

**From:** [Lia Salaverry](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Youth Vote 16  
**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 11:22:16 AM

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As Co-President of the [San Francisco Women's Political Committee](#) (SFWPC) I am writing to urge you to support BOS File No: 200477 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections].

Since 2002, SFWPC has worked to endorse, elect and empower women and young people in SF by engaging them in all aspects of the political process.

We are deeply concerned about our city. Rampant inequality continues to disproportionately impact poor people and BIPOC, displacing lifelong residents and exacerbating homelessness. In recent weeks, [we've seen thousands of young people exert their leadership, demanding justice for state-sponsored violence](#). These youth are powerful, courageous and talented, and are clearly demonstrating how they are willing and capable of taking a leadership role in this historic moment.

It is time we acknowledged these young leaders by allowing them the chance to vote in municipal elections, to further engage them in the political process. This is a goal of SFWPC, and why we are proud to support Vote 16.

SFWPC fully endorses Vote 16 and encourages the SFBOS to support their effort and stand up for the next generation of leaders. Thank you for your consideration.

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Best,

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**Subject:** Rules Committee - Vote16SF  
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Dear Victor,

Hi, my name is Lauren and I am on the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Women's Political Committee. As a San Francisco native, I'm concerned about the lack of representation for 16 and 17-year olds in this city, even though they want to be politically active. Local political decisions have great influence on the lives of 16- and 17-year-olds: public transportation, school funding, jobs, police policies, parks and recreation, and more.

I am supporting the charter amendment to expand voting rights to 16 & 17 year olds in municipal elections because research shows that 16-year-olds have requisite civic knowledge and skills, and have the mental reasoning ability necessary to make informed choices.

Vote16 will allow 16 and 17 year olds to exercise their voice on issues that impact their future. Voting is habitual, and 16 is a much better time than 18 to establish the habit of voting. At 18, people are in a state of transition that makes it less likely they will vote. At 16, young people can establish the habit of voting in a more stable environment, supported by family, peers, and teachers.

I urge you to support BOS File No: 200477 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections]. Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Lauren Roger

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**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for BOS File No: 200477  
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Hello,

My name is Linda and I am on the board of the San Francisco Women's Political Committee. I am supporting the charter amendment to expand voting rights to 16 & 17 years old in municipal elections because in places that have lowered the voting age to 16 and tracked the data, 16- and 17-year-olds have consistently turned out at higher rates than 18-20 years old. I urge you to support BOS File No: 200477 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections].

Sincerely,  
Linda Liu

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**From:** [Dakshina Thanky](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote16SF  
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Hi my name is Dakshina Thanky. I am a law student at the University of San Francisco and live in District 11.

As a San Francisco resident involved in local politics , I am concerned about the youth in my community who are very active and involves in their communities but have no voice or representation through our City's voting system.

I am supporting the charter amendment to expand voting rights to 16 & 17 year old's in municipal elections because voting should be encouraged at the age of 16 because it fosters belief in our democratic process and gets the youth in the habit of voting early on.

Vote16 will allow 16 and 17 year old's to exercise their voice on issues that impact their future and there are numerous issues such as education, nutrition, and transportation, etc. that the youth encounters in this City in their daily lives. To exclude this class of people would be leaving out valuable viewpoints and perspectives that will help make our City better for all of our residents.

I urge you to support BOS File No: 200477 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections].

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