated from contention. The result has been that in election after election thousands of voters have illegally had their votes "exhausted" and been denied the right to participate in subsequent rounds of balloting while other voters have been allowed to participate fully. As such the instant runoff voting system used in San Francisco violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, the First Amendment, and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

Background

3. In March 2002, the voters of San Francisco adopted Proposition A, which amended the City Charter to replace the City's traditional municipal election system (providing for a general election in November and a runoff election, if necessary, in December) with an instant runoff voting system.

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- 4. Under San Francisco's instant runoff voting system, all voting for municipal offices takes place on a single day. Each voter is allowed to rank a maximum of three candidates for each office: a first choice, a second choice, and a third choice (assuming at least three candidates run, of course). S.F. Charter § 13.102.
- 5. Even if there are more than three candidates running for a particular office, a voter is still only permitted to rank his or her top three choices. Proposition A provided for ranking all candidates, but authorized the San Francisco Director of Elections to limit the choices to "no fewer than three" if "the voting system, vote tabulation system or similar related equipment used by the City and County cannot feasibly accommodate choices equal to the total number of candidates running for each office[.]" S.F. Charter § 13.102(b). The Director of Elections has so limited the number of candidates that voters may rank.
- 6. After the ballots are cast, an initial tally is conducted by the Elections Department. If a candidate receives a majority of the first-place votes, he or she is elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-place votes, the so-called "instant runoff" occurs. The candidate in last place, who received the fewest number of first-place votes, is eliminated, and each vote for that last-place candidate is transferred to the voter's second choice candidate. All other voters' first-place votes continue to be counted as such.¹ The votes are thus re-tabulated in the "instant runoff," *i.e.*, the second round of voting.
- 7. If no candidate exceeds 50% of the votes counted in this second round, the candidate in last place is eliminated, and each vote for that last-place

¹ If the votes for the bottom two (or more) candidates do not add up to the number of votes received by the next lowest candidate, more than one can be eliminated in a single round. For example, in a race with five candidates if the first round produced 10 votes for the first place candidate, 7 for the second place candidate, then 6 votes, 1 vote, and 1 vote for the remaining three candidates, the two bottom candidates would be eliminated because their combined total does not add up to six votes.

candidate is transferred to the next-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot (now the voter's second or potentially third choice).

- 8. The "instant runoff" process continues, round after round, until one candidate gets a majority of the "continuing" votes cast. Any voter who has already voted for three last-place finishers does not get to vote in that round or in any later round of the instant runoff. This is because, under San Francisco's novel instant runoff voting system, a voter's ballot is deemed "exhausted" and of no further effect once his or her three ranked choices are used up, and that voter is not allowed to participate in subsequent rounds of the instant runoff. The Charter unequivocally mandates, "the [exhausted] ballot *shall not be counted* in further stages of the tabulation" S.F. CHARTER § 13.102(a)(3) (emphasis added).
- 9. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that when San Francisco's voters adopted the charter amendment in March 2002, no other jurisdiction in the United States conducted elections in an instant runoff voting system that limited the number of candidates that could be ranked. Prior to 2002, the few jurisdictions that used instant runoff voting permitted voters to rank every candidate who appeared on the ballot.²

San Francisco's Instant Runoff Voting System in

Action: Election Results From 2004-2008

Demonstrate That Thousands of Citizens' Votes

Were "Exhausted" and Rendered Of No Force or

Effect

10. Proposition A was implemented for the first time in November 2004. Since that time, tens of thousands of ballots have been "exhausted" in election after

² This complaint challenges only the three-candidate limitation imposed by the City & County of San Francisco, and not instant runoff voting generally—the constitutionality of which remains an open question in the law.

election. Attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this reference, are the instant runoff voting results in San Francisco since the system began to be used, for those elections in which two or more rounds of tabulation were required. These attached results are true and correct copies of the official results posted on the website of the San Francisco Department of Elections. A few examples are discussed below.

- 11. In the 2004 supervisorial election for District 5, 13,144 ballots were exhausted by the final (19th) round of balloting; 4,781 were exhausted in District 1 by the fourth and final runoff round; and in District 11 there were 6,595 exhausted ballots by the sixth and final runoff round. In other words, 37.44%, 16.61%, and 28.46% of voters, respectively, were denied the right to vote in the final runoff round of the balloting in those supervisorial districts.
- 12. Similarly, in 2006, 6,010 ballots were exhausted by the fourth and final runoff round for the supervisorial election in District 4—30.33% of the total votes cast. And in District 6, there were 2,269 exhausted ballots by the final round, equaling 12.65% of the total ballots cast.
- 13. And most recently, in 2008, there were 5,294 exhausted ballots in the final round of balloting in supervisorial District 11—21.46% of the ballots cast. And in District 3, 4,291 ballots were exhausted by the deciding seventh round, 14.26% of the total ballots cast.

In Passing Proposition A, San Francisco Voters

Were Promised A Voting System That Would

Provide For The Election of Candidates Who

Garnered A Majority of the Votes Cast, Just Like
the Primary-Runoff System.

14. Under San Francisco law, the city's Ballot Simplification Committee prepared a Digest (or summary) of Proposition A which was mailed to all voters.

Comparing the proposed instant runoff voting system to the City's existing general/runoff voting system, the Digest assured told voters that a majority vote still would be required to win election, stating, for example, "A winner would still have to receive more than 50% of the vote," and "This process of transferring votes to the voter's next-choice candidate and eliminating candidates with the fewest votes would be repeated until one candidate received more than 50% of the votes." This was not accurate—under Proposition A's instant runoff voting system as implemented, a candidate need not receive 50% of the votes cast to win election, but only 50% of the "continuing" (or non-exhausted) votes. Thus, the Digest obscured the fact that many voters' ballots would be deemed "exhausted" and of no force or effect in later rounds of instant runoff voting.

San Francisco's Novel Instant Runoff Voting System Regularly Results In Elections Being Won By Less Than A Majority of Total Votes Cast, And the Number of "Exhausted" Ballots Regularly Exceeds the Vote Differential Between 1st and 2d Place Finishers.

15. A collateral effect of this constitutional deprivation caused by the City's allowing voters to rank only 3 candidates is that, in many elections, the victorious candidate garners less than a majority of total votes cast and, adding insult to constitutional injury, the number of exhausted votes exceeds the vote differential between first and second place finishers in the last round of "instant runoff" voting, often by a substantial amount. In fact, during the 2008 instant runoff voting elections for Supervisor, four (4) of the seven winners received less than a majority of the total votes cast; and "exhausted" votes exceeded the winning margin in each of those four supervisorial elections.

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- 16. In 2004, 35,109 ballots were cast for the office of supervisor in District 5. Ross Mirkarimi received 13,211 votes in the final (19th) round of the instant runoff, 5,939 more than the 2d place finisher. His vote total was a majority of the 26,111 remaining ("continuing, non-exhausted") ballots, but it was only 37.6% of the actual ballots cast. This is because 13,144 voters' ballots had been "exhausted" by that round, and those citizens had no vote which was counted in the final round—more than twice the total margin of victory.
- 17. In 2006, 19,814 ballots were cast for supervisor in District 4. Ed Jew received 8,388 votes in the final (4th) round, only 801 more than the 2d place finisher. His vote total was a majority of the 15,975 continuing ballots, but not a majority of actual ballots cast (in fact, only 42.3% of same)—6,010 ballots were "exhausted" by the 4th round of the instant runoff, and no vote was counted for the citizens whose ballots were "exhausted" before the 4th and final round—more than seven times the total margin of victory.
- 18. Most recently, in November 2008, there were 24,673 ballots cast in District 11. John Avalos won after four rounds by 1,133 votes over the 2d place finisher (10,225 vs. 9,092); his 10,225 total votes in the final round were only 41% of the actual ballots cast. By the 4th round, there were 5,294 "exhausted" ballots that were not counted—more than 4.5 times the total margin of victory.
- 19. As a direct result of restricting voters to ranking a maximum of three candidates even though more candidates were running for a particular office, the San Francisco instant runoff voting system has caused thousands of voters' ballots to be "exhausted" and rendered of no force or effect, and in numbers which were great enough to affect the outcome of elections. Further, it repeatedly resulted in the election of candidates who gathered less than a majority of the actual ballots cast—in contradiction of what the voters who passed Proposition A were promised.

Abridgment Of The Right To Vote

20. The limitation imposed by the Director of Elections and being implemented in San Francisco, providing that voters may rank only three candidates regardless of the number of candidates seeking office, has the effect of disenfranchising a substantial number of voters in municipal elections. While some voters are permitted to have a vote counted in each and every round of balloting and tabulation, certain other voters—because they chose less popular candidates in the early rounds—are denied the ability to have any vote counted at all in later rounds of balloting. This situation is analogous to a hypothetical case under the traditional general/runoff system in which those voters who voted in the general election for the least popular candidate (or two or three) were denied the right to cast a ballot in the runoff. The unconstitutionality of such a system would be patent, and the same defects are present under San Francisco's novel system.

PARTIES

- 21. Plaintiff MATTHEW SHERIDAN is a resident and duly registered voter in the City of San Francisco, in the 2d Supervisorial District. Mr. SHERIDAN has voted in several recent San Francisco municipal elections at which instant runoff voting was implemented, and he plans to vote in the November 2010 election for Supervisor in District 2 and at the 2011 mayoral election. Four candidates have already filed a "Candidate Intention Statement" (FPPC Form 501) with the San Francisco Ethics Commission, stating their intention to be a candidate for supervisor in District 2 at the November 2010 election. With more than five months remaining until the candidate filing period opens, it is highly likely that additional candidates could file for that seat, creating a serious danger of the "exhaustion" of some number of ballots.
- 22. Plaintiff RON DUDUM is a resident and duly registered voter in the City of San Francisco, in the 4th Supervisorial District. Mr. DUDUM has voted in several recent San Francisco municipal elections at which instant runoff voting

 was implemented, and he plans to vote in the November 2010 election for Supervisor in District 4 and at the 2011 mayoral election. Moreover, Mr. DUDUM was one of six candidates for Supervisor in District 4 in 2006. After four rounds of counting instant "runoffs" Mr. DUDUM finished 2d in that race with 7,587 votes to 8,388 votes for Ed Jew—a difference of only 801 votes. A total of 2,636 ballots were "exhausted" after the third round of counting—more than three times Mr. Jew's margin of victory. If voters had been permitted to rank every candidate on the ballot, Mr. DUDUM might have won that election.

- 23. Plaintiff ELIZABETH MURPHY is a resident and duly registered voter in the City of San Francisco, in the 4th Supervisorial District. Ms. MURPHY has voted in several recent San Francisco municipal elections at which instant runoff voting was implemented, and she plans to vote in the November 2010 election for Supervisor in District 4 and at the 2011 mayoral election.
- 24. Plaintiff Katherine WEBSTER is a resident and duly registered voter in the City of San Francisco, in the 6th Supervisorial District. Ms. WEBSTER has voted in several recent San Francisco municipal elections at which instant runoff voting was implemented, and she plans to vote in the November 2010 election for Supervisor in District 6 and at the 2011 mayoral election. *Twenty* candidates have already filed a "Candidate Intention Statement" (FPPC Form 501) with the San Francisco Ethics Commission, stating their intention to be a candidate for supervisor in District 6 at the November 2010 election. With more than five months remaining until the candidate filing period opens, it is possible that additional candidates could file for that seat. Given this high number of candidates, it is virtually certain that some number of ballots will be "exhausted" before the round of tabulation at which the ultimate winner is declared.
- 25. Plaintiff MARINA FRANCO is a resident and duly registered voter in the City of San Francisco, in the 8th Supervisorial District. Ms. FRANCO has voted in several recent San Francisco municipal elections at which instant runoff voting

was implemented, and she plans to vote in the November 2010 election for Supervisor in District 8 and at the 2011 mayoral election. Five candidates have already filed a "Candidate Intention Statement" (FPPC Form 501) with the San Francisco Ethics Commission, stating their intention to be a candidate for supervisor in District 8 at the November 2010 election. With more than five months remaining until the candidate filing period opens, it is highly likely that additional candidates could file for that seat, creating a serious danger of the "exhaustion" of some number of ballots.

- 26. Plaintiff DENNIS FLYNN is a resident and duly registered voter in the City of San Francisco, in the 10th Supervisorial District. Mr. FLYNN has voted in several recent San Francisco municipal elections at which instant runoff voting was implemented, and he plans to vote in the November 2010 election for Supervisor in District 10 and at the 2011 mayoral election. *Ten* candidates have already filed a "Candidate Intention Statement" (FPPC Form 501) with the San Francisco Ethics Commission, stating their intention to be a candidate for supervisor in District 10 at the November 2010 election. With more than five months remaining until the candidate filing period opens, it is possible that additional candidates could file for that seat. Given this high number of candidates, it is virtually certain that some number of ballots will be "exhausted" before the round of tabulation at which the ultimate winner is declared.
- 27. Each of the foregoing Plaintiffs also intends to vote for Mayor in November 2011. As of the date of this filing, three candidates have already declared for that office, nearly 18 months prior to the candidate filing deadline, and almost two years before the election. Given that Mayor Newsom will be forced from office by term limits, and is ineligible to seek the office again, it is virtually inevitable that additional candidates will file as well.
- 28. Defendant JOHN ARNTZ is the duly appointed Director of Elections of the City & County of San Francisco, in that capacity is responsible for the

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conduct of San Francisco municipal elections. Section 13.102 of the San Francisco Charter delegates to Defendant ARNTZ the authority to limit the number of candidates for which a voter may express a preference in San Francisco municipal elections using instant runoff voting to "no fewer than three" if "the voting system, vote tabulation system or similar related equipment used by the City and County cannot feasibly accommodate choices equal to the total number of candidates running for each office[.]" S.F. CHARTER § 13.102(b). Defendant ARNTZ has exercised this delegated authority to limit voters to ranking only three candidates. Defendant ARNTZ is sued in his official capacity only.

- 29. Defendant CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ("CITY") is a municipal corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California. This action challenges the constitutionality of a provision of the City's Charter, adopted by the City's voters in 2002.
- 30. Defendant SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS is an agency of Defendant CITY, created by the CITY's Charter, to "conduct all public federal, state, district and municipal elections in the City and County. The department [is] administered by the Director of Elections, who [is] vested with the day-to-day conduct and management of the Department and of voter registration and matters pertaining to elections in the City and County. The Director [] report[s] to the Elections Commission." S.F. CHARTER § 13.104.
- 31. Defendant SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION is an agency of the CITY, created by the CITY's Charter, "to oversee all public federal, state, district and municipal elections in the City and County. The Commission [is charged with] set[ting] general policies for the Department of Elections and [is] responsible for the proper administration of the general practices of the Department These duties shall include but not be limited to approving written plans prior to each election, submitted by the Director of Elections, detailing the policies, procedures, and personnel that will be used to conduct the election "

S.F. CHARTER § 13.103.5.

32. Plaintiffs are unaware of the true names and capacities of Defendants DOES 1 through 20, and sue such Defendants by fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based upon such information and belief allege, that each of the fictitiously named Defendants is in some manner responsible for the actions described in this Complaint. When the true identities and capacities of these Defendants have been determined, Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint to insert such identities and capacities.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 33. This lawsuit alleges violation of Plaintiffs' rights under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Accordingly, this Court has "federal question" jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims by virtue of 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 34. Venue is proper in the Northern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because the events and omissions giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in the City and County of San Francisco, which is located within the Northern District.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1983) (By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 35. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 34 above are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 36. Defendants' actions, as described herein, violate Plaintiffs' rights to equal protection under the laws as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, both facially and as-applied, because some voters are permitted to have votes cast in all rounds of the instant runoff under the

instant runoff voting system, while other voters—whose ballots are "exhausted"—are deprived of the right to vote in later and dispositive rounds.

- 37. Plaintiffs will be irreparably harmed by the conduct of an election that infringes upon their equal protection rights, and Plaintiffs have no speedy or adequate remedy at law. Consequently, Plaintiffs are entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to restrain all Defendants from proceeding with instant runoff voting unless voters are permitted to rank as many candidates as there are running for any given municipal office.
- 38. Furthermore, an actual controversy now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants as to whether Defendants' decision to limit voters to ranking only three candidates for any given municipal office, regardless of the number of how many candidates run, threatens to or does violate Plaintiffs' equal protection rights. The parties therefore require a declaration from the Court regarding whether Defendants' actions, as alleged herein, violate the federal Equal Protection Clause.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1983) (By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 39. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 38 above are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 40. Defendants' actions, as described herein, violate Plaintiffs' voting rights as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, both facially and as-applied, because some voters are permitted to have votes cast in all rounds of the instant runoff under the instant runoff voting system, while other voters—whose ballots are "exhausted"—are deprived of the right to vote in later and dispositive rounds.
- 41. Plaintiffs will be irreparably harmed by the conduct of an election that infringes upon their First Amendment rights, and Plaintiffs have no speedy or

adequate remedy at law. Consequently, Plaintiffs are entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to restrain all Defendants from proceeding with instant runoff voting unless voters are permitted to rank as many candidates as there are running for any given municipal office.

42. Furthermore, an actual controversy now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants as to whether Defendants' decision to limit voters to ranking only three candidates for any given municipal office, regardless of the number of how many candidates run, threatens to or does violate Plaintiffs' First Amendment rights. The parties therefore require a declaration from the Court regarding whether Defendants' actions, as alleged herein, violate the First Amendment.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1983) (By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 43. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 42 above are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 44. Defendants' actions, as described herein, violate Plaintiffs' rights to due process as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution because the instant runoff voting system as implemented in San Francisco results in patent and fundamental unfairness.
- 45. Plaintiffs will be irreparably harmed by the conduct of an election that infringes upon their due process rights, and Plaintiffs have no speedy or adequate remedy at law. Consequently, Plaintiffs are entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to restrain all Defendants from proceeding with instant runoff voting unless voters are permitted to rank as many candidates as there are running for any given municipal office.
- 46. Furthermore, an actual controversy now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants as to whether Defendants' decision to limit voters to ranking only three

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candidates for any given municipal office, regardless of the number of how many candidates run, threatens to or does violate Plaintiffs' due process rights. The parties therefore require a declaration from the Court regarding whether Defendants' actions, as alleged herein, violate the federal Due Process Clause.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray as follows:

- 1. For immediate issuance of a preliminary injunction prohibiting Defendants, and all persons acting pursuant to their direction and control, from taking any steps to conduct the November 2010 municipal elections and any other elections in San Francisco using instant runoff voting where voters are prohibited from ranking every candidate on the ballot for each office;
- 2. For a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants, and all persons acting pursuant to their direction and control, from taking any steps to conduct any elections in San Francisco using instant runoff voting where voters are prohibited from ranking every candidate on the ballot for each office;
- 3. For a declaration that Defendants have impermissibly infringed on Plaintiffs' rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, 42 U. S. C. § 1983, both facially and as-applied;
- 4. For a declaration that Defendants have impermissibly infringed on Plaintiffs' rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, 42 U. S. C. § 1983, both facially and as-applied;
- 5. For a declaration that Defendants have impermissibly infringed on Plaintiffs' rights under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, 42 U. S. C. § 1983, both facially and as-applied;
 - 6. For reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988(b);
 - For costs of suit;

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EXHIBIT A

RCV District 1 Nov 2004
City and County of San Francisco
Consolidated General Election
November 2, 2004

District 1 - Ranked-Choice Voting

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Official Results

Candidate		Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4
JAKE McGOLDRICK	(Winner 54.013%)	11815	12084	12304	14011
DAVID HELLER		2012	2297	2531*	
LEANNA DAWYDIAK		1380*			
JEFFREY S. FREEBAIRN		132*			
LILLIAN SING		8989	9309	10036	11929
ROSE TSAI		1595	1727*		
MATT TUCHOW		2864	3159	3417*	
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	Eligible Ballots	28787	28576	28288	25940
	Exhausted Ballots	1934	2145	2433	4781
	Total Ballots	30721	30721	30721	30721

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RCV District 5 Nov 2004

City and County of San Francisco Consolidated General Election November 2, 2004 District 5 - Ranked-Choice Voting

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O'CONNOR		868	870	873	882	906	930	944	973	1012	1036	1079	1127*							
PHILLIP HOUSE		62	62*																	_
ROBERT																				
HAALAND		5124	5126	5130	5146	5180	5192	5226	5254	5318	5384	5461	5538	5628	5740	5956	6319	6409	9699	7272
EMMETT																				
GILMAN		393	394	398	405	407	423*													
JULIAN DAVIS		418	422	429	443	462	467	481*												_
LISA																				
FELDSTEIN		3257	3265	3274	3289	3309	3323	3381	3430	3484	3566	3671	3765	3851	4070	4313	4636	4759	5064	5628
SUSAN C. KING		977	980	984	1001	1034	1051	1072	1116	1147	1206	1237	1293	1371*						
DAN KALB		1398	1400	1400	1412	1430	1449	1466	1493	1540	1582	1610	1698	1739	1867*					_
TYS SNIFFEN		989	687	688	692	707	719	730	746*											_
FRANCIS																				
SOMSEL		368	368	370	379	381*														_
JIM SIEGEL		1540	1542	1543	1551	1565	1608	1639	1657	1743	1763	1820	1866	2053	2111	2184	2242*			_
PHOENIX																				
STREETS		657	658	099	673	669	714	731	752	771*										_
ANDREW																				
SULLIVAN		2477	2478	2479	2494	2501	2550	2570	2580	2639	2663	2716	2771	2831	2870	2982	3068	3601*		
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WHEELER		832	833		845	871	881	896	929	951	995	1026*								
VIVIAN WILDER		130	134	135*																
NICK WAUGH		3025	3025	3027	3035	3053	3070	3090	3118	3187	3243	3296	3391	3441	3540	3732	3900	4063	5041*	
ROB																				
ANDERSON		336	341	342	346															
H. BROWN		57*																		
JOSEPH BLUE		802	805	807	814	819	842	851	860	876	*806									
BILL BARNES		1664	1670	1671	1680	1690	1709	1719	1731	1751	1804	1871	1945	1977	2018	2142*				
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Candidate		Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Pass 6	Pass 7	Pass 8	Pass 9	Pass 10	Pass 11
MICHAEL PATRICK MALLEN		975	1004	1017	1040	1066	1110*					
SHAWN REIFSTECK		1108	1136	1187	1210	1236	1286	1388*				
CHRISTINE LINNENBACH		6784	6817	6865	6962	7078	7231	7452	7782	8490	9160	10491
PAT LAKEY		763	783	804	823	840*						
DAVID PARKER		348*										
MILTON "RENNIE" O'BRIEN		2372	2410	2481	2525	2588	2691	2847	3090	3300	3799*	
VERNON C. GRIGG III		2091	2104	2114	2151	2186	2252	2323	2451*			
SHEELA KINI		349	367*									
SVETLANA KAFF		546	573	592	605*							
SEAN R. ELSBERND	(Winner 56.872%)	10505	10547	10568	10667	10740	10884	11018	11198	11827	12446	13834
GREGORY CORRALES		2560	2589	2618	2658	2721	2767	2878	2946	3110*		
ISAAC WANG		2728	2757	2785	2813	2868	2926	3007	3110	3263	3533*	
ART BELENSON		510	517	528*								
WRITE-IN		*										
	Eligible Ballots	31639	31604	31559	31454	31323	31147	30913	30577	29990	28938	24325
	Exhausted Ballots	3266	3301	3346	3451	3582	3758	3992	4328	4915	5967	10580
	Total Ballots	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905	34905

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Candidate		Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Pass 6
JOSE MEDINA		2869	2989	3359	3867	4683*	
MYRNA VIRAY LIM	•	4280	4884	5248	5719	6760	7628
ANITA GRIER		2806	3080	3522	3829*		
FIL M. SILVERIO		307*					
REBECCA REYNOLDS							
SILVERBERG		1816	1946*				
GERARDO SANDOVAL	(Winner 58.333%)	7477	7637	7919	8553	9256	10679
ROLANDO A. BONILLA		2293	2356	2571*			
TOM YUEN		1328*					
WRITE-IN		*					
	Eligible Ballots	23176	22892	22619	21968	20699	18307
	Exhausted Ballots	1726	2010	2283	2934	4203	6595
	Total Ballots	24902	24902	24902	24902	24902	24902

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Race and Candidate						Dwa DCV	Due DOV
MEMBER, BOARD OF	Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4		Pre-RCV	Pre-RCV
SUPERVISORS DIST. 4						Count	Diff.
RON DUDUM	5,134	5,521	6,305	7,587		5,072	62
ED JEW (Winner 52.507%)	5,184	5,441	6,455	8,388		5,125	59
JAYNRY MAK	4,569	5,012	5,851*			4,504	65
DOUG CHAN	3,236	3,414*				3,192	44
HOUSTON ZHENG	234*		_			225	9
DAVID FERGUSON	1,455*					1,419	36
WRITE-IN	2*					2	0
Eligible Ballots	19,814	19,388	18,611	15,975	Undervotes	2,253	
Exhausted Ballots	2,171	2,597	3,374	6,010	Overvotes	193	
Total Ballots	21,985	21,985	21,985	21,985	Total	21,985	

To understand the difference between the Pre-RCV and RCV vote totals:

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Race and Candidate							5 5011	
MEMBER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5		Pre-RCV	Pre-RCV
DIST. 6							Count	Diff.
VILIAM DUGOVIC	340	348	358*				330	10
GEORGE DIAS	230	231*					222	8
MATT DRAKE	679	688	725	830	869		669	10
CHRIS DALY (Winner 50.822%)	8,746	8,763	8,803	8,871	8,968		8,654	92
DAVY JONES	389	402	421	463	506		372	17
ROBERT JORDAN	125*						119	6
MANUEL JIMENEZ, JR.	317	328	375	399*			311	6
ROB BLACK	7,115	7,134	7,173	7,215	7,303		7,051	64
WRITE-IN	*						0	0
Eligible Ballots	17,941	17,894	17,855	17,778	17,646	Undervotes	2,027	
Exhausted Ballots	1,974	2,021	2,060	2,137	2,269	Overvotes	160	
Total Ballots	19,915	19,915	19,915	19,915	19,915	Total	19,915	

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		Round 1			Round 2	
	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer
ERIC MAR	11649	40.51%	+1503	13152	50.67%	0
ALICIA WANG	4218	14.67%	-4218	0	0.00%	0
JASON JUNGREIS	614	2.14%	-614	0	0.00%	0
BRIAN J. LARKIN	998	3.47%	-998	0	0.00%	0
SUE LEE	9753	33.92%	+3052	12805	49.33%	0
SHERMAN R. D"SILVA	257	0.89%	-257	0	0.00%	0
GEORGE FLAMIK	325	1.13%	-325	0	0.00%	0
FIDEL CHRYS GAKUBA	363	1.26%	-363	0	0.00%	0
NICHOLAS C. BELLONI	537	1.87%	-537	0	0.00%	0
WRITE-IN	42	0.15%	-42	0	0.00%	0
Exhausted by Over Votes	242		+18	260		0

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TOTAL	31694		0	31694		0
Continuing Ballots	28756	100.00%		25957	100.00%	
Exhausted Ballots	0		+2781	2781		0
Under Votes	2696		0	2696		0

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	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	ų <u>%</u>	Transfer	Votes	1 %	Transfer									
DENISE MCCARTHY	3172	11.66%	+169	3341	12.37%	+231	3572	13.30%	+143	3715	14.06%	+512	4227	16.25%	+406	4633	18.42%	-4633	0	0.00%	0
LYNN JEFFERSON	1235	4.54%	+130	1365	2.05%	+106	1471	5.48%	+179	1650	6.24%	-1650	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	%00.0	0
JOSEPH ALIOTO, JR.	6285	23.11%	+115	6400	23.69%	+255	5599	24.79%	+458	7113	26.92%	+310	7423	28.53%	+752	8175	32.50%	+1118	9293	40.63%	0
MIKE DENUNZIO	1335	4.91%	+51	1386	5.13%	08+	1466	5.46%	-1466	0	%00.0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	%00.0	0	0	%00.0	0
TONY GANTNER	1195	4.39%	+40	1235	4.57%	-1235	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	%00.0	0
DAVID CHIU	10270	37.76%	+242	10512	38.91%	+288	10800	40.22%	+119	10919	41.32%	+227	11146	42.84%	+1202	12348	49.09%	+1234	13582	59.37%	0
CLAUDINE CHENG	2515	9.25%	+264	2779	10.29%	+107	5886	10.75%	+141	3027	11.46%	+196	3223	12.39%	-3223	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
WILMA PANG	825	3.50%	-952	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	%00.0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
MARK QUESSEY	204	0.75%	-204	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	%00.0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0
WRITE-IN	35	0.13%	-35	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	%00.0	0

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	%00.00.	22875 100.00%		25156 100.00%	25156		26019 100.00%	26019		26424 100.00%	26424		100.00%	26850		27018 100.00%	27018		27198 100.00%	27198	Continuing Ballots
0		4291	+2271		2020	+851		1169	+404		765	+423		342	+166		+176 176	+176		0	Exhausted Ballots
0		2604	0		2604	0		2604	0		2604	0		2604	0		2604	0		2604	Under Votes
0		316	+10		306	+12		294	+1		293	+3		290	+5		288	4		284	Exhausted by Over Votes

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		Round 1			Round 2		Round 3			
	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	
EVA ROYALE	1842	6.95%	-1842	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
VERN MATHEWS	469	1.77%	-469	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
MARK SANCHEZ	7648	28.88%	+975	8623	34.53%	+2214	10837	46.17%	0	
ERIC STOREY	806	3.04%	-806	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
TOM VALTIN	862	3.25%	-862	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
DAVID CAMPOS	9468	35.75%	+919	10387	41.59%	+2250	12637	53.83%	0	
ERIC QUEZADA	5352	20.21%	+612	5964	23.88%	-5964	0	0.00%	0	
WRITE-IN	39	0.15%	-39	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	

REMARKS	*Tie resolved in accordance with election law.									
TOTAL	28884		0	28884		0	28884		0	
Continuing Ballots	26486	100.00%		24974	100.00%		23474	100.00%		
Exhausted Ballots	0		+1494	1494		+1479	2973		0	
Under Votes	2085		0	2085		0	2085		0	
Exhausted by Over Votes	313		+18	331		+21	352		0	

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	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	Votes	%	Transfer	
JULIO RAMOS	3646	14.78%	+675	4321	18.21%	-4321	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
AHSHA SAFAI	5965	24.18%	+762	6727	28.35%	+884	7611	33.94%	+1481	9092	47.07%	0	
MYRNA LIM	4462	18.08%	+591	5053	21.30%	+876	5929	26.44%	-5929	0	0.00%	0	
ELI M. HORN	394	1.60%	-394	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
JOHN AVALOS	6964	28.23%	+661	7625	32.14%	+1262	8887	39.63%	+1338	10225	52.93%	0	
MARY GOODNATURE	459	1.86%	-459	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0 ·	0.00%	0	
RANDY KNOX	233 7	9.47%	-2337	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
ADRIAN BERMUDEZ	415	1.68%	-415	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
WRITE-IN	30	0.12%	-30	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
A. JACKSON MATTESON	1	0.00%	-1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	
Exhausted by Over Votes	410		+24	434		+13	447		+25	472		0	
Under Votes	1826		0	1826		0	1826		0	1826		0	
Exhausted Ballots	0		+923	923		+1286	2209		+3085	5294		0	
Continuing Ballots	24673	100.00%		23726	100.00%		22427	100.00%		19317	100.00%		
TOTAL	26909		0	26909		0	26909		0	26909		0	
REMARKS	*Tie resolved in accordance with election law.												

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