



**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**

**Ben Rosenfield**  
**Controller**

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**Deputy Controller**

June 5, 2015

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

RE: File 150267 – Charter amendment authorizing 16 and 17 year-olds to vote in municipal elections

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The amendment could be expected to increase the number of registered voters for municipal elections by up to approximately 1% if 16 and 17 year olds register to vote at the same rate as the general population. The Department of Elections would have additional costs to produce voter materials and conduct voter education and outreach efforts for this group of voters. Spread over the four election cycle the added expense would represent only a marginal increase in Department of Elections' costs an annual basis.

Sincerely,

*for*   
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.