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GREENS CONGRATULATE MATT GONZALEZ ON HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Members of the Green Party of the United States, including other Greens in elected office, congratulated Matt Gonzalez, who was elected President of San Francisco's 11 member Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, January 8.

The position, formerly held by Tom Ammiano, is the second most powerful in San Francisco, after the Mayor, and is elected by the Board itself. Gonzalez is the third U.S. Green to hold such an office. Elizabeth Horton Sheff is currently City Council president in Hartford, Connecticut; Keiko Bonk served as County Council Chair for the Island of Hawai'i in 1995.

"At the end of the day, people want city services, accountability and an honorable debate by elected officials who don't abuse the public process to gain ideological advantage," said Gonzalez, who was nominated by conservative Supervisor Tony Hall.

3% of San Franciscan voters are registered Green. Green gubernatorial candidate Peter Camejo received 15.5% of the San Francisco vote in November, 2002, placing ahead of Republican candidate Bill Simon. In 2001, San Francisco voters approved a ballot measure promoted by Gonzalez and the Greens to enact Instant Run-Off voting for city elections. Greens also hold two seats on the San Francisco Board of Education.

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