



CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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SUPPORTING OPTIONAL INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING

WHEREAS: The California Democratic Party Platform calls for exploring alternative election systems, such as instant runoff voting (IRV), and Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean has and continues to publicly state his support of the use of IRV; and

WHEREAS: The use of IRV in San Francisco's Board of Supervisors elections in November 2004 was a resounding success according to practically all observers; and

WHEREAS: The use of IRV by each state (in particular, by either New Hampshire or Florida) in the November 2000 Presidential election would have prevented the stealing of the election of Al Gore by George W. Bush, as IRV eliminates vote splitting and spoiler effects

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the California Democratic Party supports allowing the option of using IRV in single-winner local elections, including elections in general law cities and counties.

Adopted by:

14th Assembly District Committee; San Mateo County Democracy for America;
Santa Clara County Democratic Party; 69th AD; Patrick Henry Democratic Club

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