



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Civic Engagement Committee
Minutes – Draft
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
6:00 PM**

**Held via Videoconference
(remote public access provided via teleconference)**

Members: Steven Hum (Co-Chair), Maureen Loftus (Co-Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting, Yena Im

Present: Steven Hum (Co-Chair), Maureen Loftus (Co-Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting, Yena Im

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Absent:

The San Francisco Youth Commission met remotely in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022, with Chair Steven Hum presiding.

Chair Hum calls the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

On the call of the roll:

Member	Present / Absent
Co-Chair Loftus	present
Commissioner Utting	present
Commissioner Pimentel	present
Commissioner Barker Plummer	present
Commissioner Im	present
Co-Chair Hum	present

6 Present



Quorum is met.

2. Communications

Joy Zhan, staff, provides communications.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Moved by Commissioner Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Utting to approve today's agenda.

No public comment.

On the motion to approve today's agenda:

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Co-Chair Loftus	aye
Commissioner Utting	aye
Commissioner Pimentel	aye
Commissioner Barker Plummer	aye
Commissioner Im	aye
Co-Chair Hum	aye

6 ayes.

This motion passes.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. October 4th, 2022 (Packet Materials)

Moved by Commissioner Utting, seconded by Commissioner Im to approve October 4th, 2022 Committee meeting minutes.

No public comment.

On the motion to approve the minutes for the October 4th, 2022 Committee meeting minutes:

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
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Co-Chair Loftus	aye
Commissioner Utting	aye
Commissioner Pimentel	aye
Commissioner Barker Plummer	aye
Commissioner Im	aye
Co-Chair Hum	aye

6 ayes.

This motion passes.

Chair:

Clerk, can you please call Item Number 5?

5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

6. Committee Business (All items to follow discussion and possible action)

- a. Team Building Activity
- b. Committee Legislative Priorities
- c. CEC-related news

A. Team Building Activity

Q1: What is the most annoying habit someone can have?

Q2: What's the best boba and best topping, and why?

B. Committee Legislative Priorities

Chair Hum: Biggest priority: Vote16 Campaign

Chair Loftus: Getting youths to register to vote - working with DoE

Commissioner Utting: Starting the push for local civic engagement curriculum in schools to make sure that youths are educated, knowing that there are efforts of this will help with vote16

Commissioner Barker Plummer: YC doesn't have an education committee, so the YC should work with the SFUSD SAC on this

Chair Loftus: No one ever sat 18-year-olds down to explain that they can

Commissioner Utting: should this be a curriculum or a week-long workshop, has been looking into other district's curriculums

Chair Hum: In Government classes, the local government structure was never taught

Chair Loftus: a week of curriculum/workshop is enough?



Commissioner Utting: proposing a week-long workshop for first-year students

Commissioner Barker Plummer: citywide workshop annually, and not sure what jurisdiction the YC and SAC have over curriculum

Commissioner Im: What's in our jurisdiction? Def work with SAC. Working for Supervisors to get them talking about civic engagement

Chair Hum: Supervisors visiting the schools in their districts should be implemented to promote civic engagement.

Civic Engagement

- Education
 - **Youth Policies on Education**
 - Support for Working Families
 - Expanding Language Immersion in SFUSD
 - **Expanding Mandatory Title IX Trainings**
 - Expand Voting to BOE Student Delegates
 - **Increasing Financial Literacy in Schools**
 - Increasing Mental Health Resources
 - Support for Students applying to College
 - **Expand Youth Input in Youth Voice in Education**
 - Expand Opportunities for Low-Income & First-Gen Students
 - Support for Job Opportunities & Trainings
 - Bridge the Digital Divide amongst Students
 - Increase Student Access to Wi-Fi
 - **Local Civic Engagement Curriculum in Schools**
- Voter Engagement
 - **Lowering the Local Voting Age to 16 (Vote16)**
 - **Getting Youth Pre-Registered to Vote**
 - **Improving Youth Turnout in Low-Income/Turnout Neighborhoods**
 - **Expand Voter Education Efforts**
 - **Create Voter Registration Toolkits & Social Media Posts**
- Community & Neighborhood Outreach
 - Attend/Host Community Events

The committee wishes to kickstart the effort to have local civic engagement curriculum in schools. Start from having presentations at schools.

College & Career at Lowell - implementing the curriculum throughout all the classes.
(something similar can be done throughout SFUSD)

C. CEC-related News

No public comment.

7. Vote16 Presentation (discussion item)



Commissioner Barker Plummer: What's the timeline for the 2016 and 2020 legislations?

No public comment.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Item)

Joy, staff, asked for presentation requests.

No public comment.

9. Adjournment

There is no further business. Meeting is adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Vote16 Presentation

San Francisco Youth's Road to Voting Equity



History

- First legislation, File 150267, was introduced by Supervisor Avalos on March 17th, 2015
 - 9 out of 11 Supervisors voted to put it on the ballot
- 2016 Prop F lost by about 5%
- Second legislation, File 200477, was introduced by Supervisor Yee on May 12th, 2020
 - Unanimous vote to put it on the ballot
- 2020 Prop G lost by about by less than 1%

Local Measure F - Youth Voting in Local Elections

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	Ballots cast	Percentage
No	187,860	52.1%
Yes	172,744	47.9%
Total	360,604	100%
Under Votes	50,510	
Over Votes	178	

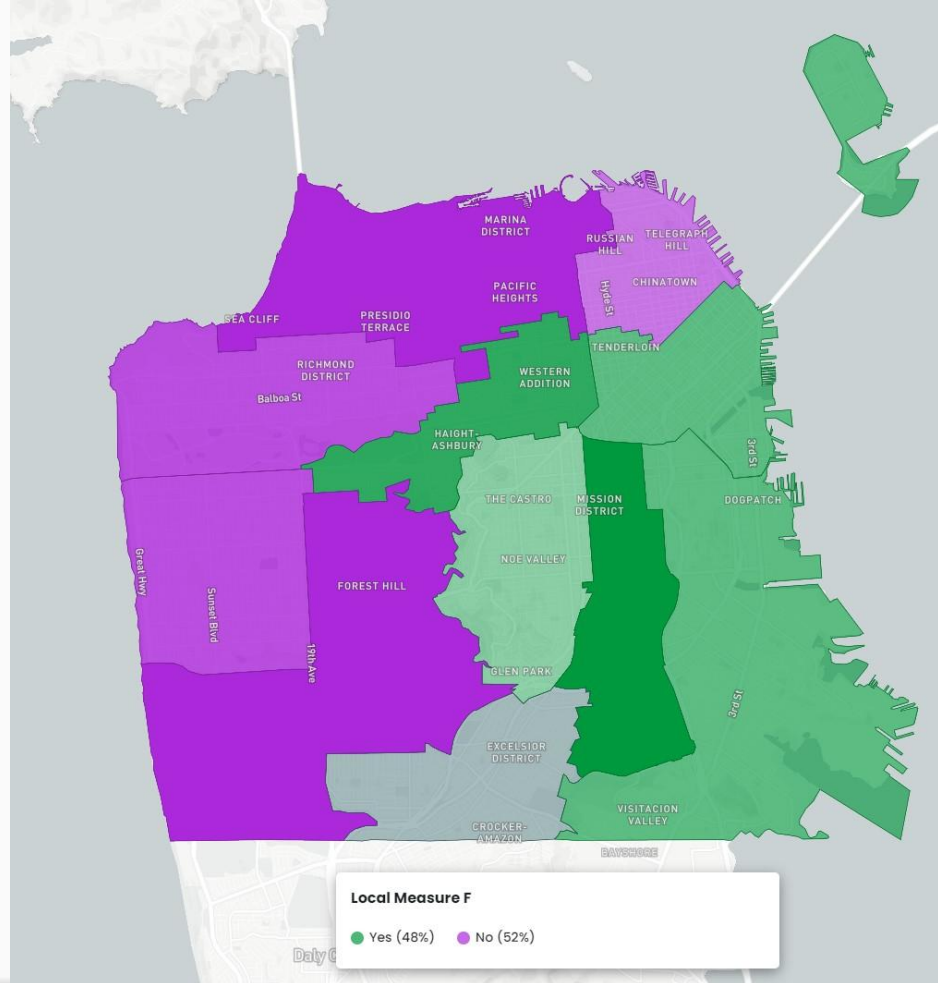
This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

Proposition G - Youth Voting in Local Elections

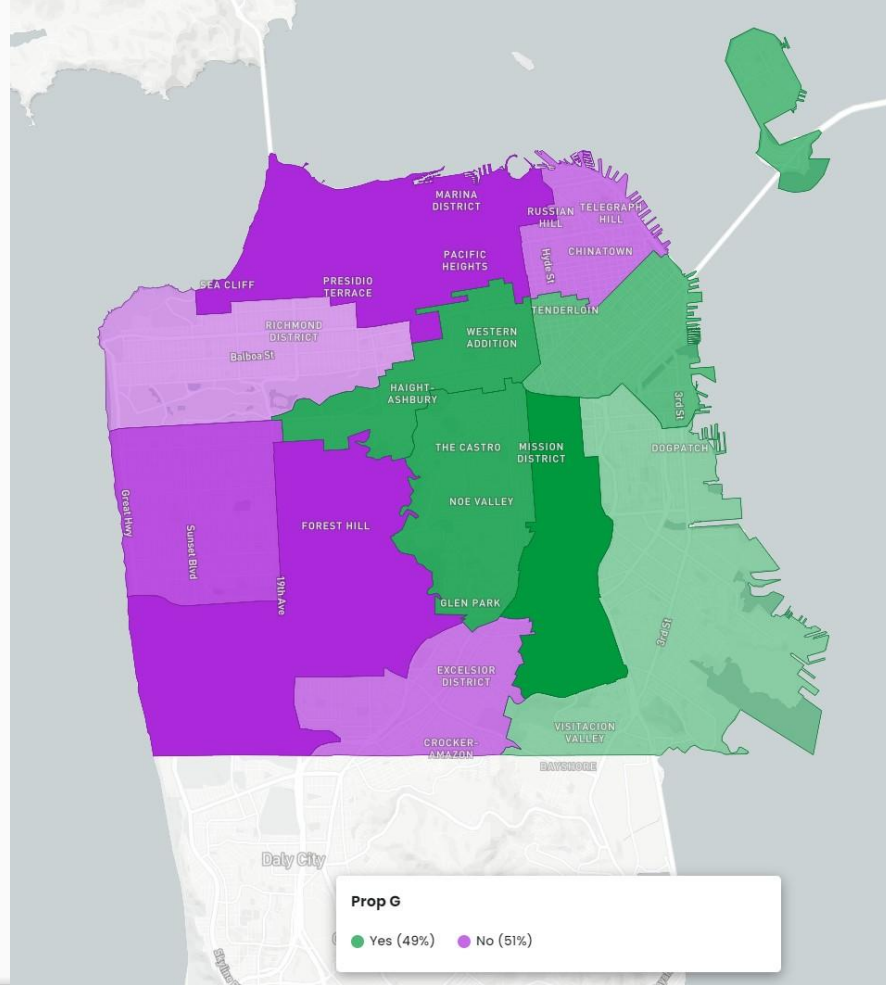
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	Ballots cast	Percentage
No	213,694	50.79%
Yes	207,054	49.21%
Total	420,748	100%
Under Votes	26,891	
Over Votes	73	

This measure requires 50%+1 affirmative votes to pass.

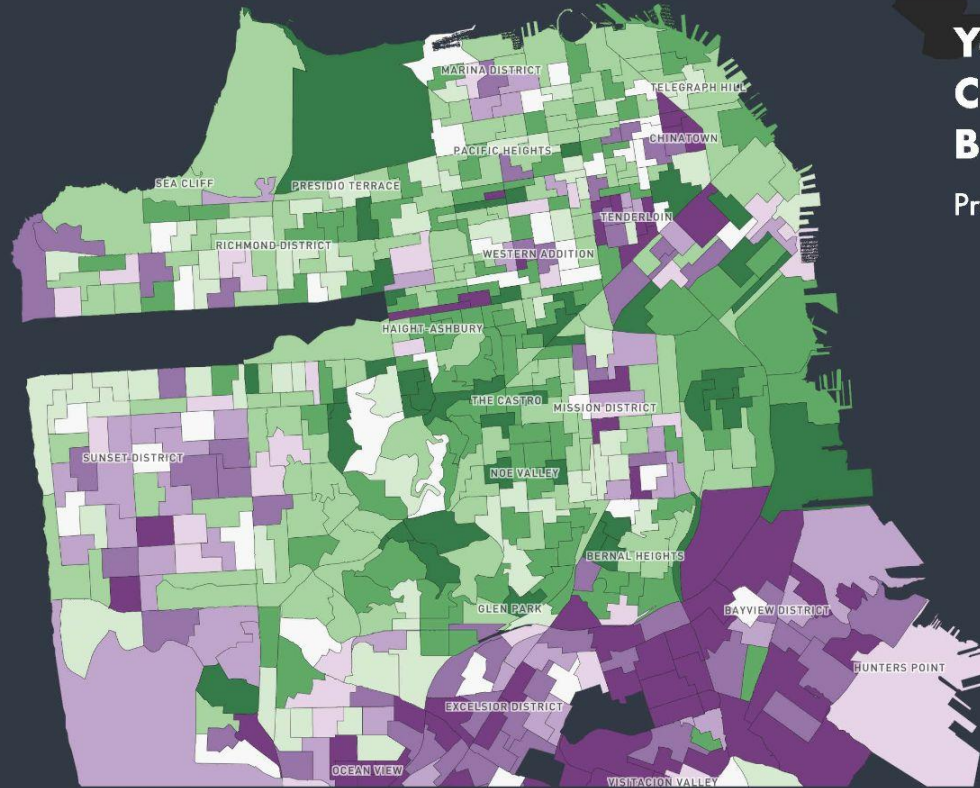


Prop F Election Results by District

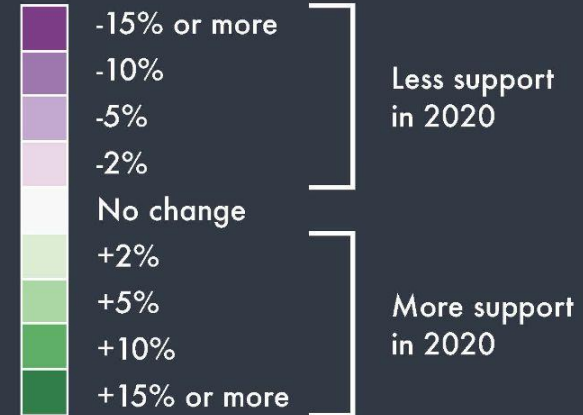


Youth Vote Measures: Change in Support Between 2016 and 2020

Prop F, 2016 and Prop G, 2020



Change in margin of "Yes" vote



Polling (Before Supporter & Opponent Statements)

Strong Support

- Under 35
- Families
- Mixed-Races
- US Citizens
- LGBTQ+
- New SF voters
- Low-Income voters

Strong Opposition

- Republicans
- 65+
- Black community
- Homeowners
- Regular Voters
- Only High School Education

Supporters say that we need to increase voter participation, and research shows that the younger a person casts their first vote, the more likely they are to be lifelong voters. Studies show that 16-year-olds—who are old enough to work and pay taxes—possess the same level of civic knowledge as 21-year-olds. We've seen young leaders like 16-year-old Greta Thunberg lead the entire world on issues like climate change. It's time for San Francisco, with commitment from the Board of Education, to implement special curriculum in our high schools, to grant 16 and 17-year-olds the right to vote.

Opponents say most 16-year-olds have less caution and judgement than older teens, which is why we can't get married or serve in the military until we are 18. Plus, without financial responsibilities in their lives, 16-year-olds will be more likely to vote for wasteful taxes and spending programs—which is exactly what the politicians behind this measure are counting on. Do you agree more with the statement from supporters or from opponents?

Polling (After Supporter & Opponent Statements)

Strong Support

- Women
- Democrats
- Under 35
- Black voters
- Latinx voters
- API voters
- Mixed-race voters
- Renters
- Families
- New SF Voters
- New SF Residents
- College Graduates
- Low-Income

Strong Opponent

- Republicans

[Charter Amendment – Sixteen- and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Article XVII, to read as follows:

NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

ARTICLE XVII: DEFINITIONS

For all purposes of this Charter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

"Business day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday on which governmental agencies are authorized by law to close.

"Confirm" or "confirmation" shall mean the approval by a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors.

"Discrimination" shall mean violations of civil rights on account of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability or medical condition, political affiliation, sexual orientation, ancestry, marital or domestic partners status, gender identity, parental status, other non-merit factors, or any category provided for by ordinance.

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1 "Domestic partners" shall mean persons who register their partnerships pursuant to the
2 voter-approved Domestic Partnership Ordinance.

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

4 "For cause" shall mean the issuance of a written public statement by the Mayor
5 describing those actions taken by an individual as a member of a board or commission which are
6 the reasons for removal, provided such reasons constitute official misconduct in office.

7 "General municipal election" ~~shall mean the election for local officials or measures to be~~
8 ~~held in the City and County on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November~~
9 ~~in every year until and including 2015. Thereafter, "general municipal election" shall mean the~~
10 election for local officials or measures to be held in the City and County on the Tuesday
11 immediately following the first Monday in November in all even-numbered years and in every
12 fourth year following 2015. For the purpose of this definition, "local officials" shall include the
13 Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Mayor, Public Defender, Sheriff, Treasurer,
14 and members of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, and Governing Board of the
15 Community College District.

16 "Initiative" shall mean (1) a proposal by the voters with respect to any ordinance, act or
17 other measure which is within the powers conferred upon the Board of Supervisors to enact, any
18 legislative act which is within the power conferred upon any other official, board, commission or
19 other unit of government to adopt, or any declaration of policy; or (2) any measure submitted to
20 the voters by the Mayor or by the Board of Supervisors, or four or more members of the Board.

21 "Notice" shall mean publication (as defined by ordinance), and a contemporaneous filing
22 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or other appropriate office.

23 "One-third," "a majority" or "two-thirds" of the Board of Supervisors or any other board
24 or commission of the City and County shall mean one-third, a majority or two-thirds of all
25 members of such board or commission.

1 "Published" shall have the meaning ascribed to the term by the Board of Supervisors by
2 ordinance. The Board of Supervisors shall seek a recommendation from the Clerk of the Board
3 of Supervisors before adopting such an ordinance.

4 "Referendum" shall mean the power of the voters to nullify ordinances involving
5 legislative matters except that the referendum power shall not extend to any portion of the annual
6 budget or appropriations, annual salary ordinances, ordinances authorizing the City Attorney to
7 compromise litigation, ordinances levying taxes, ordinances relative to purely administrative
8 matters, ordinances necessary to enable the Mayor to carry out the Mayor's emergency powers,
9 or ordinances adopted pursuant to Section 9.106 of this Charter.

10 "Special municipal election" shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise
11 required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections with respect to an initiative,
12 referendum or recall, and (2) the Board of Supervisors with respect to bond issues, election of ~~an~~
13 local officials not required to be elected at ~~the a~~ general municipal election, or an initiative or
14 referendum. For the purpose of this definition, "local officials" shall include the Assessor-
15 Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Mayor, Public Defender, Sheriff, Treasurer, and
16 members of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, and Governing Board of the
17 Community College District.

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


19 "Voter" shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state
20 law, except that for municipal elections, "voter" shall also mean any person who is at least 16
21 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with state law other
22 than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the Department of
23 Elections.

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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(6/8/2015, Amended in Committee)

[Charter Amendment – Sixteen- and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.

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: “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.” Cal. Elec. Code § 2000(b); *see also* Cal. Const., art. II, § 2.

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

On January 5, 2015, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted a resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to lower San Francisco’s legal voting age to sixteen.

On June 8, 2015, the Rules Committee amended this proposal. The second draft specifies that 16 and 17-year-olds may vote in elections for members of the Board of Education for the San Francisco Unified School District and the Governing Board of the Community College District. The second draft would also seek to place the proposal on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 election.

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City and County of San Francisco
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Charter Amendment

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 150267

Date Passed: May 10, 2016

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.

June 08, 2015 Rules Committee - AMENDED

June 08, 2015 Rules Committee - CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED

May 03, 2016 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

May 10, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ORDERED SUBMITTED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Noes: 2 - Cohen and Farrell

File No. 150267

I hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment was ORDERED SUBMITTED on 5/10/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Calvillo", written over a horizontal line.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

1 [Urging to Lower San Francisco's Legal Voting Age to 16 years of age]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to lower San Francisco's**
3 **legal voting age to sixteen in municipal and school district elections**

4 WHEREAS, Upon turning 16, young people can drive, work without limitations on
5 hours, pay taxes, take classes on government in school, are subject to adult criminal charges,
6 and yet are denied the right to vote; and

7 WHEREAS, Young people often feel excluded from being engaged in their government
8 and are underrepresented in local government; and

9 WHEREAS, On September 15, 2014, the United Nations declared 2014's International
10 Day of Democracy theme to be "Engaging Young People on Democracy," calling for countries
11 around the world to increase their efforts to engage young people in their democratic
12 processes;¹ and

13 WHEREAS, Extending voting rights to youth of 16 years of age would empower young
14 people to become engaged in our local government; and

15 WHEREAS, With the right to vote, young people would increase their knowledge and
16 interest in politics and the issues directly affecting them; and

17 WHEREAS, 16 year olds possess roughly the same political knowledge as 21 year
18 olds and come close to the average for all adults;² and

19 WHEREAS, Young people who vote will make voting habitual, as voting is a life-long
20 practice begun once one casts their first vote;³ and
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22 ¹ The United Nations, "2014 Theme: Engaging Young People on Democracy," September 15, 2014. Accessed
23 December 6, 2014 at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/democracyday/>

24 ² Hart, Daniel and Atkins, Robert, "American Sixteen- and Seventeen-Year-Olds Are Ready to Vote." *The Annals*
25 *of the American Academy of Social Science*. Accessed December 1, 2014. Accessed at:
<http://ann.sagepub.com/content/633/1/201>

³ Elias, Dinas. "The Formation of Voting Habits." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. Accessed
December 6, 2014 at:
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/17457289.2012.718280?tab=permissions#tabModule>

1 WHEREAS, Young voters will be more likely to continue civic engagement throughout
2 their lives than are those who begin voting later in life;⁴ and

3 WHEREAS, Having young people voting at earlier ages would increase voter turnout in
4 future elections and further stimulate interest in getting more involved in local government
5 affairs; and

6 WHEREAS, Studies have proven 16 year old voters are competent and mature enough
7 to make well-informed decisions that will influence their lives and the broader electorate;⁵ and

8 WHEREAS, Given the current age demographics in San Francisco where the average
9 age of the electorate has risen from 44.2 in 1980 to 45.8 and is projected to 47.6 by 2025,
10 expanding the electorate is an essential step in counterbalancing this aging; and

11 WHEREAS, Young people have interests and priorities that differ from those of older
12 voters and an aging electorate may neglect the interests of more diverse younger
13 generations; and

14 WHEREAS, Between 2000 and 2013, San Francisco lost about 8,000⁶ school age
15 youth and now has the lowest percentage⁷ of kids of any major U.S. city; and

16 WHEREAS, The young people impacted by these trends are best positioned to identify
17 solutions, and their political enfranchisement is a vital step toward combating family flight; and

21 ⁴ Bhatti, Yosef, and Kasper Hansen. "Leaving the Nest and the Social Act of Voting: Turnout among First-Time
22 Voters." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 22, no. 4 (2012). Accessed December 29, 2014 at:
http://www.kaspermhansen.eu/Work/JEPOP_Bhatti&Hansen_2012_young.pdf.

23 ⁵ Hart and Atkins, see supra note 2

24 ⁶ Heather Knight, "Families' exodus leaves S.F. whiter, less diverse," *The San Francisco Chronicle*, June 10,
2013. Accessed December 12, 2014: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Families-exodus-leaves-S-F-whiter-less-diverse-3393637.php>

25 ⁷ Aaron Sankin, "Families Flee San Francisco: City Has Lowest Percentage Of Kids Of Any Major U.S. City," *The Huffington Post; San Francisco*, March 11, 2012: Accessed December 12, 2014.
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/09/families-flee-san-francisco_n_1335639.html

1 WHEREAS, The city has seen fit to make investments in the leadership and civic
2 engagement of young people through DCYF's Youth Leadership and Organizing programs,
3 Youth Empowerment Fund, and annual Youth Advocacy Day, among other initiatives; and

4 WHEREAS, thousands of SFUSD high school students have cast votes in mock
5 elections and ballot measures through the Youth Vote program, gaining exposure to the
6 electoral process and civic norms and practices; and

7 WHEREAS, On Tuesday, October 14, 2014 over 90 young people attended a Young
8 Voters Forum designed to educate youth on the various issues facing San Francisco this
9 election year and incite reflection on how the ballot might impact their lives and those of their
10 peers and family; and

11 WHEREAS, A majority of the attendees at the Young Voters Forum were under 18, yet
12 meaningfully contributed to the discussion regarding several ballot measures; and

13 WHEREAS, The non-partisan event was put on by the San Francisco Youth
14 Commission, TAYSF, San Francisco Youth Warriors, Youth Leadership Institute, Peer
15 Resources, the Student Advisory Council, and Coleman Advocates; and

16 WHEREAS, Staff from the San Francisco Department of Elections was on hand at the
17 Young Voters Forum to register new voters and recruit young people to work the polls on
18 Election Day; and

19 WHEREAS, These and many other efforts by engaged local youth leaders have been
20 very fruitful, with the city benefiting from several policy and legislative campaigns initiated and
21 led by young people all around the city, including most recently an ordinance amending the
22 health code and establishing limitations for the granting of new tobacco sales permits (File No.
23 141098⁸), which was finally passed by the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2014; and

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25 ⁸ "Ordinance amending the Health Code by adding density, proximity, and sales establishment limitations on the
granting of new tobacco sales permits, and renumbering all sections in Article 19H; amending the Business and
Tax Regulations Code by increasing the annual license and application fees; and making environmental

1 WHEREAS, Numerous countries—Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Norway and
2 the United Kingdom—have extended the right to vote to 16 year olds in national, state, and
3 local elections or are considering doing so, and these efforts have resulted in higher turnout
4 among voters ages 16-17 than among voters age 18 and older; and

5 WHEREAS, In December 2010, the Lowell, Massachusetts City Council passed a
6 resolution petitioning the Massachusetts State Legislature to lower the city's voting age to 17⁹
7 and the petition is currently being considered by the Massachusetts State Legislature where it
8 has garnered the support of several state lawmakers;¹⁰ and

9 WHEREAS, In May 2013, Takoma Park, Maryland became the first municipality in the
10 United States to reduce its legal voting age to 16 years of age;¹¹ and

11 WHEREAS, Voter turnout among these newly enfranchised voters in Takoma Park was
12 44 percent, as compared to the overall voter turnout which was 11 percent;¹² and

13 WHEREAS, The Scottish government allowed 16 and 17 year olds to vote in its
14 referendum on declaring independence from the United Kingdom;¹³ and
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18 findings," adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2014. Accessed December 12, 2014:
19 <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3413121&GUID=9590AFB0-D62E-4BC6-944C-3375C6D90322>

20 ⁹ United Teen Equity Equality Center (Lowell, Massachusetts), "Vote 17." Accessed December 1, 2014:
21 <https://www.utec-lowell.org/actnow/vote17>

22 ¹⁰ Russell Goldman, "Mass. Teens Inch Closer to Lowering Voting Age to 17," *ABC News*, April 19, 2012.
23 Accessed December 1, 2014: [http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mass-teens-inch-closer-lowering-voting-](http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mass-teens-inch-closer-lowering-voting-age/story?id=16166922)
24 [age/story?id=16166922](http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mass-teens-inch-closer-lowering-voting-age/story?id=16166922)

25 ¹¹ Lindsay A. Powers, "Takoma Park grants 16-year-olds right to vote," *The Washington Post*, May 14, 2013.
Accessed December 6, 2014: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/takoma-park-grants-16-year-olds-right-to-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/takoma-park-grants-16-year-olds-right-to-vote/2013/05/14/b27c52c4-bccd-11e2-89c9-3be8095fe767_story.html)
[vote/2013/05/14/b27c52c4-bccd-11e2-89c9-3be8095fe767_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/takoma-park-grants-16-year-olds-right-to-vote/2013/05/14/b27c52c4-bccd-11e2-89c9-3be8095fe767_story.html)

¹² J.B. Wogan, "Takoma Park Sees High Turnout Among Teens After Election Reform," *Governing*, November 7,
2013. Accessed December 6, 2014: [http://www.governing.com/news/headlines/gov-maryland-city-sees-high-](http://www.governing.com/news/headlines/gov-maryland-city-sees-high-turnout-among-teens-after-election-reform.html)
[turnout-among-teens-after-election-reform.html](http://www.governing.com/news/headlines/gov-maryland-city-sees-high-turnout-among-teens-after-election-reform.html)

¹³ The Electoral Commission Lothian Chambers, 59--63 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1RN. (2014). *The 2014 Scottish Independence Voting Guide*. Accessed December 6, 2014:
[http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/170400/The-2014-Scottish-Independence-](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/170400/The-2014-Scottish-Independence-Referendum-Voting-Guide.pdf)
[Referendum-Voting-Guide.pdf](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/170400/The-2014-Scottish-Independence-Referendum-Voting-Guide.pdf)

1 WHEREAS, These 16 and 17 year old voters used this opportunity to exercise their
2 newfound right to vote en masse, with over 90 percent of 16 and 17 year old voters registering
3 to vote in the Scottish independence referendum;¹⁴ and

4 WHEREAS, Research consistently indicates 16-17 year-olds make voting decisions
5 based on reasoned consideration of their own and larger interests in a fashion similar to older
6 voters;¹⁵ and

7 WHEREAS, Resolutions adopted by both the San Francisco Youth Commission
8 (Resolution 0405-013)¹⁶ and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (File No. 051215)¹⁷ in
9 2005 supported expanding suffrage to citizens of 16 years and older in city and county
10 elections; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2014 the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted Resolution No.
12 1314—02¹⁹ that called on for the Board of Supervisors and Youth-Serving Commissions to
13 create a “Youth Voice” Policy that would allow more young people to come to testify at public
14 meetings to voice their concerns and opinions on legislation that would directly impact them;
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18 ¹⁴ Eichhorn, Jan, “Will 16 and 17 year olds make a difference in the referendum?” Edinburgh: Scot Cen for Social
19 Research (2014). Accessed December 29, 2014. http://www.scotcen.org.uk/media/205540/131129_will-16-and-17-years-olds-make-a-difference.pdf

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8 trends and stand for the political enfranchisement of young people; and

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10 2014-2015 Youth Commission Chair

11 Adopted by Youth Commission January 5, 2015
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[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.

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 3, 2020, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Article XVII, to read as follows:

NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman font.
Deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

ARTICLE XVII: DEFINITIONS

For all purposes of this Charter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

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

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

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

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

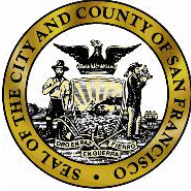
"Statewide election" shall mean an election held throughout the state.

"Voter" shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state law, except that for general and special municipal elections, "voter" shall also mean 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.

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

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

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City and County of San Francisco
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Charter Amendment

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 200477

Date Passed: June 30, 2020

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.

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

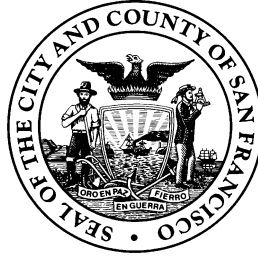
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Charter Amendment was ORDERED SUBMITTED on 6/30/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director
Youth Commission

FROM: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board by *Victor Young*

DATE: May 19, 2020

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following proposed legislation which is being referred to the Youth Commission as per Charter, Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 200477

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Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to **Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee.**

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION **Date:** June 1, 2020

 No Comment
 X **Recommendation Attached**

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Chairperson, Youth Commission

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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Tuesday, June 2, 2020
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 200477 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections]

At our **Monday, June 1, 2020, meeting**, the Youth Commission unanimously voted to support the following motion:

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

Youth Commissioners thank Board President Yee for utilizing the Youth Commission's original [Resolution 1819-AL-14 \[Lower San Francisco's Legal Voting Age to 16 Years of Age\]](#) and creating a charter amendment for the November 2020 ballot.

Youth Commissioners thank the Board of Supervisors for their attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Josephine Cureton".

Josephine Cureton, Chair
Adopted on June 1, 2020
2019-2020 San Francisco Youth Commission

1 [Lower San Francisco's Legal Voting Age to 16 Years of Age]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to lower San Francisco's**
4 **legal voting age to sixteen in municipal and school district elections.**

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6 WHEREAS, Vote16USA is a national campaign, organized by Generation
7 Citizen, that aims to support efforts to extend voting rights to 16- and 17-year-olds on
8 the local level, help start new local campaigns, and elevate the issue's prominence on a
9 national level; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 3, 2016, for the first time ever, the San Francisco Board of
11 Supervisors and San Francisco Youth Commission held a joint Committee of the Whole
12 meeting to hear from youth in public comment on putting Vote16 on the ballot; and

13 WHEREAS, 9 out of 11 San Francisco Supervisors voted to put Vote16, which
14 became Proposition F, onto the ballot in November 2016, where it lost by the close
15 margin of 2.1%; and

16 WHEREAS, Proposition F was endorsed by former Board of Education
17 Commissioners Sandra Lee Fewer, Shaman Walton, and Matt Haney, all of whom are
18 now San Francisco Supervisors; and

19 WHEREAS, Proposition F was also endorsed by State Assembly Members David
20 Chiu and Phil Ting in 2016, as well as by Former Supervisor and now State Senator
21 Scott Wiener; and

22 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Democratic Central Committee, along with 17 San
23 Francisco Democratic clubs [endorsed Proposition F in 2016](#)^[1]; and

24 WHEREAS, Numerous countries—Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Norway
25 and the United Kingdom—have extended the right to vote to 16 year olds in national,
26 state, and local elections or are considering doing so, and these efforts have resulted in
27 higher turnout among voters ages 16-17 than among voters age 18 and older; and

28 WHEREAS, in March 2019, twenty-eighth Assembly District Assemblymember,
29 Evan Low, introduced Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 (ACA 8) which proposes
30 to lower the California voting age from 18 to 17 and is follow up legislation to his original
31 ACA 10; and

1 WHEREAS, On March 14th, 2019, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA
2 12) publicly supported lowering the national voting age to 16, mainstreaming the
3 lowering of the voting age; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 6th, 2019, Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA 7) introduced an
5 amendment to H.R. 1, or the *For the People Act* which would lower the national voting
6 age to 16, and 135 Democratic Representatives voted to support it; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2016, Berkeley voters passed Measure Y1, which lowered the
8 voting age to 16 for Berkeley Unified School District elections; and

9 WHEREAS, In May 2013, Takoma Park, Maryland became the first municipality
10 in the United States to reduce its legal voting age to 16 years of age;^[2] and

11 WHEREAS, Voter turnout among these newly enfranchised voters in Takoma
12 Park was 44 percent, as compared to the overall voter turnout which was 11 percent;^[3]
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14 WHEREAS, In December 2010, the Lowell, Massachusetts City Council proposed a
15 resolution petitioning the Massachusetts State Legislature to lower the city's voting age
16 to 17^[4] and

17 WHEREAS, The Scottish government allowed 16 and 17 year olds to vote in its
18 referendum on declaring independence from the United Kingdom, as well as general
19 elections;^[5] and

20 WHEREAS, These 16 and 17 year old voters used this opportunity to exercise
21 their newfound right to vote en masse, with over 90 percent of 16 and 17 year old voters
22 registering to vote in the Scottish independence referendum;^[6] and

23 WHEREAS, In 2016 the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted Resolution
24 No. 1617-AL-05^[7] that supported the state legislation Assembly Constitutional
25 Amendment 10 (ACA 10) introduced by twenty-eighth Assembly District
26 Assemblymember, Evan Low, which would have “reduce[d] the minimum voting age [in
27 California] to 17”; and

28 WHEREAS, In 2014 the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted Resolution
29 No. 1314—02^[8] that called on the Board of Supervisors and Youth-Serving
30 Commissions to create a “Youth Voice” Policy that would allow more young people to

1 come to testify at public meetings to voice their concerns and opinions on legislation
2 that would directly impact them; and

3 WHEREAS, Resolutions adopted by both the San Francisco Youth Commission
4 (Resolution 0405-013)^[9] and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (File No.
5 051215)^[10] in 2005 supported expanding suffrage to citizens of 16 years and older in
6 city and county elections; and

7 WHEREAS, Upon turning 16, young people can drive, work without limitations on
8 hours, pay taxes, take classes on government in school, are subject to adult criminal
9 charges, and yet are denied the right to vote; and

10 WHEREAS, Young people often feel excluded from being engaged in their
11 government and are underrepresented in local government; and

12 WHEREAS, Extending voting rights to youth of 16 years of age would empower
13 young people to become engaged in our local government; and

14 WHEREAS, Undocumented and incarcerated young people in the City and
15 County of San Francisco currently have no outlet to directly impact policy other than
16 physical activism, which many undocumented people consider to be dangerous; and

17 WHEREAS, With the right to vote, young people would increase their knowledge
18 and interest in politics and the issues directly affecting them; and

19 WHEREAS, 16 year olds possess roughly the same political knowledge as 21
20 year olds and come close to the average for all adults;^[11] and

21 WHEREAS, Young people who vote will make voting habitual, as voting is a life-
22 long practice begun once one casts their first vote; ^[12] and

23 WHEREAS, Young voters will be more likely to continue civic engagement
24 throughout their lives than are those who begin voting later in life;^[13] and

25 WHEREAS, Having young people voting at earlier ages would increase voter
26 turnout in future elections and further stimulate interest in getting more involved in local
27 government affairs; and

28 WHEREAS, Studies have proven 16 year old voters are competent and mature
29 enough to make well-informed decisions that will influence their lives and the broader
30 electorate;^[14] and

1 WHEREAS, The median age of a San Francisco resident as of 2016 is 38, but
2 the average age of the electorate has risen from 44.2 in 1980 to 45.8 and is projected to
3 be 47.6 by 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Young people have interests and priorities that differ from those of
5 older voters and an aging electorate may neglect the interests of more diverse younger
6 generations; and

7 WHEREAS, Between 2000 and 2013, San Francisco lost about 8,000^[15] school
8 age youth and now has the lowest percentage^[16] of children of any major U.S. city; and

9 WHEREAS, The young people impacted by these trends are best positioned to
10 identify solutions, and their political enfranchisement is a vital step toward combating
11 family flight; and

12 WHEREAS, The city has seen fit to make investments in the leadership and civic
13 engagement of young people that DYCF's Youth Leadership and Organizing programs,
14 Youth Empowerment Fund, and annual Youth Advocacy Day, among other initiatives;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, thousands of SFUSD high school students have cast votes in mock
17 elections and ballot measures through the Youth Vote program, gaining exposure to the
18 electoral process and civic norms and practices; and

19 WHEREAS, the current political moment has galvanized civic involvement
20 among young people in SF in resistance to the current administration, with hundreds of
21 students walking out on Inauguration Day and thousands participating in the March For
22 Our Lives protests to make their voices heard; and

23 WHEREAS, frustrated with the inaction of the U.S. Government to address the
24 crisis of human-made climate change, young people in SF and around the country are
25 increasingly organizing to make their support for green policy and environmental justice
26 known; and

27 WHEREAS, San Francisco hosts a vibrant community of youth advocates, youth
28 organizers, and youth philanthropists who play critical roles in advising local nonprofits
29 and city departments on matters pertaining to the youth of San Francisco and policy
30 affecting them; and

1 WHEREAS, these youth leaders play a key role in the formation and revision of
2 the city's youth policy but remain disenfranchised despite being recognized by the city
3 and local nonprofits as community leaders; and

4 WHEREAS, Staff from the San Francisco Department of Elections was on hand
5 at the Young Voters Forum to register new voters and recruit young people to work the
6 polls on Election Day, these youth poll workers make up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total amount of poll
7 workers each election in San Francisco; and

8 WHEREAS, Research consistently indicates 16-17 year-olds make voting
9 decisions based on reasoned consideration of their own and larger interests in a fashion
10 similar to older voters;^[17] and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors added Rule 2.12.1^[18] to the
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