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### Submission of Measure: Charter Amendment

Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections  
(Unofficial Title of Measure)

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Date: 07/17/20

Submitted By: Victor Young (print)  (sign)

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- John Arntz- Director of Elections, in consultation with the City Attorney, shall forward the measure (within two working days after receipt of the petition) to departments that are effected by the measure.
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July 17, 2020

John Arntz, Director of Elections  
Department of Elections  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**HAND DELIVERED**

Dear Mr. Arntz:

Please find attached four (4) certified copies each of the following Charter Amendment for the November 3, 2020, Ballot as follows:

**File No. 200477 Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in  
Municipal Elections**

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

The Board of Supervisors Order Submitted the above listed Charter Amendment on June 30, 2020.

The electronic version of this Charter Amendment is being e-mailed to your office at [publications@sfgov.org](mailto:publications@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo in black ink.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco

(Attachments)



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200477 [ Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections ]  
Sponsors: Yee; Fewer, Walton, Ronen, Haney, Safai, Mar, Preston and Mandelman  
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6/23/2020 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

6/30/2020 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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.

July 07, 2020

Date

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections]

**Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 2020, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections.**

**Existing Law**

Article XVII of the Charter defines “voter” as “an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state law.” State law provides that voters must be at least 18 years old to vote. See Cal. Const., art. II, § 2 (“A United States citizen 18 years of age and resident in this State may vote.”); Cal. Elec. Code § 2000(b) (“Any person who will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election is eligible to register and vote at that election.”).

**Amendments to Current Law**

The proposal would amend the Charter’s definition of “voter,” for the purpose of municipal elections, to be “any person who is at least 16 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with state law other than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the Department of Elections.”

**Background Information**

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors submitted a Charter amendment to the voters that would have authorized 16 and 17 year olds to vote in municipal elections. See File No. 150267. The measure appeared as Proposition F on the November 8, 2016 ballot, but failed to obtain the voters’ approval.

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1 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November**  
4 **3, 2020, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths**  
5 **aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections.**

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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, 2020, 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 \* \* \* \*

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

20 \* \* \* \*

21 "General municipal election" shall ~~*mean the election for local officials or measures to be*~~  
22 ~~*held in the City and County on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November*~~  
23 ~~*in every year until and including 2015. Thereafter, "general municipal election" shall*~~ mean the  
24 election for local officials or measures to be held in the City and County on the Tuesday  
25 immediately following the first Monday in November in all even-numbered years and in every

1 fourth year following 2015. For the purpose of this definition, "local officials" shall mean the  
2 elected officials identified in Section 13.101.

3 \* \* \* \*

4 "Special municipal election" shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise  
5 required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections under Section 14.101 or  
6 14.103 with respect to an initiative, referendum or recall, and (2) the Board of Supervisors under  
7 Section 13.103 or 14.102 with respect to bond issues, election of an official not required to be  
8 elected at the general municipal election, or an initiative or referendum.

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

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

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
17 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

18 By: /s/ Andrew Shen  
19 ANDREW SHEN  
Deputy City Attorney

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Charter Amendment

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File Number: 200477

Date Passed: June 30, 2020

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June 15, 2020 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED

June 23, 2020 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

June 30, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200477

I hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment was ORDERED SUBMITTED on 6/30/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Calvillo".

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board