

Prohibiting Appointed Commissioners from Running for Office *

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The Way It Is Now: The City's Charter establishes a number of boards and commissions. Most members of those boards and commissions are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, or other elected officials.

The law does not prohibit members of those boards and commissions from running for state or local elective office during their tenures as board members and commissioners.

The Charter establishes three boards whose members are elected by the voters: the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Education, and the Governing Board of the Community College District. In some situations, the elected members of those boards are appointed to serve on other boards and commissions as well.

The Charter also establishes three boards with some members who are appointed and other members who are elected by active and retired members of the City's pension or health service system: the Retirement Board, the Health Service Board, and the Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund Board.

Some boards and commissions are created by ordinance and not by the Charter.

Citizen advisory committees are groups of appointed individuals who generally make recommendations to City boards, commissions, and departments.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ is a Charter Amendment that would prohibit appointed members of boards and commissions established by the Charter from running for state or local elective office during their tenures as board members and commissioners.

Proposition ___ would not apply to:

- Elected officials, even those who have been appointed to another board or commission;
- Elected members of the Retirement Board, Health Service Board, or Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund Board; or
- Members of citizen advisory committees.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to prohibit appointed members of City boards and commissions from running for state or local elective office during their tenures as board members and commissioners.

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

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