



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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Mr. John Arntz
Department of Elections
City Hall, Room 48
Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: Proposition N – Charter amendment authorizing non-citizens to vote in elections for the Board of the San Francisco Unified School District

Dear Mr. Arntz,

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, appearing to read "Ben Rosenfield".

Ben Rosenfield
Controller