TEXT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
PROPOSITION X

COMPENSATED ADVOCACY
An ordinance prohibiting compensated advocacy by city officers and state legislators before any
city commission, and limiting the amount any
person may contribute to a candidate for munic-
ipal office to $500, and prohibiting the estab-
lishment of officer accounts for the solicitation
and expenditure of funds.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and
County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The People of the City and County
of San Francisco desire and are entitled to a local
government whose officers do not engage in,
assist or promote compensated advocacy on be-
half of private interest before City and County
commissions and boards while serving as City
and County officers.

Section 2. No officer of the City and County
may, during the term of office, engage in com-
penated advocacy before any City and County
board or commission, or any member of the
board or commission or its staff, in order to
represent any private interest, for which repres-
entation the officer receives, directly or indi-
rectly, any compensation, reward or gift.

Section 3. Officers of the City and County shall
not discuss matters pending before their commis-
ion or department with other City and County
officials or state legislators when those other of-
ficers of state legislators are acting as compen-
sated advocates for a private interest.

Section 4. No member of the California State
Legislature shall appear before any City and
County board, department or commission as a
compensated advocate representing a private
interest.

Section 5. In the financing of city and county
campaigns: (a) No person other than a candidate
shall make, and no campaign treasurer shall solicit
or accept, any contribution which will cause the
total amount contributed by such person with
respect to a single election in support of or in
opposition to such candidate, including contribu-
tions to political committees supporting or oppos-
ing such candidate, to exceed $500.00. (b) If any
person is found guilty of violating the terms of this
section, each campaign treasurer who received
part or all of the contribution or contributions
which constitute the violation shall pay promptly
from available campaign funds, if any, the amount
received from such persons in excess of the
amount permitted by this section to the City and
County Treasurer for deposit in the general Fund
of the City and County. (c) This section shall not
apply to any in-kind contribution of television or
radio airtime to any candidate or committee pur-
suant to the “Fairness Doctrine” articulated in

Section 6. Any person violating the terms of
this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties set
forth in San Francisco Charter Section 8.105.
Such penalties shall include, but not be limited
to, removal from office.

Section 7. If any provision of this ordinance,
or its application to any person or circumstance,
shall be found invalid, it is the expressed intent of the
people of the City and County of San Francisco
that the remainder of the ordinance, or the appli-
cation of such provision, or any other provision
other persons or circumstances, shall not be
affected thereby.

Section 8. An officer of the City and County
of San Francisco, or any person or committee
on behalf of an officer of the City and County
of San Francisco, is hereby prohibited from
establishing any account, other than a cam-
paign fund, for the solicitation and expenditure
of funds. Nothing in this section shall prohibit
an officer from spending personal funds on
official or related business activities. (a) An
account established by an officer or on behalf
of an officer of the City and County of San
Francisco is defined as any account used to pay
expenses incurred directly in connection with

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