

From: [Aimée](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment; Rules Committee File 250154 (Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee)
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:23:05 PM

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Dear Victor,

This email serves as my public comment to support the reappointment of Frances Abigail (Abby) Cabrera in the research/medical institution seat #4 for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee. Abby is not only a strong public health professional, but she is also a dedicated member of the community. As a soccer coach, I am confident that Abby has the best interests of my players, their families, and their communities at heart.

Thanks,

Aimée Williams
Head Coach
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Aimée Williams, MPH, CHES, CPH

"How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world!" - Anne Frank

From: [Kent Woo](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment; Rules Committee File 250154 (Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee)
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:53:56 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, I am submitting public comment to support the reappointment of **Frances Abigail (Abby) Cabrera** in the research/medical institution seat #4 for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC). I have participated in several SDDTAC meetings which Ms. Cabrera facilitated as co-chair, and have found her to be a very capable, collaborative and respected leader on the Committee and an excellent representative of her field. She brings the knowledge, skill sets and broad view of community needs of an ideal candidate who can help the Committee function optimally.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or would like further comments, please feel free to contact me.

Best,

Kent Woo, MSW
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NICOS Chinese Health Coalition is a public-private-community partnership of more than 30 health and human service organizations. The mission of NICOS is to enhance the health and well-being of San Francisco's Chinese community. Since 1985, NICOS has been engaged in advocacy, research, training, coalition-building and program implementation for the benefit of this population and the organizations that serve it.

From: [Vanessa Bohm](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment; Rules Committee File 250154 (Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee)
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 12:58:59 PM

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Dear Victor Young,

I am submitting public comment to support the reappointment of Frances Abigail (Abby) Cabrera in the research/medical institution seat #4 for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership in her position on the committee and has played a key role in ensuring that correct context and historical memory is present in the committee's work. Moreover, she has a deep understanding of health inequities in San Francisco's vulnerable communities and centers her commitment to being part of a process that gathers and analyzes data, health information, and community feedback to make data and community informed recommendations. I wholeheartedly support her reappointment to her seat on the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee.

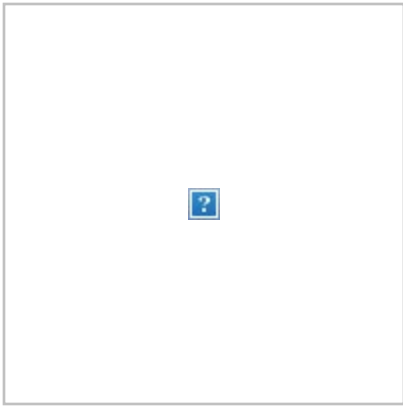
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From: [Angela Gallegos-Castillo](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment; Rules Committee File 250154 (Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee)
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 4:06:53 PM

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I am submitting this public comment to support the reappointment of Frances Abigail (Abby) Cabrera in the research/medical institution seat #4 for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee.

Abby has done a stellar job and is a dedicated community member committed to ensuring our public funds have the positive impacts in our community.

I fully support her reappointment.

Dr. Angela Gallegos-Castillo, Director of Communications and Development

Instituto Familiar de la Raza

Senior Community Advisory, Family and Community Medicine, UCSF

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*"We all write and speak from a particular **place** and time, **from a** history and a culture which is specific...All discourse is placed; and the heart has it reasons." Stuart Hall*

Ángela Gallegos-Castillo, PhD

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From: [Schmidt, Laura](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SDDTAC committee appointments
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 2:49:44 PM

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Dear Mr. Young,

I am submitting a public comment to support the reappointment of Frances Abigail (Abby) Cabrera in the research/medical institution seat #4 for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee.

I have known Ms. Cabrera for many years and collaborated with her through the UCSF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. It was under these auspices that I spent 2009-2016 working with BOS members Eric Mar and Scott Weiner as a scientific advisor to craft and see to fruition the original San Francisco Sugary Beverages Distributors Fee. This important health policy has not only brought documented health benefits to the population of San Francisco but has encouraged a broader soda tax movement in the Bay Area and across 117 nations and territories.

Ms. Cabrera has had the enduring support of scientists such as me in her work on the SDDTAC, allowing her to make recommendations that use the latest evidence to optimize community investments of soda tax proceeds in continued health improvements for San Franciscans. She has served the committee diligently, and with a sincere commitment to health equity and public transparency. Based on her strong track of serving on the SDDTAC, I strongly encourage you to retain her on the committee, ideally, in her current role as a co-chair.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me for further comment,

Professor Laura Schmidt

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SUGARY DRINKS DISTRIBUTOR TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The below listed summary of seats, term expirations and membership information shall serve as notice of vacancies, upcoming term expirations, and information on currently held seats, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Appointments by other bodies are listed, if available.

Seat numbers listed as "VACANT" are open for immediate appointment. However, you are able to submit applications for all seats and your application will be maintained for one year, in the event that an unexpected vacancy or opening occurs.

Membership and Seat Qualifications

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
1	BOS	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover Chester Williams (residency waived)	12/31/26	Must be held by a representative of a nonprofit organization that advocate for health equity in communities that are disproportionately impacted by diseases related to the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages. Term: 2-years
2	BOS	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover John Ilesha Ena	12/31/26	
3	BOS	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover Melinda Burrus	12/31/26	
4	BOS	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover Frances Abigail Cabrera	12/31/26	Must be an individual who is employed at a medical institution in San Francisco and who has experience in the diagnosis or treatment of, or in research or education about, chronic and other diseases linked to the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages. Term: 2-years
5	BOS	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover Jamey Schmidt	12/31/26	

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
6	BOS	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover Linda Ye	12/31/26	Must be a person who is under 19 years old at the time of appointment and who may be a member of the Youth Commission, nominated by the Youth Commission and appointed by the Board of Supervisors, for a two-year term. (Note: If the person is under legal voting age and unable to be an elector for that reason, the person may hold this seat, but upon reaching legal voting age, the person shall relinquish the seat unless he or she becomes an elector, in which case the person shall retain the seat.)* Term: 2-years
7	OEWD	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover Alesandra Lozano	12/31/26	Shall be held by a person appointed by the Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development or any successor office. Term: 2-years
8	SFUSD	Saeeda Hafiz	12/31/24	Shall be held by persons appointed by the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District. If at any time the Board of Education declines to appoint a member to Seat 8 or 9 and leaves the seat vacant for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until such time as the Board of Education appoints a member. Term: 2-years
9	SFUSD	Jennifer Lebarre	12/31/24	

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
10	Public Health	VACANT Term Expired 12/31/22 - Holdover Member Tiffany Kenison	12/31/24	Shall be held by an employee of the Department of Public Health who has experience or expertise in the field of chronic disease prevention or treatment, appointed by the Director of Health. Term: 2-years
11	Public Health	Irene Hilton	12/31/24	Shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in the field of oral health, appointed by the Director of Health. Term: 2-years
12	Public Health	Omar Flores	12/31/24	Shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in the field of food security or access, appointed by the Director of Health. Term: 2-years
13	DCYF	Michelle Kim	12/31/24	Shall be held by an employee of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families, appointed by the Director of that Department. Term: 2-years
14	Recreation and Park	Linda Barnard	12/31/24	Shall be held by an employee of the Recreation and Park Department, appointed by the General Manager of that Department. Term: 2-years

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
15	SFUSD	VACANT (Eva Holman resigned 11/6/24)	12/31/24	Shall be held by a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the San Francisco Unified School District at the time of appointment, nominated by the San Francisco Unified School District's Parent Advisory Council, and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If at any time the Parent Advisory Council declines to nominate a member to a vacant seat for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until the seat becomes vacant again. Term: 2-years
16	BOS	VACANT Term expired 12/31/24 – Holdover Laura Urban	12/31/26	Shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in services and programs for children five and under, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Term: 2-years

* Youth interested in applying to Seat 6 may also obtain more information from the Youth Commission website at <http://sfgov.org/youthcommission> or by contacting Director Kiely Hosmon at (415) 554-6464.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE HERE

- English - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application.pdf
- 中文 - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_CHI.pdf
- Español - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_SPA.pdf
- Filipino - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_FIL.pdf

In addition to the application form please complete the SDDTAC Supplemental Questionnaire (located at the end on this notice).

If you have any question regarding the questionnaire, please contact staff at the Advisory Committee (contact information listed below).

(For seats appointed by other Authorities please contact the Board / Commission / Committee / Task Force (see below) or the appointing authority directly.)

Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, a vacancy may have already been filled. To determine if a vacancy for this Commission is still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184.

Applications, Supplemental Questionnaires and other documents may be submitted to BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org

Next Steps: Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

The general purpose of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax in Business Tax and Regulations Code Article 8.

The Advisory Committee shall consist of the following 16 voting members:

- (a) Seats 1, 2, and 3 shall be held by representatives of nonprofit organizations that advocate for health equity in communities that are disproportionately impacted by diseases related to the consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, as defined in Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 552, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- (b) Seats 4 and 5 shall be held by individuals who are employed at medical institutions in San Francisco and who have experience in the diagnosis or treatment of, or in research or education about, chronic and other diseases linked to the consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- (c) Seat 6 shall be held by a person who is under 19 years old at the time of appointment and who may be a member of the Youth Commission, nominated by the Youth Commission and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If the person is under legal voting age and unable to be an elector for that reason, the person may hold this seat, but upon reaching legal voting age, the person shall relinquish the seat unless he or she becomes an elector, in which case the person shall retain the seat.
- (d) Seat 7 shall be held by a person appointed by the Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development or any successor office.

- (e) Seats 8 and 9 shall be held by persons appointed by the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District. If at any time the Board of Education declines to appoint a member to Seat 8 or 9 and leaves the seat vacant for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until such time as the Board of Education appoints a member.
- (f) Seat 10 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Public Health who has experience or expertise in the field of chronic disease prevention or treatment, appointed by the Director of Health.
- (g) Seat 11 shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in the field of oral health, appointed by the Director of Health.
- (h) Seat 12 shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in the field of food security or access, appointed by the Director of Health.
- (i) Seat 13 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families, appointed by the Director of that Department.
- (j) Seat 14 shall be held by an employee of the Recreation and Park Department, appointed by the General Manager of that Department.
- (k) Seat 15 shall be held by a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the San Francisco Unified School District at the time of appointment, nominated by the San Francisco Unified School District's Parent Advisory Council, and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If at any time the Parent Advisory Council declines to nominate a member to a vacant seat for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until the seat becomes vacant again.
- (l) Seat 16 shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in services and programs for children five and under, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Appointing authorities shall make initial appointments to the Advisory Committee by no later than September 1, 2017. The initial term for each seat on the Advisory Committee shall begin September 1, 2017, and end on December 31, 2018.

Any member who misses three regular meetings of the Advisory Committee within any 12-month period without the express approval of the Advisory Committee at or before each missed meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Advisory Committee 10 days after the third unapproved absence. The Advisory Committee shall inform the appointing authority of any such resignation.

The City Administrator shall provide administrative and clerical support for the Advisory Committee, and the Controller's Office shall provide technical support and policy analysis for the Advisory Committee upon request. All City officials and agencies shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee in the performance of its functions.

Report: Starting in 2018, by March 1 of each year, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a report that (a) evaluates the impact of the Sugary Drinks

Distributor Tax on beverage prices, consumer purchasing behavior, and public health, and (b) makes recommendations regarding the potential establishment and/or funding of programs to reduce the consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages in San Francisco. Within 10 days after the submission of the report, the City Administrator shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a proposed resolution for the Board to receive the report.

Holdover Limit: Not Applicable

Authority: Business and Tax Regulations Code, Article VIII, Sections 550 through 560; Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Article XXXIII, Sections 5.33-1 through 5.33-6; Proposition V (2016)

Sunset Date: December 31, 2028

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Updated: December 31, 2024

Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC)

Supplemental Questionnaire

1. Please describe the experience you have in public health programs related to diabetes, oral health, obesity, and sugary drink consumption.

2. Please describe the ways in which sugary drinks impact diverse communities across San Francisco.

3. Please describe your experience in reaching out to community-based organizations that serve communities most impacted by sugary drinks.

4. Please describe your understanding of how businesses (soda industry, tobacco industry, etc.) impact chronic disease and community health.

5. Please describe how your work or life experience will inform the work of the committee.