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Thank you, Jennifer for sending this out, and letting us know how the proposed term limits could impact the War Memorial Board of Trustees.

I'm concerned that the Mayor's Office already has a difficult time finding viable candidates for Commissions/Boards. If these term limits are passed, it may be more difficult to fill Commission/Board seats.

The terms limits would bump two of the current Health Commissioners when their current terms are up.

Do any of you have other thoughts on the proposed legislation?

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**Subject:** Proposed Charter Amendment - Term limits for boards and commissions

Dear Colleagues,

Supervisor Safai introduced a charter amendment last Tuesday that would impact most of our boards and commissions. The basics are:

- Establishing standard four-year terms for seats on boards and commissions.
- Limiting any person from serving more than two terms on the same board or commission, whether or not they are consecutive (in other words, this is a “lifetime” term limit with respect to each board and commission). After reaching this term limit, the commissioner could be moved to another City commission.

Terms on a board or commission served prior to the effective date of the Charter amendment count towards this term limit. So if there is a Commissioner who is finishing up her second four-year term, she is going to be termed out and cannot be appointed to a third term. But if the Commissioner was appointed to a third term prior to the effective date, she could complete that term and then she would be termed out.

The Charter amendment and legislative digest are attached.

In the case of the War Memorial Board of Trustees, who are long serving, this would disqualify most from reappointment. It would also mean that a single mayor would be forced to reseal nearly the whole board in a two year period of time as the board members terms would come up in 2021 and 2023.

Off to plan a virtual board meeting. I hope you are staying safe and well.

Warmly

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