

**Hon. Willie Brown, Former Mayor San Francisco, Former Speaker of the California Assembly on the Ronn Owens Show, KGO Radio**

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**Transcript:**

**Hon. Willie Brown:** “Instant runoff is really, really very bad. And I believe you should have an opportunity see the contestants up close and do some comparative shopping among them because after all ya know we are not looking at cars in this case we are looking at people who are going to be determinative on a policy basis of our lives for the next 4 years and you really need to have them answer the same questions in the same forum. You don’t get that with instant runoff.”

**Ronn Owens - KGO Host:** “And one other question though, today, and people don’t even realize this, is election day, here I am, I live in San Francisco, you got two races, the people are running unopposed, then you have 5 propositions, which nobody know about what’s going on there?”

**Hon. Willie Brown:** “Well San Francisco is an going in to a spin, a tailspin on candidacies, in the old days, you would have half a dozen really qualifies people arguing with each other about every office whatsoever. You don’t get that anymore because we went into what we call instant runoff and that has eliminated the opportunity for comparative shopping. We need to get rind of instant runoff and then people on the west side would have an opportunity to have their candidacy tried against people on the east side. I know Sean Elsbernd would be a candidate for Mayor if you had the runoff process. He could get the nomination, he could be one of the top two finishers and believe me in a debate between East and West he might win.”