

## **Youth Voting in Local Elections\***

**Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**Status:** Draft for Consideration  
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**Members:** Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

**Deadline to Request Reconsideration:** TBD

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**The Way It Is Now:** San Francisco residents who are at least 18 years old and are United States citizens may register and vote in San Francisco elections. San Francisco voters may vote on local candidates and ballot measures, state candidates and ballot measures, and federal candidates.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_\_ is a Charter amendment that would allow San Francisco residents to vote on local candidates and local ballot measures if those residents are U.S. citizens, at least 16 years old and registered to vote. Local candidates include, among other candidates for City offices, candidates for the Board of Education and the Community College Board of Trustees.

Proposition \_\_ would not permit 16- and 17-year-olds to vote on state candidates, state ballot measures or federal candidates.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to allow San Francisco residents to vote on local candidates and local ballot measures if they are U.S. citizens, at least 16 years old and registered to vote.

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

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