

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE
NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION THE QUESTION WHETHER THEY WISH TO
AMEND THE SAN MATEO COUNTY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF
ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM AN “AT-LARGE”
TO A “BY-DISTRICT” SYSTEM**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,
ORDAINS as follows

SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits the proposed amendment to the Charter, set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance, to the eligible registered voters of the County of San Mateo at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this ordinance as required by applicable law. The Chief Elections Officer shall publish the notice of this election as required by applicable law.

SECTION 3.

- (a) The Election shall be held and conducted, the returns canvassed, and the result declared in the same manner as provided by law for general elections.
- (b) The Election will be held on November 6, 2012, from the hour of 7:00 a.m. to the hour of 8:00 p.m., during which period of time the polls will remain continuously

open. At 8:00 p.m., the polls will be closed, except as provided in section 14401 of the Elections Code.

- (c) The Chief Elections Officer shall prepare and mail to each eligible voter in the County a sample ballot and a voter's pamphlet containing the complete text of the proposed amendment to the Charter.
- (d) The Chief Elections Officer shall establish election precincts, designate the polling places, and provide election officers for each precinct at the November 6, 2012 election in accordance with the election laws of the State of California.
- (e) The election on the proposed Charter amendment shall be consolidated with any and all other elections to be held on November 6, 2012.

SECTION 4. The following measure containing an amendment to the Charter of the County of San Mateo shall be submitted to the electorate on November 6, 2012:

- (a) The measure shall read:

Shall the San Mateo County Charter be amended so that each member of the Board of Supervisors will cease to be elected by an at-large vote of all the voters in the County, but is instead elected only by the voters of his or her district?

- (b) The full text of the measure shall read as follows:

Shall Section 202 of the County Charter be amended to read as follows:

202. Election.

Supervisors are elected by district. The five supervisorial districts shall be apportioned by ordinance pursuant to general law.

Candidates for the office of Supervisor shall be electors in the district which they seek to represent. If a Supervisor ceases to reside in that district, the seat becomes vacant.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, Supervisors shall be nominated and elected pursuant to general law for a term of four years. Supervisors shall not be eligible for election to nor serve more than three consecutive terms in office.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9162(a), the Board of Supervisors or a member or members of the Board are authorized to author and submit arguments in regards to the measure listed in section 4 of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code section 25123, this ordinance calling an election shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by this Board of Supervisors.

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