

1 [Charter Amendment - Filling Supervisorial Vacancies]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7,**

4 **2016, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to require the**

5 **Department of Elections to hold a special election when there is a vacancy in the Office of**

6 **Member of the Board of Supervisors, unless a regularly scheduled election will be held**

7 **within 180 days of the vacancy; and provide that the Mayor shall appoint an interim**

8 **Supervisor to fill a supervisorial vacancy until an election is held to fill that vacancy, with**

9 **the interim Supervisor being ineligible to compete in that election.**

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11 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City

12 and County, at an election to be held on June 7, 2016, a proposal to amend the Charter of the

13 City and County by revising Section 13.101.5 and Article XVII, to read as follows:

14 NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.

15 **Additions** are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.

16 **Deletions** are *strike-through italics Times New Roman font*.

17 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

18 **SEC. 13.101.5. VACANCIES.**

19 (a) If the office of Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender,

20 Sheriff, Treasurer, or Member of the ~~Board of Supervisors~~, Board of Education or Governing

21 Board of the Community College District becomes vacant because of death, resignation, recall,

22 permanent disability, or the inability of the respective officer to otherwise carry out the

23 responsibilities of the office, the Mayor shall appoint an individual qualified to fill the vacancy

24 under this Charter and state laws.

25 (b) If the Office of Mayor becomes vacant because of death, resignation, recall,

permanent disability or the inability to carry out the responsibilities of the office, the President of

1 the Board of Supervisors shall become Acting Mayor and shall serve until a successor is  
2 appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

3 (c) If the Office of Member of the Board of Supervisors becomes vacant because of  
4 death, resignation, recall, permanent disability or the inability to carry out the responsibilities of  
5 the office, the Mayor shall appoint an individual qualified to fill the vacancy under this Charter  
6 and state law to serve as an interim Supervisor. The Mayor shall appoint an interim Supervisor  
7 within 28 days of the date of the vacancy. The interim Supervisor shall serve until a successor is  
8 elected at a special municipal election as provided in Section 13.101.5(e). That interim  
9 Supervisor may not seek election for that seat at the special municipal election described in  
10 Section 13.101.5(e).

11 (ed) Any person filling a vacancy pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this Section  
12 13.101.5 shall serve until a successor is selected at the next election occurring not less than 120  
13 days after the vacancy, at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term,  
14 provided that (1) if an election for the vacated office is scheduled to occur less than one year  
15 after the vacancy, the appointee shall serve until a successor is selected at that election or (2) if  
16 an election for any seat on the same board as the vacated seat is scheduled to occur less than one  
17 year but at least 120 days after the vacancy, the appointee shall serve until a successor is selected  
18 at that election to fill the unexpired term.

19 (e) If the Office of Member of the Board of Supervisors becomes vacant as provided in  
20 subsection (c) of this Section 13.101.5, the Director of Elections, within 14 days of the vacancy,  
21 shall call a special municipal election to fill the vacancy. The special municipal election shall be  
22 held on a Tuesday at least 126 days, but not more than 140 days, following the date of its calling,  
23 except that if the next regularly scheduled statewide or general municipal election will occur  
24 within 180 days of the vacancy, the Director of Elections shall consolidate the special municipal  
25 election with that regularly scheduled election. Notwithstanding this provision, the special

1 election may be held more than 180 days from the date of the vacancy, for the purpose of  
2 consolidation with a regularly scheduled statewide or general municipal election, if (1) the  
3 Director of Elections submits such a request to the Board of Supervisors and (2) the Board of  
4 Supervisors and Mayor approve the request by resolution. Any person elected at a special  
5 municipal election to fill a vacancy under this subsection shall take office when the Director of  
6 Elections has issued the certified statement of election results for that election.

7 (f) The Director of Elections shall not include any measures or other contests on the  
8 ballot for a special municipal election held pursuant to Section 13.101.5(e), unless the special  
9 municipal election is consolidated with a regularly scheduled statewide or general municipal  
10 election.

11 (g) If a vacancy in the Office of Member of the Board of Supervisors occurs after June 7,  
12 2016 but before the effective date of the Charter amendment amending this Section 13.101.5 at  
13 the June 7, 2016 election, and the vacancy is filled in accordance with the Charter as operative  
14 at that time, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall vacate the office by operation of law  
15 on the effective date of the Charter amendment. The vacancy shall then be filled as provided in  
16 this Section 13.101.5. The City Attorney shall remove this subsection (g) from the Charter by  
17 January 1, 2017.

18 ~~(d) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at an election to fill a vacated~~  
19 ~~office, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall qualify to have their names placed on~~  
20 ~~the ballot for a municipal runoff election at the next regular or otherwise scheduled election~~  
21 ~~occurring not less than five weeks later. If an instant runoff election process is enacted for the~~  
22 ~~offices enumerated in this Section, that process shall apply to any election required by this~~  
23 ~~Section.~~

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1 legislative act which is within the power conferred upon any other official, board, commission or  
2 other unit of government to adopt, or any declaration of policy; or (2) any measure submitted to  
3 the voters by the Mayor or by the Board of Supervisors, or four or more members of the Board.

4 "Notice" shall mean publication (as defined by ordinance), and a contemporaneous filing  
5 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or other appropriate office.

6 "One-third," "a majority" or "two-thirds" of the Board of Supervisors or any other board  
7 or commission of the City and County shall mean one-third, a majority or two-thirds of all  
8 members of such board or commission.

9 "Published" shall have the meaning ascribed to the term by the Board of Supervisors by  
10 ordinance. The Board of Supervisors shall seek a recommendation from the Clerk of the Board  
11 of Supervisors before adopting such an ordinance.

12 "Referendum" shall mean the power of the voters to nullify ordinances involving  
13 legislative matters except that the referendum power shall not extend to any portion of the annual  
14 budget or appropriations, annual salary ordinances, ordinances authorizing the City Attorney to  
15 compromise litigation, ordinances levying taxes, ordinances relative to purely administrative  
16 matters, ordinances necessary to enable the Mayor to carry out the Mayor's emergency powers,  
17 or ordinances adopted pursuant to Section 9.106 of this Charter.

18 "Special municipal election" shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise  
19 required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections with respect to an initiative,  
20 referendum or recall, (2) the Director of Elections with respect to filling a vacancy in the Office  
21 of Member of the Board of Supervisors, and ~~(23)~~ the Board of Supervisors with respect to bond  
22 issues, ~~election of an official not required to be elected at the general municipal election,~~ or an  
23 initiative or referendum.

24 "Statewide election" shall mean an election held throughout the state.  
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1 "Voter" shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state  
2 law.

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