

1 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November**
4 **3, 2020, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths**
5 **aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections.**

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7 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City
8 and County, at an election to be held on November 3, 2020, a proposal to amend the Charter of
9 the City and County by revising Article XVII, to read as follows:

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

15 **ARTICLE XVII: DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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21 "General municipal election" shall ~~*mean the election for local officials or measures to be*~~
22 ~~*held in the City and County on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November*~~
23 ~~*in every year until and including 2015. Thereafter, "general municipal election" shall*~~ mean the
24 election for local officials or measures to be held in the City and County on the Tuesday
25 immediately following the first Monday in November in all even-numbered years and in every

1 fourth year following 2015. For the purpose of this definition, "local officials" shall mean the
2 elected officials identified in Section 13.101.

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4 "Special municipal election" shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise
5 required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections under Section 14.101 or
6 14.103~~with respect to an initiative, referendum or recall~~, and (2) the Board of Supervisors under
7 Section 13.103 or 14.102~~with respect to bond issues, election of an official not required to be~~
8 ~~elected at the general municipal election, or an initiative or referendum.~~

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

10 "Voter" shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state
11 law, except that for general and special municipal elections, "voter" shall also mean any person
12 who is at least 16 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with
13 state law other than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the
14 Department of Elections.

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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20 Deputy City Attorney

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Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

June 15, 2020 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED

June 23, 2020 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

June 30, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment was ORDERED SUBMITTED on 6/30/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Calvillo".

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board