

Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections*

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The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Unified School District operates public schools in San Francisco for students from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

The San Francisco Board of Education oversees the School District, including establishing educational goals and standards; approving curriculum; setting the district budget; confirming appointment of all personnel; and approving purchases of equipment, supplies, services, leases, renovation, construction, and union contracts. The Board of Education appoints a superintendent of schools, who is responsible for managing the day-to-day administration of the district.

The Board of Education has seven members who are elected by San Francisco voters to serve four-year terms. Elections for members of the Board of Education are held in November of even-numbered years.

San Francisco residents who are 18 years of age or older, United States citizens, and not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction are eligible to register to vote in San Francisco elections.

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

- is the parent, legal guardian or legally-recognized caregiver for a child living in the School District, and
- is 18 years of age or older and not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction.

Proposition ____ would apply to the November 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections for members of the Board of Education. The measure would expire after the 2022 election unless the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance allowing it to continue.

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.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not 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.

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