

1 [Charter Amendment - Sixteen and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco, to authorize 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections, at**  
5 **an election to be held on November 3, 2015.**

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7 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City  
8 and County, at an election to be held on November 3, 2015, a proposal to amend the Charter of  
9 the City and County by revising Article XVII, to read as follows:

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

15 **ARTICLE XVII: DEFINITIONS**

16 For all purposes of this Charter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified  
17 below:

18 "Business day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday on which  
19 governmental agencies are authorized by law to close.

20 "Confirm" or "confirmation" shall mean the approval by a majority of the members of the  
21 Board of Supervisors.

22 "Discrimination" shall mean violations of civil rights on account of race, color, religion,  
23 creed, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability or medical condition, political affiliation,  
24 sexual orientation, ancestry, marital or domestic partners status, gender identity, parental status,  
25 other non-merit factors, or any category provided for by ordinance.

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1 "Domestic partners" shall mean persons who register their partnerships pursuant to the  
2 voter-approved Domestic Partnership Ordinance.

3 "Elector" shall mean a person registered to vote in the City and County.

4 "For cause" shall mean the issuance of a written public statement by the Mayor  
5 describing those actions taken by an individual as a member of a board or commission which are  
6 the reasons for removal, provided such reasons constitute official misconduct in office.

7 "General municipal election" shall mean the election for local officials or measures to be  
8 held in the City and County on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in  
9 November in every year until and including 2015. Thereafter, "general municipal election" shall  
10 mean the election for local officials or measures to be held in the City and County on the  
11 Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November in all even-numbered years and  
12 in every fourth year following 2015.

13 "Initiative" shall mean (1) a proposal by the voters with respect to any ordinance, act or  
14 other measure which is within the powers conferred upon the Board of Supervisors to enact, any  
15 legislative act which is within the power conferred upon any other official, board, commission or  
16 other unit of government to adopt, or any declaration of policy; or (2) any measure submitted to  
17 the voters by the Mayor or by the Board of Supervisors, or four or more members of the Board.

18 "Notice" shall mean publication (as defined by ordinance), and a contemporaneous filing  
19 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or other appropriate office.

20 "One-third," "a majority" or "two-thirds" of the Board of Supervisors or any other board  
21 or commission of the City and County shall mean one-third, a majority or two-thirds of all  
22 members of such board or commission.

23 "Published" shall have the meaning ascribed to the term by the Board of Supervisors by  
24 ordinance. The Board of Supervisors shall seek a recommendation from the Clerk of the Board  
25 of Supervisors before adopting such an ordinance.

1 "Referendum" shall mean the power of the voters to nullify ordinances involving  
2 legislative matters except that the referendum power shall not extend to any portion of the annual  
3 budget or appropriations, annual salary ordinances, ordinances authorizing the City Attorney to  
4 compromise litigation, ordinances levying taxes, ordinances relative to purely administrative  
5 matters, ordinances necessary to enable the Mayor to carry out the Mayor's emergency powers,  
6 or ordinances adopted pursuant to Section 9.106 of this Charter.

7 "Special municipal election" shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise  
8 required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections with respect to an initiative,  
9 referendum or recall, and (2) the Board of Supervisors with respect to bond issues, election of an  
10 official not required to be elected at the general municipal election, or an initiative or  
11 referendum.

12 "Statewide election" shall mean an election held throughout the state.

13 "Voter" shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state  
14 law, except that for municipal elections, "voter" shall also mean any person who is at least 16  
15 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with state law other  
16 than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the Department of  
17 Elections.

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