



**San Francisco Youth Commission  
Civic Engagement and Education Committee  
Minutes – Draft  
Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
5:30 PM**

**IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS**

**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

**Tardy:**

**Absent:** Yena Im

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person in regular session and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, with Chair Steven Hum presiding.

Chair Hum calls the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

On the call of the roll:

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



**5 present, 1 absent**  
**Quorum is met.**

Commissioner Barker Plummer motions to excuse Commissioner Im from the meeting, Chair Loftus seconds the motion.

The Committee discusses the bylaws procedure for Commissioners who have reached the maximum amount of excused absences because Commissioner Im has reached three which is the maximum. Director Garcia provides clarifications stating that after three absences, all absences are considered unexcused.

Commissioner Barker Plummer withdraws his motion.

## **2. Communications**

Joy Zhan, staff, provides communications.

## **3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

Moved by Commissioner UTTING, seconded by Commissioner PIMENTEL to approve today's agenda.

*No discussion*

*No public comment.*

On the motion to approve today's agenda:

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

**5 ayes, 1 absent**  
**The motion passes.**



**4. Approval of Minutes** (Action Item)

a. February 23, 2023 (Packet Materials)

Moved by Commissioner BARKER PLUMMER, seconded by Commissioner UTTING to approve the February 23, 2023 Committee meeting minutes.

Commissioner Utting mentions that there's a typo where it says "Utting Plummer" and that needs an amendment.

Commissioner Barker Plummer withdraws the original motion. Commissioner Barker Plummer motions to approve the February 23, 2023 Committee meeting minutes with the amendment, Commissioner Utting seconds the motion.

*No public comment.*

On the motion to approve the minutes for the February 23, 2023 Committee meeting minutes with the amendments:

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

**5 ayes, 1 absent**

***The motion passes.***

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

*No public comment.*

**6. Committee Business** (Discussion)

A) Vote16 Grant Update (Presenter: Director Alondra Esquivel Garcia)



Director Esquivel Garcia provides an update and the context on the Vote16 Grant. Commissioners Barker Plummer, Pimentel, and Chair Hum are putting their names on the grant renewal.

B) Civic Engagement Survey (Presenter: Commissioner Astrid Utting)

Survey is closed as of Feb 28th, but still taking responses. The results are relatively still the same as the graphs shown in the BPP. Commissioner Utting provides a summary of the survey results.

Commissioner Utting asks the committee what are some next steps the Committee can take. Commissioner Barker Plummer says that the Committee should dedicate time and resources to preregistering young people. Also, Commissioner Barker Plummer proposes making a summary and presenting it at the next CEEC and Full Youth Commission meetings. Commissioner Utting says she will do the summary and expressed concerns about the results because results are similar between age groups under 18 and above 18.

Commissioners Barker Plummer and Utting want to know what the Department of Election does when someone turns 18 to urge that age group to vote.

C) Update on Upcoming Resolutions

Commissioners Pimentel and Hum are working on the mental health resolution. Commissioner Utting will work on a voter preregistration resolution after the Department of Elections presentation.

D) Prop G Community Input Survey

Commissioner Pimentel presents changes with the feedback received from the committee. Commissioner Utting expresses that the 1st and 2nd question still feels similar and suggests consolidating them into one question. Commissioner Loftus feels that question 3 is asking students what are the problems in schools are and questions 1 and 2 are asking students what are the solutions to those problems. Commissioner Barker Plummer agrees that questions 1 and 2 can be combined to address challenges in schools. Commissioner Pimentel asks the Committee how many questions should there be. Commissioner Utting proposes a question with multiple choices for spending areas for the Prop G funds, and Commissioner Hum supports Commissioner Utting's point. Commissioner Barker Plummer asks if the demographic questions can be optional. Joy proposes the Youth Commission put out a graphic with information about Prop G.

The survey timeline is that Commissioner Pimentel will present this at the 3/20 Full Commissioner and hope to pass it the first reading. Commissioner Barker Plummer



suggests sending it earlier to the Commission through email so that Commissioners provide feedback before the meeting.

E) CEEC-related news.

N/A

*No public comment.*

**7. Staff Report** (Discussion Item)

**Joy** announces to the Committee that she will present the past two Vote16 Charter Amendment languages starting at the next meeting so that the CEEC can review it for the upcoming 2024 Charter Amendment.

**8. Adjournment**

There is no further business. The meeting is adjourned at 6:30 PM.

[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.  
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#### **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~~  
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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**  
**Tails**  
**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.**

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**Angela Calvillo**  
**Clerk of the Board**

[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.**

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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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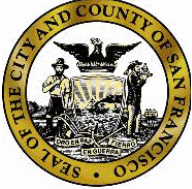
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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**City and County of San Francisco**  
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**Charter Amendment**

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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
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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