



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: File 171305 - Charter amendment requiring authorization by ordinance prior to an election in which non-citizens could vote for the Board of the San Francisco Unified School District

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

The proposed amendment would revise the Charter section approved by the voters in November 2016 which permits non-citizens 18 years of age or older who have children in the San Francisco public schools to vote in the elections for the School Board. The amendment provides that for non-citizens to vote in a School Board election, the Board of Supervisors would also have to authorize that voting by adopting an ordinance that becomes effective at least 270 days prior to the specified election.

As noted in the Controller's 2016 statement on the earlier amendment, there would be an additional cost, as estimated by the Department of Elections, of a minimum of \$160,000 per election to print and distribute voting materials, train poll workers and separately register people who would become eligible to vote in School Board elections. Should the election take place by absentee ballot only, which would require a subsequent ordinance by the Board, costs may be reduced to approximately \$110,000, in addition to any costs associated with registration processes.

Sincerely,

for
Ben Rosenfield
Ben Rosenfield
Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.