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RULES COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Shamann Walton, Chair
Rules Committee

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk

DATE: January 26, 2026

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. This item was acted upon at the Rules Committee Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

Item No. 26 **File No. 251245**

Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to change the current two-term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Member of the Board of Supervisors from consecutive term limits to lifetime term limits; at an election to be held on June 2, 2026.

REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATIN AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Shamann Walton - No
Supervisor Stephen Sherrill - Aye
Supervisor Danny Sauter - Aye
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman - Excused

c: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

[Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on June 2, 2026, to change the current two-term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Member of the Board of Supervisors from consecutive term limits to lifetime term limits.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on June 2, 2026, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Sections 2.101 and 3.101, to read as follows:

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

SEC. 2.101. TERM OF OFFICE.

(a) Each member of the Board of Supervisors shall be elected at a general election and shall serve a four-year term commencing on the eighth day in January following election and until a successor qualifies. ~~*The respective terms of office of the members of the Board of Supervisors in effect on the date this Charter is adopted shall continue.*~~

(b) No person ~~*elected or appointed as a Supervisor*~~ may serve as ~~*such*~~ *a Supervisor* for more than two ~~*successive*~~ four-year terms. *For purposes of this Section 2.101, a part of a term that exceeds two years shall count as a four-year term; a part of a term that is two years or less shall not.* ~~*Any person appointed, elected, or any combination thereof to the office of Supervisor to complete in excess of two years of a four-year term shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, to have served one full term. No person having served two successive*~~

~~*four-year terms may serve as a Supervisor, either by election or appointment, until at least four years after the expiration of the second successive term in office. Any Supervisor who resigns with less than two full years remaining until the expiration of the term shall be deemed, for the purposes of this section, to have served a full four-year term.*~~

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), any person who is holding the office of Supervisor as of June 2, 2026, and who has served in the office in excess of the lifetime term limit in subsection (b) or who will have served in the office in excess of the lifetime term limit before completion of their term of office, may complete their term of office. In addition, any person who is elected as a Supervisor at the election on June 2, 2026, may complete the term of office for which they were elected, regardless of whether their holding the office would otherwise violate the lifetime term limit.

SEC. 3.101. TERM OF OFFICE.

The Mayor shall serve a four-year term. No person shall serve as mayor for more than two ~~*successive*~~ *four-year* terms. *For purposes of this Section 3.101, a* ~~*A*~~ part of a term that exceeds two years shall count as a ~~*full*~~*four-year* term*; a part of a term that is two years or less shall not*. ~~*There shall be no limit on the non-successive terms that a person may serve.*~~

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: */s/ Bradley A. Russi*
BRADLEY A. RUSSI
Deputy City Attorney

FILE NO. 251245

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on June 2, 2026, to change the current two-term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Member of the Board of Supervisors from consecutive term limits to lifetime term limits.

Existing Law

The City Charter provides that no person may serve as Mayor for more than two successive four-year terms. The Charter also provides that no person may serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors for more than two successive four-year terms. If a person has served as Mayor or Supervisor for two successive four-year terms, that person may leave office for at least four years and then serve as Mayor or Supervisor again for two successive four-year terms.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed measure would amend the Charter to provide lifetime term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Supervisor. Under the proposed measure, a person who has served as Mayor may only serve two four-year terms and a person who has served as Supervisor may only serve two four-year terms – whether successive or non-successive. As to Supervisors, any person who is holding the office of Supervisor as of June 2, 2026, and who has served in the office in excess of the lifetime term limit or who will have served in the office in excess of the lifetime term limit before completion of their term of office, may complete their term of office. A person who is elected as Supervisor at the election on June 2, 2026, may complete the term of office for which they were elected, regardless of whether their holding the office would otherwise violate the lifetime term limit. Aside from these limited exceptions, the lifetime term limits would apply to any person who has already served two terms as Mayor or two terms as Supervisor.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 29, 2025

To: Planning Department / Commission

From: Victor Young, Clerk of the Rules Committee

Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 251245
Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors

☒ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination
(California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.)
☐ Ordinance / Resolution
☒ Ballot Measure

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.
12/31/2025 Don Lewis

☐ Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:
(Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review)
☐ General Plan ☐ Planning Code, Section 101.1 ☐ Planning Code, Section 302

☐ Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning
(Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review)

☐ General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments
(Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53)
(Required for legislation concerning the acquisition, vacation, sale, or change in use of City property; subdivision of land; construction, improvement, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, or relocation of public ways, transportation routes, ground, open space, buildings, or structures; plans for public housing and publicly-assisted private housing; redevelopment plans; development agreements; the annual capital expenditure plan and six-year capital improvement program; and any capital improvement project or long-term financing proposal such as general obligation or revenue bonds.)

☐ Historic Preservation Commission
☐ Landmark *(Planning Code, Section 1004.3)*
☐ Cultural Districts *(Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23)*
☐ Mills Act Contract *(Government Code, Section 50280)*
☐ Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings *(Planning Code, Article 11)*

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to Victor Young at Victor.Young@sfgov.org.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Greg Wagner
Controller

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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 7, 2026

RE: File 251245 – Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have no cost to government.

Sincerely,

Greg Wagner
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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TO: Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney
John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections
Patrick Ford, Executive Director, Ethics Commission

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

DATE: December 29, 2025

SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED
June 2, 2026

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment for the June 2, 2026, Election. This matter is being **referred** to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.4.

File No. 251245 (ver1)

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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. 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: Michael Canning, Ethics Commission
Aly Bonde, Mayor's Office