



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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Ben Rosenfield
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July 6, 2016

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

RE: File 160587 - Charter amendment authorizing non-citizens to vote in elections for the Board of the San Francisco Unified School District (second draft)

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, there would be an additional cost, as estimated by the Department of Elections, of a minimum of \$160,000 per election to print and distribute voting materials, train poll workers and separately register people who would become eligible to vote in School Board elections. Should the election take place by absentee ballot only, which would require a subsequent ordinance by the Board, costs may be reduced to approximately \$110,000, in addition to any costs associated with registration processes.

The amendment would permit non-citizens 18 years of age or older who have children in the San Francisco public schools to vote in the elections for the School Board. The amendment would sunset on December 31, 2022, but could be extended by ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Rosenfield".

for 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.