

Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on Monday, March 21, 2011
City Employment for Appointed Mayors *(working title only, subject to change)*

The Way It Is Now:

The San Francisco Charter provides that if the Office of Mayor becomes vacant, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a successor. The appointed mayor then serves until a new mayor elected by the voters takes office.

A local ethics law prohibits any former mayor from receiving an appointment to any full-time, paid City position, for one year after leaving office. The law currently provides an exception for a former mayor appointed to another elective office.

The Proposal:

Proposition ___ would add another exception allowing an appointed mayor to accept a full-time, paid City position without waiting for one year, as long as the appointed mayor has not run for election to keep the office.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to allow an appointed mayor who does not run for election to keep the Office of Mayor to accept a full-time, paid City job at any time after leaving office.

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

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