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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, *Victor Young*  
Rules Committee

DATE: October 10, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Declaration of Policy. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

### **File No. 231017**

Hearing to consider the proposed Declaration of Policy submitted by four or more Supervisors to the voters for the March 5, 2024, Election, entitled "Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels."

### **File No. 231019**

Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on March 5, 2024, a Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee ([victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto:victor.young@sfgov.org)).

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RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No Comment

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation Attached

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Youth Commission



# City and County of San Francisco

## Master Report

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| <b>File Number:</b> 231017                                                                                     | <b>File Type:</b> Hearing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Status:</b> Pending Committee Action                      |
| <b>Enacted:</b>                                                                                                | <b>Effective:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                              |
| <b>Version:</b> 1                                                                                              | <b>In Control:</b> Rules Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                              |
| <b>File Name:</b> Hearing - Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development | <b>Date Introduced:</b> 09/26/2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                              |
| <b>Requester:</b>                                                                                              | <b>Cost:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Final Action:</b>                                         |
| <b>Comment:</b>                                                                                                | <b>Title:</b> Hearing to consider the proposed Declaration of Policy submitted by four or more Supervisors to the voters for the March 5, 2024, Election, entitled "Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels." |                                                              |
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### History of Legislative File 231017

| Ver | Acting Body | Date       | Action                | Sent To         | Due Date | Result |
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| 1   | President   | 09/26/2023 | RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED | Rules Committee |          |        |

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

BY Submittal Form DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

**For Proposed Initiative Measure(s)  
Prior to Submittal to the Department of Elections**

**by 4 or more Supervisors or the Mayor**

I, hereby submit the following proposed initiative measure(s) for hearing before the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee prior to the submittal of the proposed initiative measure to the Department of Elections (per Proposition C, November 2007).

This matter is for the **March 5, 2024** Election.

**Sponsor(s):** Supervisor Joel P. Engardio, Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Supervisor Myrna Melgar,  
Supervisor Catherine Stefani, Supervisor Matt Dorsey *yes*

**Subject:** Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum

The text is listed below or attached:

(See attached.)

Supervisor Joel Engardio: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Ahsha Safai: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Myrna Melgar: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Catherine Stefani: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Matt Dorsey: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clerk of the Board's Time Stamp)

**PROPOSED INITIATIVE DECLARATION OF POLICY  
TO BE SUBMITTED BY FOUR OR MORE SUPERVISORS  
TO THE VOTERS AT THE MARCH 5, 2024 ELECTION.**

[Under Charter Section 2.113(b), this measure must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and filed with the Department of Elections no less than *45 days prior* to deadline for submission of such initiatives to the Department of Elections set in Municipal Elections Code Section 300(b).]

[Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]

**Declaration of Policy declaring it official policy of the City and County of San Francisco to urge the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and to support the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels.**

The People of the City and County of San Francisco hereby declare:

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- developing a coherent math curriculum for elementary and middle school students rooted in educational excellence;
- ensuring that math instruction is student-centered so that students who are struggling get the help they need, and students who are ready for more, can explore their potential;

- building a first-rate math curriculum and instruction team that is committed to serving students in a challenging, engaging, student-centered, culturally-responsive, and differentiated way;
- providing a range of educational options to ensure that elementary and middle school students have access to courses that would qualify them for science, technology, engineering, and math majors at colleges in the University of California and California State University systems;
- promoting targeted approaches to math education and career guidance for girls to address the historic underrepresentation of women in certain science, technology, engineering, and math fields;
- providing support and guidance to educators so they may be successful in their efforts to encourage and support students' desire to learn algebra; and
- meaningfully addressing the California Legislature's findings in the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 (SB 359), that 1) all pupils, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background, deserve an equal chance to advance in mathematics; 2) with the shift towards implementation of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics, it is particularly important for all pupils to have access to high-quality mathematics programs that meet the goals and expectations of these standards; and 3) it is crucial for educators and guidance personnel to advise pupils and parents on the importance of accurate mathematics course placement and its impact on future college eligibility so pupils may take each course in the mathematics course sequence.

SUBMITTED.



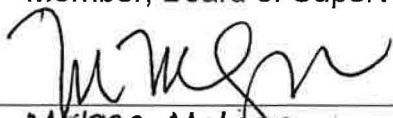
Joel Engardio  
Member, Board of Supervisors

Date: 9-26-23



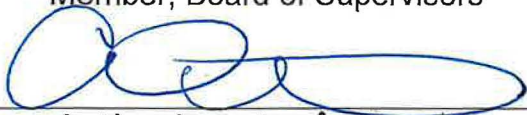
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Date: 9/26/23



Myrna Melgar  
Member, Board of Supervisors

Date: 9/26/23



Catherine Stefani  
Member, Board of Supervisors

Date: 9/26/23



Matt Dorsey  
Member, Board of Supervisors

Date: 9/26/23



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**File Number:** 231019

**File Type:** Motion

**Status:** Pending Committee Action

**Enacted:**

**Effective:**

**Version:** 1

**In Control:** Rules Committee

**File Name:** Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development

**Date Introduced:** 09/26/2023

**Requester:**

**Cost:**

**Final Action:**

**Comment:**

**Title:** Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on March 5, 2024, a Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels.

**Sponsors:** Engardio; Safai, Melgar, Stefani and Dorsey

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[Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]

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MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby submits the following declaration of policy to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on March 5, 2024.

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24 course placement and its impact on future college eligibility so pupils may take each  
25 course in the mathematics course sequence.

## 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):

Engardio; Safaí, Melgar, Stefani, Dorsey

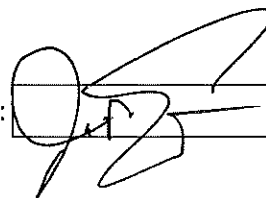
Subject:

[Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:



**From:** [Bell, Tita \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS Legislation. \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Carrillo, Lila \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [Logan, Sam \(BOS\)](#); [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Introduction - [Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:52:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [FINAL Algebra - Motion.DOCX](#)  
[Introduction Form - Algebra 9-26-23.pdf](#)

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Dear clerks,

Attached for introduction is the **Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development**.

I am copying staff from the offices of Supervisors Safai, Melgar, Stefani and Dorsey to confirm co-sponsorship.

Thank you,  
Tita

**Tita Bell**

Chief of Staff  
Office of Supervisor Joel Engardio  
415-554-7460

**From:** [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Cc:** [Carrillo, Lila \(BOS\)](#); [Logan, Sam \(BOS\)](#); [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Introduction - [Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:52:45 PM

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Confirming co-sponsorship for Supervisor Melgar.

Thank you,

Jen

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**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:53:13 PM

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Confirming for Supervisor Dorsey.

**Madison Tam** 譚詩薇

Legislative Aide

Office of Supervisor Matt Dorsey, District 6

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Confirming co-sponsorship for Supervisor Melgar.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** RE: Introduction - [Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 3:01:07 PM

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Confirming for Supervisor Safai.

Lila Carrillo, Legislative Aide  
Supervisor Ahsha Safai, District 11  
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**To:** [Bell, Tita \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation. \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Introduction - [Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 9:00:38 AM

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Confirming co-sponsorship from Supervisor Stefani's office.

Thank you Tita!

Sincerely,

Sam Logan | Legislative Aide  
Office of Supervisor Catherine Stefani  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 2  
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