



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMO

DATE: May 23, 2008
TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Leigh Kienker, Environmental Planner *LK*
RE: BOS File No. 080643 – Charter Amendment for City Elections in Even-Numbered Years

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I have reviewed the Charter Amendment proposal for changing the city election cycle for the offices of Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, and Treasurer so that their election takes place in even-numbered years, (File No. 080643), dated May 13, 2008. The proposed Charter Amendment adds minor clarification to the same proposal, for no more City elections to be held in odd-numbered years after the 2011 election, as put forward by the BOS in May 2007 (File No. 070729). The previously proposed Charter Amendment was reviewed for exemption from environmental review (Case No. 2007.0525E). The exemption issued on June 5, 2007, for the previous Charter Amendment, applies equally to the current proposal. This exemption was based on the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA), Section 15060(c)(2), finding that the proposed election cycle change in would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment, as defined by CEQA.