



BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE

The below listed summary of seats, term expirations and membership information shall serve as notice of vacancies, upcoming term expirations, and information on currently held seats, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Appointments by other bodies are listed, if available.

Seat numbers listed as "VACANT" are open for immediate appointment. However, you are able to submit applications for all seats and your application will be maintained for one year, in the event that an unexpected vacancy or opening occurs.

MEMBERSHIP AND SEAT QUALIFICATIONS

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
1	BOS	VACANT Term Expired 11/3/24 – Holdover Member Pamela Troy	11/30/26	Must be nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Northern California Chapter or the Northern California Broadcasters Association Term: 2-years
2	BOS	VACANT Term Expired 11/3/24 – Holdover Member Betty Packard	11/30/26	Must be nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Northern California Chapter or the Northern California Broadcasters Association. Term: 2-years
3	BOS	VACANT Term Expired 11/3/24 – Holdover Member Ruth Grace Wong	11/30/26	Must be nominated by the League of Women Voters of San Francisco. Term: 2-years
	Mayor	Michele Anderson	11/30/25	Shall be appointed from persons whose names have been submitted by the Pacific Media Workers Guild (previously The Northern California Newspaper Guild). Term: 2-years
	Mayor	VACANT	11/30/26	Shall be an educational reading specialist recommended by the Superintendent of Schools of the San Francisco Unified School District. Term: Two years

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
	City Attorney	VACANT	Indefinite	Shall be the City Attorney, or his/her designee, as an ex-officio member and shall have a voice but no vote in committee proceedings. Term: Indefinite

Each appointed member shall be a registered San Francisco voter, shall possess an understanding of ballot issues, and shall possess writing skills and training which provide for a high capability in written communication to the general public.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE HERE

- English - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application.pdf
- 中文 - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_CHI.pdf
- Español - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_SPA.pdf
- Filipino - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_FIL.pdf

Applications and other documents may be submitted to BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org.

(For seats appointed by other Authorities please contact the Board / Commission / Committee / Task Force (see below) or the appointing authority directly.)

Next Steps: Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

The Ballot Simplification Committee ("Committee") consists of a total of six (6) members, five (5) of whom are voting members:

Three (3) shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Two (2) shall be appointed from persons whose names have been submitted by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Northern California Chapter, or the Northern California Broadcasters Association.
- 2) One (1) shall be appointed from persons whose names have been submitted by the League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

Two (2) shall be appointed by the Mayor:

- 3) One (1) shall be appointed from persons whose names have been submitted by the Pacific Media Workers Guild (previously The Northern California Newspaper Guild)
- 4) One (1) shall be an educational reading specialist recommended by the Superintendent of Schools of the San Francisco Unified School District.
- 5) One (1) shall be the City Attorney, or his/her designee, as an ex-officio member and shall have a voice but no vote in committee proceedings.

Each appointed member shall be a registered San Francisco voter, shall possess an understanding of ballot issues, and shall possess writing skills and training which provide for a high capability in written communication to the general public.

The term of each appointed member shall be two years unless earlier removed by their respective appointing authority. The Committee shall elect a chair from among its appointed members and the chair shall be for the calendar year.

The Committee shall have the power and duty to: 1) prepare a digest of each measure that will be voted on only in the City and County of San Francisco; and 2) assist the Director of Elections in preparing the additional materials set forth in Elections Code, Article V (Elections Materials mailed to the Voter).

Holdover Limits: Not Applicable

Reports: A Digest for each local measure that will be voted on during an election in the City and County of San Francisco.

Authority: Elections Code, Section 600 et seq. (Ordinance Nos. 188-75, 49-87, and 429-97)

Sunset Date: None

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