



Aspiring Citizens Charter Amendment: San Francisco

WE ARE ALL SAN FRANCISCANS...However...Existing law prohibits aspiring citizens from serving on appointed boards and commissions in the City and County of San Francisco. IT'S ABOUT TIME we uplift the Voices of All San Franciscans.

WHAT: This proposed charter amendment would expand access to local boards, commissions, and advisory bodies to all San Francisco residents of legal voting age, regardless of immigration status, thus expanding the pool of those who can contribute their life and educational experiences to these regulatory bodies.

WE NEED EQUAL RIGHTS TO ACHIEVE EQUITY: People of color comprise 62% of San Francisco's population, but just 50% of appointees identify as a race other than white. As much as 35% of our population was born in another country. Our City never has, and never will, achieve equity without widespread equal rights to serve.

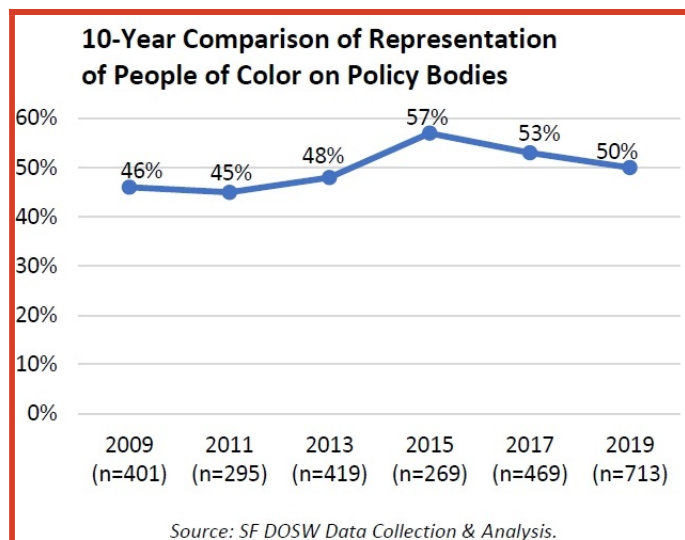
CALIFORNIA HAS LED, NOW IT'S OUR TURN: In 2019, Governor Newsom signed SB 225 (Durazo), allowing all Californians, including aspiring citizens, to serve on state commissions, boards, and advisory bodies. Our State does not succeed despite diversity, but because of it. Inclusion creates new opportunities aspiring citizens to contribute to our society.

FUTURE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT: San Francisco residents that are 16 and 17 years old would also be eligible to serve on all boards and commissions if we pass Vote 16 and this amendment in November.

BROADER LGBT INCLUSION: More Inclusive language fosters more inclusive representation. Diverse genders and sexual orientations are now included. Our City charter should reflect our City values.

IMPROVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY: As we face one of the most challenging times for immigrants and people of color, it will be our most vulnerable voices that can best improve the capability of our City government to provide strategic, innovative policy advice. Full participation ensures full delivery of services.

MOVING BACKWARDS, NOT AHEAD: The percentage of appointees of color decreased from 53% in 2017 to 49% in 2019. We can/must make progress again.



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