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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 29, 2025
To: Planning Department / Commission
From: Victor Young, Clerk of the Rules Committee *Victor Young*
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 251245
Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors

- ☒ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination
(*California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.*)
 - ☐ Ordinance / Resolution
 - ☒ Ballot Measure
- ☐ Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:
(*Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review*)
 - ☐ General Plan ☐ Planning Code, Section 101.1 ☐ Planning Code, Section 302
- ☐ Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning
(*Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review*)
- ☐ General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments
(*Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53*)
(Required for legislation concerning the acquisition, vacation, sale, or change in use of City property; subdivision of land; construction, improvement, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, or relocation of public ways, transportation routes, ground, open space, buildings, or structures; plans for public housing and publicly-assisted private housing; redevelopment plans; development agreements; the annual capital expenditure plan and six-year capital improvement program; and any capital improvement project or long-term financing proposal such as general obligation or revenue bonds.)
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission
 - ☐ Landmark (*Planning Code, Section 1004.3*)
 - ☐ Cultural Districts (*Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23*)
 - ☐ Mills Act Contract (*Government Code, Section 50280*)
 - ☐ Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (*Planning Code, Article 11*)

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to Victor Young at Victor.Young@sfgov.org.



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Master Report

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File Number: 251245	File Type: Charter Amendment	Status: 30 Day Rule
Enacted:	Effective:	
Version: 1	In Control: Rules Committee	
File Name: Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors	Date Introduced: 12/16/2025	
Requester:	Cost:	Final Action:
Comment:	Title: Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to change the current two-term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Member of the Board of Supervisors from consecutive term limits to lifetime term limits; at an election to be held on June 2, 2026.	
Sponsors: Mahmood; Melgar, Sherrill, Dorsey, Sauter and Wong		

History of Legislative File 251245

Ver	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Result
1	President	12/16/2025	ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE	Rules Committee	01/15/2026	

[Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on June 2, 2026, to change the current two-term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Member of the Board of Supervisors from consecutive term limits to lifetime term limits.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on June 2, 2026, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections 2.101 and 3.101, to read as follows:

NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman font.
Deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

SEC. 2.101. TERM OF OFFICE.

(a) Each member of the Board of Supervisors shall be elected at a general election and shall serve a four-year term commencing on the eighth day in January following election and until a successor qualifies. ~~The respective terms of office of the members of the Board of Supervisors in effect on the date this Charter is adopted shall continue.~~

(b) No person ~~elected or appointed as a Supervisor~~ may serve as ~~such a Supervisor~~ for more than two ~~successive~~ four-year terms. For purposes of this Section 2.101, a part of a term that exceeds two years shall count as a four-year term; a part of a term that is two years or less shall not. Any person appointed, elected, or any combination thereof to the office of Supervisor to complete in excess of two years of a four-year term shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, to have served one full term. No person having served two successive

1 ~~four-year terms may serve as a Supervisor, either by election or appointment, until at least four~~
2 ~~years after the expiration of the second successive term in office. Any Supervisor who resigns~~
3 ~~with less than two full years remaining until the expiration of the term shall be deemed, for the~~
4 ~~purposes of this section, to have served a full four-year term.~~

5 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), any person who is holding the office of
6 Supervisor as of June 2, 2026, and who has served in the office in excess of the lifetime term
7 limit in subsection (b) or who will have served in the office in excess of the lifetime term limit
8 before completion of their term of office, may complete their term of office. In addition, any
9 person who is elected as a Supervisor at the election on June 2, 2026, may complete the term of
10 office for which they were elected, regardless of whether their holding the office would otherwise
11 violate the lifetime term limit.

13 **SEC. 3.101. TERM OF OFFICE.**

14 The Mayor shall serve a four-year term. No person shall serve as mayor for more than
15 two ~~successive four-year~~ terms. For purposes of this Section 3.101, a part of a term that
16 exceeds two years shall count as a full four-year term; a part of a term that is two years or less
17 shall not. There shall be no limit on the non-successive terms that a person may serve.

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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22 By: /s/ Bradley A. Russi
BRADLEY A. RUSSI
23 Deputy City Attorney

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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Existing Law

The City Charter provides that no person may serve as Mayor for more than two successive four-year terms. The Charter also provides that no person may serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors for more than two successive four-year terms. If a person has served as Mayor or Supervisor for two successive four-year terms, that person may leave office for at least four years and then serve as Mayor or Supervisor again for two successive four-year terms.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed measure would amend the Charter to provide lifetime term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Supervisor. Under the proposed measure, a person who has served as Mayor may only serve two four-year terms and a person who has served as Supervisor may only serve two four-year terms – whether successive or non-successive. As to Supervisors, any person who is holding the office of Supervisor as of June 2, 2026, and who has served in the office in excess of the lifetime term limit or who will have served in the office in excess of the lifetime term limit before completion of their term of office, may complete their term of office. A person who is elected as Supervisor at the election on June 2, 2026, may complete the term of office for which they were elected, regardless of whether their holding the office would otherwise violate the lifetime term limit. Aside from these limited exceptions, the lifetime term limits would apply to any person who has already served two terms as Mayor or two terms as Supervisor.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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[D5 Introduction Form - Ordinance - Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors.pdf](#)

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Bradley Russi

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Tita Bell

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Hello,

Supervisor Dorsey's is confirmed.

Thank you,
Bryan

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Confirming Supervisor Wong's co-sponsorship of this measure

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I'm confirming Supervisor Sherrill's co-sponsorship.

Thank you, Sam!

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[Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on June 2, 2026, to change the current two-term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Member of the Board of Supervisors from consecutive term limits to lifetime term limits.

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