



## BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COUNCIL

The below listed summary of seats, term expirations and membership information shall serve as notice of vacancies, upcoming term expirations, and information on currently held seats, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Appointments by other bodies are listed, if available.

Seat numbers listed as “VACANT” are open for immediate appointment. However, you are able to submit applications for all seats and your application will be maintained for one year, in the event that an unexpected vacancy or opening occurs.

### MEMBERSHIP AND SEAT QUALIFICATIONS

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
1	BOS	VACANT Term Expired 11/3/24 – Holdover Member Pamela Troy	11/30/26	The Board of Supervisors shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees. Term: 2-years
2	BOS	VACANT Term Expired 11/3/24 – Holdover Member Betty Packard	11/30/26	
	Superintendent of Schools of the SFUSD	VACANT	11/30/26	It is desirable that the member appointed have professional experience related to reading education. Term: 2-years
	Mayor	VACANT	11/30/26	The Mayor shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees. Term: 2-years Term: 2-years
	Mayor	VACANT	11/30/26	

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
	City Attorney	VACANT	Indefinite	Shall be the City Attorney, or his/her designee, as an ex-officio member and shall have a voice but no vote in committee proceedings. Term: Indefinite

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE HERE**

- English - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application.pdf)
- 中文 - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application\\_CHI.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_CHI.pdf)
- Español - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application\\_SPA.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_SPA.pdf)
- Filipino - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application\\_FIL.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_FIL.pdf)

Applications and other documents may be submitted to [BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org](mailto:BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org).

(For seats appointed by other Authorities please contact the Board / Commission / Committee / Task Force (see below) or the appointing authority directly.)

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Ballot Simplification Council consists of a total of six (6) members, five (5) of whom are voting members:

**DUTIES:**

The Committee shall have the power and duty to: 1) prepare a digest of each measure that will be voted on only in the City and County of San Francisco; and 2) assist the Director of Elections in preparing the additional materials set forth in Elections Code, Article V (Elections Materials mailed to the Voter).

**SEAT INFORMATION:**

There shall be Five (5) voting members and One (1) non-voting member.

- Two (2) shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees.
- Two (2) shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Board of Supervisors shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees.
- One (1) shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Schools on the of the San Francisco Unified School District.
- One (1) shall be the City Attorney, or his/her designee, as an ex-officio member and shall have a voice but no vote in committee proceedings.

The term of each appointed member shall be two years unless earlier removed by their respective appointing authority. The Committee shall elect a chair from among its appointed members and the chair shall be for the calendar year.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:**

Each appointed member shall be a registered San Francisco voter, shall possess an understanding of ballot issues, and shall possess writing skills and training which provide for a high capability in written communication to the general public.

**COMPENSATION:**

None.

**AUTHORITY:**

Administrative Code, Article XXIV

**SUNSET:**

None

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