

1 SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION

2 **Resolution on Extending the City’s Contract with Dominion Voting Systems**

3 (Adopted by the San Francisco Elections Commission (5-0) on June 15, 2022.)

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5 **Resolution in support of extending the City and County of San Francisco’s**  
6 **contract with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. for only one year this year, and**  
7 **waiting until next year to decide whether to extend the contract a second year.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors (“Board”) and Elections Commission  
10 (“Commission”) have a goal of moving towards open source voting systems for the City  
11 and County of San Francisco’s (“City’s”) elections;

12 WHEREAS, On February 4, 2022, in support of that goal, the City enacted  
13 Ordinance No. 12-22 to implement an open source voting pilot program during the  
14 November 8, 2022 Consolidated General Election, though the City’s plan for the pilot  
15 program was not ultimately approved;

16 WHEREAS, The City’s contract with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. (“Dominion”),  
17 which the Board approved on March 12, 2019 as part of Resolution No. 127-19, was  
18 structured to give the City the option of switching to an open source voting system when  
19 such a system becomes available, by giving the City the option “to renew two times for  
20 one year each renewal,” and with no penalty for renewing later;

21 WHEREAS, Dominion was the only qualified bidder that responded to the  
22 Department of Elections’ February 1, 2018 Request for Proposals (“RFP”) that led to the  
23 City’s current contract with Dominion;

1           WHEREAS, In a San Francisco Examiner (“Examiner”) article dated November  
2 14, 2021, the Examiner quoted a Dominion Sales Representative for the City as making  
3 statements to the Examiner that were inappropriate and disrespectful of the City and its  
4 residents, including that “Most people in San Francisco don’t care about voting”;

5           WHEREAS, The Sales Representative did not respond to a January 12, 2022  
6 letter from the Commission President inviting him to submit a response regarding these  
7 remarks, including any explanation, clarification, or retraction;

8           WHEREAS, Waiting a year before deciding whether to renew the agreement for  
9 a second year will permit the City to keep open the option of switching to an open  
10 source system for the second year, should an open source system become a viable  
11 option between now and then; and

12           WHEREAS, Waiting a year will also, independent of the pilot, provide an  
13 incentive for additional vendors to become qualified bidders on future RFP’s, which, by  
14 promoting competition, would be to the City’s advantage, irrespective of whether those  
15 vendors are vendors of open source systems; now, therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the Commission supports extending the City’s contract with  
17 Dominion for only one year this year, and waiting until next year to decide whether to  
18 extend the contract for a second year; and, be it

19           FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Commission requests that the Board extend the  
20 contract only one year this year and revisit the second-year extension next year, to  
21 ensure that the Department has a voting system in place with adequate time in advance  
22 of the November 5, 2024 Election.