

Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on Wednesday, July 28, 2010
Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections *(working title only, subject to change)*

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Unified School District operates 140 public schools in San Francisco for students from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. The San Francisco Board of Education oversees and sets policy for the School District. The Board of Education has seven members who are elected by San Francisco voters. 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 18 years of age or older and not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction, and
- is the parent, legal guardian or caregiver for a child in the School District.

Proposition ___ would apply to the November 2012, 2014, and 2016 elections for members of the Board of Education. After the 2016 election, the measure would expire 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 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 change who is eligible to vote for members of the Board of Education.

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