

Youth Voting in Local Elections*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: TBD

The Way It Is Now: San Francisco residents, at least 18 years old and United States citizens, may register and vote in San Francisco elections. San Francisco voters may vote on local and state candidates and ballot measures, as well as 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 candidates for City offices, 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 this change.

**Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings.*