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City and County of San Francisco

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Submission of Measure: Charter Amendment

Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors (Unofficial Title of Measure)

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February 12, 2026

John Arntz, Director of Elections
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HAND DELIVERED

2026 FEB 12 AM 8:35

Dear Mr. Arntz:

Attached please find four (4) certified copies of the following Charter Amendment for the June 2, 2026, Election, as follows:

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.

The Board of Supervisors ORDERED SUBMITTED the above listed Charter Amendment on February 3, 2026.

The electronic version of this Charter Amendment is being e-mailed to your office at publications@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
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(Attachments)

City and County of San Francisco

Certified Copy

Charter Amendment

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251245 **[Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors]**

Sponsors: Mahmood; Melgar, Sherrill, Dorsey, Sauter and Wong

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1/27/2026 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED

Ayes: 4 - Chan, Chen, Fielder and Walton

Noes: 7 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong

1/27/2026 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 8 - Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong

Noes: 3 - Chan, Fielder and Walton

2/3/2026 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 7 - Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong

Noes: 4 - Chan, Chen, Mandelman and Walton

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

February 09, 2026
Date

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

[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

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Charter Amendment

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File Number: 251245 **Date Passed:** February 03, 2026

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.

January 26, 2026 Rules Committee - REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AS COMMITTEE REPORT

January 27, 2026 Board of Supervisors - NOT AMENDED

Ayes: 4 - Chan, Chen, Fielder and Walton

Noes: 7 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong

January 27, 2026 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 8 - Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong

Noes: 3 - Chan, Fielder and Walton

February 03, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 7 - Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong

Noes: 4 - Chan, Chen, Mandelman and Walton

File No. 251245

I hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment was ORDERED SUBMITTED on 2/3/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

FILE NO. 251245

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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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.