BASF Not Endorsing a Candidate for San Francisco District Attorney as a Result of Plebiscite Vote

September 27, 2011 – San Francisco The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) held a two-week plebiscite of its attorney members on the November election for San Francisco District Attorney, in accordance with the by-laws of the association.

For any candidate to be endorsed by BASF, one-third of the eligible ballots, or 2,216 ballots had to be received. Since only 852 ballots, or 13% of the eligible ballots were returned, the association will not endorse any candidate for the election.

The results, counted on September 26, 2011, are as follows: of the 852 ballots cast, 274 were in favor of George Gascón; 215 were in favor of David Onek; 200 were in favor of Sharmin Bock, 141 were in favor of Bill Fazio and 22 were in favor of Vu Trinh. BASF held a forum with the five candidates on September 7, 2011.

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The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) is a nonprofit voluntary membership organization of over 8,000 attorneys, law students and legal professionals in the Bay Area. Founded in 1872, BASF is one of the largest and most dynamic metropolitan bar associations in the U.S., with a long and distinguished record of community action, public service and service to the legal profession.