

1 [Charter Amendment -Timelines for Recall Process; Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7,**
4 **2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to extend the ban on**
5 **the initiation of recall petitions from six to twelve months after the official has assumed**
6 **office; prohibit the submission of a recall petition to the Department of Elections, if the**
7 **subsequent recall election would be required to be held within twelve months of a regularly**
8 **scheduled election for the office held by the official sought to be recalled; and provide that**
9 **any interim officer appointed to fill a vacancy created by a recall election, held on or after**
10 **June 7, 2022, may not be a candidate in the subsequent vacancy election.**

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12 The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County,
13 at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County
14 by revising Sections 13.101.5 and 14.103, to read as follows:

15 NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
16 **Additions** are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
17 **Deletions** are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.
18 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Charter
19 subsections.

20 **SEC. 13.101.5. VACANCIES.**

21 (a) If the office of Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender,
22 Sheriff, Treasurer, or Member of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education or Governing
23 Board of the Community College District becomes vacant because of death, resignation, ~~recall~~,
24 permanent disability, or the inability of the respective officer to otherwise carry out the
25 responsibilities of the office, the Mayor shall appoint an individual qualified to fill the vacancy
under this Charter and state laws.

1 (b) If the office of Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender,
2 Sheriff, Treasurer, or Member of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education or Governing
3 Board of the Community College District becomes vacant because of recall, the Mayor shall
4 appoint an individual qualified to fill the vacancy under this Charter and state laws to serve as
5 an interim officer. The interim officer shall carry out the responsibilities of the vacated office
6 and serve until a successor is elected pursuant to subsection (e). No person appointed as an
7 interim officer may be a candidate in the following election held to fill the vacancy. This
8 subsection (b) shall apply to any vacancy created due to a recall election held on or after June 7,
9 2022.

10 ~~(b)~~ (c) If the Office of Mayor becomes vacant because of death, resignation, ~~recall,~~
11 permanent disability or the inability to carry out the responsibilities of the office, the President of
12 the Board of Supervisors shall become Acting Mayor and shall serve until the Board of
13 Supervisors appoints a successor ~~is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.~~

14 (d) If the Office of Mayor becomes vacant because of recall, the President of the Board
15 of Supervisors shall become Acting Mayor and shall serve until the Board of Supervisors
16 appoints an interim Mayor. The interim Mayor shall carry out the responsibilities of the vacated
17 office and serve until a successor is elected pursuant to subsection (e). No person appointed as
18 an interim Mayor may be a candidate in the following election held to fill the vacancy.

19 ~~(e)~~ (e) Any person filling a vacancy pursuant to subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) ~~or (b)~~ of
20 this Section 13.101.5 shall serve until a successor is selected at the next election occurring not
21 less than 120 days after the vacancy, at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired
22 term, provided that (1) if an election for the vacated office is scheduled to occur less than one
23 year after the vacancy, the appointee shall serve until a successor is selected at that election or
24 (2) if an election for any seat on the same board as the vacated seat is scheduled to occur less
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1 than one year but at least 120 days after the vacancy, the appointee shall serve until a successor
2 is selected at that election to fill the unexpired term.

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

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10 **SEC. 14.103. RECALL.**

11 (a) An elected official of the City and County, the City Administrator, the Controller, or
12 any member of the Airports Commission, the Board of Education, the Governing Board of the
13 Community College District, the Ethics Commission, or the Public Utilities Commission may be
14 recalled by the voters as provided by this Charter and by the laws of the State of California,
15 except that:

16 (1) no recall petitions shall be initiated with respect to any officer who has held
17 office for less than ~~six~~ 12 months; and

18 (2) no recall petition shall be submitted to the Director of Elections within 18
19 months before a regularly scheduled election for the office held by the elected official sought to
20 be recalled, in order to ensure that no recall election may be held, pursuant to subsection (b),
21 within 12 months of that regularly scheduled election.

22 (b) Upon certifying the sufficiency of the recall petition's signatures, the Director of
23 Elections shall immediately call a special municipal election on the recall, to be held not less
24 than 105 nor more than 120 days from the date of its calling unless it is within 105 days of a
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1 general municipal or statewide election, in which event the recall *election shall be consolidated*
2 *with shall be submitted at* such general municipal or statewide election.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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City and County of San Francisco
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Charter Amendment

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File Number: 211287

Date Passed: February 15, 2022

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to extend the ban on the initiation of recall petitions from six to twelve months after the official has assumed office; prohibit the submission of a recall petition to the Department of Elections, if the subsequent recall election would be required to be held within twelve months of a regularly scheduled election for the office held by the official sought to be recalled; and provide that any interim officer appointed to fill a vacancy created by a recall election, held on or after June 7, 2022, may not be a candidate in the subsequent vacancy election; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

January 26, 2022 Rules Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

January 26, 2022 Rules Committee - CONTINUED AS AMENDED

January 31, 2022 Rules Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

January 31, 2022 Rules Committee - CONTINUED AS AMENDED

February 07, 2022 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

February 08, 2022 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED


Ayes: 10 - Chan, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Haney

February 15, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 7 - Chan, Haney, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen and Walton
Noes: 4 - Mandelman, Melgar, Safai and Stefani

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment was ORDERED SUBMITTED on 2/15/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board