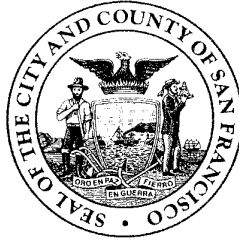


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December 7, 2020

To: San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed  
Re: Commending the Department of Elections for Conducting Exceptional Elections in 2020

Dear Honorable Mayor London Breed:

The Elections Commission would like to commend Director Arntz and his staff at the Department of Elections for their exceptional work this year during the extraordinarily challenging times we are facing as both a city and country.

On Tuesday, December 1, the Department of Elections certified the November 3, 2020, Consolidated General Election. The final turnout was 86.33%, representing votes cast by 449,866 of San Francisco's 521,099 registered voters. This is the highest number of voters to participate in an election in the City's history and the largest number of voters registered for an election. Only the November 1944 election experienced a higher turnout percentage when 86.82% of voters participated.

The Department successfully ran two elections this year while facing significant challenges, including national threats to election security, mandatory vote-by-mail operations to all registered voters, anticipated increase in voter participation, budget cuts, and the COVID-19 pandemic. We have not seen anything like this before in our lifetime. The Commission has been impressed throughout the year by the Department's steadfast response to the pandemic and resulting changes.

During such a challenging year, the Department and Director of Elections performed exceptionally in conducting free, secure, and fair elections. The Commission wants to commend Director Arntz for his incredible leadership, as well as all staff, including voting center staff and poll workers. We could not have done this without them. The Department quickly responded to requests for additional ballot drop-off sites and remained nimble and responsive to every voter.

As a Commission, we are proud to show the public how a city agency can operate efficiently and effectively by having a strong partnership with the Department. We hope the City will continue to work with us to have San Francisco lead the way in running accessible and fair elections to all voters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Viva Mogi".

Viva Mogi, President  
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