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District 1



City and County of San Francisco

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DATE: July 26, 2016

TO: Ballot Simplification Committee—Request for Reconsideration,
c/o Barbara Carr, Department of Elections, City Hall, Room 48

FROM: Supervisor Eric Mar

Subject: Request for Reconsideration of Digest for Non-Citizen Voting in School Board
Elections

The specific language in the digest that the requestor wants to amend/ Current:

The Proposal: Proposition ___ is a Charter amendment that would allow any non-citizen resident of San Francisco ~~to register~~ to vote for members of the Board of Education if the resident:

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The reasons for the recommendation:

Per the digest of 2010:

- A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote “yes,” you want to allow non-citizen residents of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older and have children living in the San Francisco Unified School District to vote for members of the Board of Education.
- There is no mention "registering" in the 2010 version. Immigrant Right folks are wary that registering parents with the Department of Elections or Secretary of State could cause privacy concerns as these registrations are public information.

This measure would give us a year to develop the best system to allow parents to vote while protecting their privacy, even if that MAY be registering.

As a Charter City, San Francisco can develop it's own method of electing school board members.
