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Committee Item No. 4

Board Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Completed by: Victor Young Date Jan 27, 2022

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

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

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

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

18 **SEC. 13.101.5. VACANCIES.**

19 (a) If the office of Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender,  
20 Sheriff, Treasurer, or Member of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education or Governing  
21 Board of the Community College District becomes vacant because of death, resignation, ~~recall~~,  
22 permanent disability, or the inability of the respective officer to otherwise carry out the  
23 responsibilities of the office, the Mayor shall appoint an individual qualified to fill the vacancy  
24 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 (d). No person appointed as an  
7           interim officer may be a candidate in the following election held to fill the vacancy.

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

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

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

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2           **SEC. 14.103. RECALL.**

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

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

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

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

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
21 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

22 By: /s/ Andrew Shen  
23       ANDREW SHEN  
24       Deputy City Attorney

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**  
**(revised 01/26/2022)**

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

**Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, 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 person appointed by the Mayor to fill any vacancy created by a recall may not be a candidate in the subsequent vacancy election.**

Existing Law

1. Recall process

Under Charter Section 14.103, no recall petition may be initiated against a local official, if that official has held office for less than six months. Also, under Elections Code 11007(c), no recall petition may be initiated against a local elected official, if that official's term of office would end within six months.

2. Vacancy appointments

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, or Treasurer, or Member of the Board of Supervisors, School Board or Governing Board of the Community College District, the Mayor is responsible for appointing a qualified individual to fill the vacant seat.

Amendments to Current Law

1. Recall process

The proposed Charter amendment would extend the period in which a recall petition could not be initiated during the beginning of an official's term of office, from the first six months to the first 12 months.

The proposed Charter amendment would also provide that no recall petition may be submitted to the Director of Elections within 18 months before a regularly scheduled election for the office held by the elected official subject to the recall. This deadline would ensure that no recall election would be held within 12 months of that regularly scheduled election. This 18-month period incorporates the additional time necessary for the Department of Elections' review of recall petitions and calling of a recall election.

2. Vacancy appointments

Under the proposed Charter amendment, the Mayor would continue to make appointments for vacancies created by recalls. Such appointees would be “interim” officers that would carry out the responsibilities of the vacated office but would also be prohibited from being candidates in the following elections held to fill those vacancies.

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

Ben Rosenfield  
Controller  
Todd Rydstrom  
Deputy Controller

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

January 21, 2022

RE: File 211287 – Charter amendment to change the authority for filling vacancies on the Board of Supervisors, School Board and Community College Board and to change the recall process for elected offices

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would result in a moderate savings in the cost of government over time. The proposed amendment would likely decrease the number of special elections required in San Francisco in any given year.

Currently, if a vacancy occurs on the Board of Supervisors, School Board, or Community College Board, the vacant seat is filled by a Mayoral appointment. Under the proposed Charter amendment, the seat would instead be filled by a majority vote of the Board's members where the vacant seat occurs. Board members appointed to a vacancy serve until there is a scheduled election for that Board, subject to certain other timing criteria, and that policy would not change.

The amendment would change the permitted timing of starting and submitting recall petitions. Recall petitions could not be started in the first 12 months of an official's term, versus the current limit of six months. Recall petitions could not be submitted that would cause an election to happen within 12 months of a regularly scheduled election for that office.

Taken together, the amendment's provisions would likely decrease the number of special elections required and decrease the number of elective offices added to regularly scheduled elections.

Sincerely,

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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.

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December 21, 2022

**File No. 211287**

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On December 14, 2021, the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election was received and assigned to the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee:

**File No. 211287**

**Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that vacancies on the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, and governing body of the Community College District shall be filled by a majority of those boards' members rather than the Mayor; extend the ban on initiation of recall petitions from six to twelve months after the official has assumed office; and prohibit the submission of recall petitions within eighteen months of a regularly scheduled election for the office held by the official sought to be recalled; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.**

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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By: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk  
Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Devyani Jain, Deputy Environmental Review Officer  
Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning  
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

12/23/2021

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors

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DATE: December 21, 2021

SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED  
June 7, 2022 Election

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The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election. This matter is being referred to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.3.

**File No. 211287**

**Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that vacancies on the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, and governing body of the Community College District shall be filled by a majority of those boards' members rather than the Mayor; extend the ban on initiation of recall petitions from six to twelve months after the official has assumed office; and prohibit the submission of recall petitions within eighteen months of a regularly scheduled election for the office held by the official sought to be recalled; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.**

Please review and prepare a financial analysis of the proposed measure prior to the first Rules Committee hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7723 or email: victor.young@sfgov.org. To submit documentation, please email or forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller  
Peg Stevenson, City Performance Director  
Natasha Mihal, City Services Auditor

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Paulino, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office  
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney  
John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections  
LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director, Ethics Commission  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors  
Vincent C. Matthews, Superintendent, SFUSD ([Matthews@sfusd.edu](mailto:Matthews@sfusd.edu))  
Linda Shaw, Liaison to the Board, City College of San Francisco  
([lshaw@ccsf.edu](mailto:lshaw@ccsf.edu))

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors

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Please review and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative file.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7723 or email: [victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto:victor.young@sfgov.org). To submit documentation, please forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Andres Power, Mayor's Office  
Patrick Ford, Ethics Commission  
Viva Mogi, SFUSD ([mogiv@sfusd.edu](mailto:mogiv@sfusd.edu))  
Diana Gonzales, CCSF ([dgonzales@ccsf.edu](mailto:dgonzales@ccsf.edu))

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission  
Itzel Estrada, Youth Commission

FROM: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board by *Victor Young*

DATE: December 21, 2021

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following proposed legislation which is being referred to the Youth Commission as per Charter, Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

**File No. 211287**

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Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to **Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee.**

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**RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

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

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

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

**From:** [Priscilla Muniz](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 9:37:08 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors, I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am: <BR><BR>#5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]<BR>#6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]<BR>#7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]<BR>#8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]<BR><BR>\_\_\_\_\_<BR><BR>Rationale for each objection:<BR><BR>#5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS.<BR><BR>#6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]  
I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco. <BR><BR>#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]<BR><BR>This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people. <BR><BR>Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall. <BR><BR>This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy.<BR><BR><BR>#8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]<BR><BR>This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure. <BR>The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens. <BR><BR>Sincerely,<BR>

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [lmuhfeld@aol.com](mailto:lmuhfeld@aol.com)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Rationale for each objection: #5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission] I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS. #6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator] I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco. #7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people. Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall. This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy. #8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership] This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure. The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens. Sincerely, Louise Patterson

**From:** [Mary Gorski](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
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#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]

This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people.

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Sincerely,

Mary Walsh Gorski  
District One

**From:** [Sarah Cahuas](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 10:01:01 AM

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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [info@sfsun.org](mailto:info@sfsun.org); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Stephanie Lehman](#)  
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**Subject:** I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 12:46:37 PM

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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [hello@d2unite.com](mailto:hello@d2unite.com)  
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**From:** [Aleksy Klochkov](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR DistrictOne](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
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Sincerely,

Aleksey Klochkov  
San Francisco, CA 94121

**From:** [Mari Murayama](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 10:00:26 AM

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District 1

**From:** [Sarah Cahuas](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 10:01:01 AM

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**From:** [Marie Hurabiell](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR-D1](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
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Shannon Molloy, Broker  
415.240.9911  
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Resident of D1

**From:** [Julie Paul](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [hello@d2unite.com](mailto:hello@d2unite.com)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 7:59:34 PM

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From: [Leslie Podell](#)  
To: [Evelyn Acosta \(BOS\)](#); [CharaStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandamandistaff \(BOS\)](#); [Janey Mail \(BOS\)](#); [Mar. Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MolqueStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Boron, Hillary](#); [Safai, Abaha \(BOS\)](#); [Stolari, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Wallon, Sharmen \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [leslie@sfurite.com](#)  
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**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
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3rd generation San Franciscan

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**From:** [seaward94133](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support 4 good gov. CHARTER ADMEND  
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I support supervisor Connie Chan's  
Good government Charter Amendment.

Fairness and democracy require passage of this amendment.

Steve Ward  
Second generation SF lifer  
Voter Activst

**From:** [Stacie Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Judith Hurabiell](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:47:08 PM

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Kelly Vinther Vercellino

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**Subject:** Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:12:00 AM

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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
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**Cc:** [Richard Leider](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:29:15 AM

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**From:** [Eileen Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:36:00 AM

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**Subject:** Longtime SF Residents Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:51:18 AM

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415-672-1132

**From:** [Jan Diamond](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO today!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:26:36 AM

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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [matthaney@sfgov.org](mailto:matthaney@sfgov.org)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:49:05 AM

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**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:32:41 PM

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**From:** zrants <zrants@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:53:34 AM  
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January. 26, 2022

Supervisors:

re: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

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We should limit each party's participation to a single position to remove such opportunities for abuse of power. We have enough smart informed citizens to take up the posts without the need for anyone to take on more than one position at a time. If you need to the abuse I refer to, you can look at any of our local publications for more than enough detailed discussions about the problems under investigation now.

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Please contact me directly if you want to discuss this further.

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Mari Eliza, concerned citizen  
with EMIA and CSFN  
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**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
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January 22, 2022

The Honorable Aaron Peskin  
Chair, Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors  
235 City Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File No. 211287 Proposed Charter Amendment to Fill Vacancies in Elected Offices;  
Timelines for Recall Process

Dear Supervisor Peskin:

In lieu of orally testifying at today's delayed meeting, I am writing to urge that the Rules Committee reject this proposed charter amendment or that you reconsider and withdraw it.

This proposed charter amendment is a restraint on democracy and dissent which, if implemented, will place office holders above and beyond the voice of the voters and lead to chaos and further distrust of government.

The proposed charter amendment appears to be more protective of office holders than responsive to the tens of thousands of San Franciscans who elected them. It is the wrong response to the over 80,000 San Francisco voters who, after having been frustrated, demonized and shut off by members of the School Board, have followed the legal process to seek a citywide recall vote on February 15. Hear them, don't fear them!

The recall provisions have been enshrined in the California Constitution since 1911. They have been used sparingly. We have not had a local recall vote since 1983. At that time, the San Francisco Democratic Club, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, San Franciscans for Public Power and other truly progressive groups wrote, "The Recall Process is a vital part of our electoral system. It ensures that public officials are held accountable. Characterization of a recall as unfair – or of the 35,000 signers as an irresponsible fringe element – by opponents reveals their contempt for the democratic process." Leaders of the LGBT community and other members of Citizens for a New Mayor stated, "The issue is not the recall process – which is our democratic right. The issue is accountability and four years of broken promises." The Stonewall Democratic Club echoed similar sentiments.

The proposed charter amendment shields an elected official from recall for over half their term of office. Meanwhile, they can engage in non-criminal misconduct, be abusive to their colleagues or the public or take other missteps with no voter recourse. Imposing such a limited time period for petition gathering will force recall proponents to completely resort to paid signature gatherers, something that the authors presumably criticize the current system for.

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It is sad to see otherwise progressive public officials in San Francisco try to drastically limit the people's recall power. Taking away voting rights from the people, as this proposed charter amendment does, is exactly what we as San Franciscans oppose in other states. Taking away authority from the chief executive is reminiscent of what I saw Congressional Republicans do to President Obama when I served in his administration.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to the proposed charter amendment. I urge you to reconsider and withdraw it.

Sincerely,

John Trasvina

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