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Charter Amendment - Sixteen and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections  
(Unofficial Title of Measure)

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John Arntz- Director of Elections, in consultation with the City Attorney, shall forward the measure (within two working days after receipt of the petition) to departments that are effected by the measure.

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John Arntz, Director of Elections  
Department of Elections  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

**HAND DELIVERED**

Dear Mr. Arntz:

Please find attached four (4) certified copies of the following Charter Amendment for the November 8, 2016, Ballot as follows:


**Charter Amendment - Sixteen and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections (File No. 150267)**

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.

The Board of Supervisors acted on the above listed Charter Amendment on the date listed on the attached "tail."

The electronic version of this Charter Amendment was e-mailed to your office at [publications@sfgov.org](mailto:publications@sfgov.org) on May 11, 2016.

Sincerely,

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Attachments

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[Charter Amendment Sixteen- and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections]

**Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.**

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Article XVII, 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.

**ARTICLE XVII: DEFINITIONS**

For all purposes of this Charter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

"Business day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday on which governmental agencies are authorized by law to close.

"Confirm" or "confirmation" shall mean the approval by a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors.

"Discrimination" shall mean violations of civil rights on account of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability or medical condition, political affiliation, sexual orientation, ancestry, marital or domestic partners status, gender identity, parental status, other non-merit factors, or any category provided for by ordinance.

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1 "Domestic partners" shall mean persons who register their partnerships pursuant to the  
2 voter-approved Domestic Partnership Ordinance.

3 "Elector" shall mean a person registered to vote in the City and County.

4 "For cause" shall mean the issuance of a written public statement by the Mayor  
5 describing those actions taken by an individual as a member of a board or commission which are  
6 the reasons for removal, provided such reasons constitute official misconduct in office.

7 "General municipal election" ~~shall mean the election for local officials or measures to be~~  
8 ~~held in the City and County on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November~~  
9 ~~in every year until and including 2015. Thereafter, "general municipal election"~~ shall mean the  
10 election for local officials or measures to be held in the City and County on the Tuesday  
11 immediately following the first Monday in November in all even-numbered years and in every  
12 fourth year following 2015. For the purpose of this definition, "local officials" shall include the  
13 Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Mayor, Public Defender, Sheriff, Treasurer,  
14 and members of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, and Governing Board of the  
15 Community College District.

16 "Initiative" shall mean (1) a proposal by the voters with respect to any ordinance, act or  
17 other measure which is within the powers conferred upon the Board of Supervisors to enact, any  
18 legislative act which is within the power conferred upon any other official, board, commission or  
19 other unit of government to adopt, or any declaration of policy; or (2) any measure submitted to  
20 the voters by the Mayor or by the Board of Supervisors, or four or more members of the Board.

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

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

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

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

10 "Special municipal election" shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise  
11 required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections with respect to an initiative,  
12 referendum or recall, and (2) the Board of Supervisors with respect to bond issues, election of ~~an~~  
13 local officials not required to be elected at ~~the~~ a general municipal election, or an initiative or  
14 referendum. For the purpose of this definition, "local officials" shall include the Assessor-  
15 Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Mayor, Public Defender, Sheriff, Treasurer, and  
16 members of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, and Governing Board of the  
17 Community College District.

18 "Statewide election" shall mean an election held throughout the state.

19 "Voter" shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state  
20 law, except that for municipal elections, "voter" shall also mean any person who is at least 16  
21 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with state law other  
22 than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the Department of  
23 Elections.

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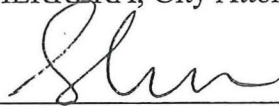
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150267 [ Charter Amendment - Sixteen and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections ]

Sponsors: Avalos; Campos, Kim, Mar, Wiener and Yee

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.

4/19/2016 Board of Supervisors - CALLED FROM COMMITTEE

5/3/2016 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

5/10/2016 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Noes: 2 - Cohen and Farrell

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

May 11, 2016

Date

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(6/8/2015, Amended in Committee)

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Existing Law

Article XVII of the Charter defines “voter” as “an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state law.” State law provides: “Any person who will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election is eligible to register and vote at that election.” Cal. Elec. Code § 2000(b); *see also* Cal. Const., art. II, § 2.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would amend the Charter’s definition of “voter,” for the purpose of municipal elections, to be “any person who is at least 16 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with state law other than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the Department of Elections.”

Background Information

On January 5, 2015, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted a resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to lower San Francisco’s legal voting age to sixteen.

On June 8, 2015, the Rules Committee amended this proposal. The second draft specifies that 16 and 17-year-olds may vote in elections for members of the Board of Education for the San Francisco Unified School District and the Governing Board of the Community College District. The second draft would also seek to place the proposal on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 election.