

Ballot Simplification Committee

FINAL Approved Digest - 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2011 – Packard, Fraps, Fasick, Jorgensen, Unruh

Requests for Reconsideration were due by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011

School Board Salaries *(working title only, subject to change)*

The Way It Is Now:

The San Francisco Unified School District (School District) operates 140 public schools in San Francisco for students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The Board of Education (School Board) oversees and sets policy for the School District. The School Board has seven members elected City-wide.

The San Francisco Charter requires the School District to pay each School Board member \$500 per month, totaling \$6,000 per year.

The Charter does not set training or professional development requirements for School Board members.

The Proposal:

Proposition __ would amend the City's Charter to allow the School Board to set a higher salary for its members, beginning July 1, 2012. The salary for School Board members could be no more than half the salary of a first-year teacher. Based on current salaries, the maximum annual salary for School Board members would be approximately \$26,000. To receive the higher salary, School Board members must, within six months of taking office, complete a training course for new members of California school boards.

Proposition __ would also require that School Board members complete at least 10 hours of approved professional development programs each year.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the City's Charter to require professional training for School Board members and to allow the School Board to set an annual salary for its members no higher than half the salary of a first-year teacher.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

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