

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS
YOUTH VOTING CHARTER AMENDMENT**

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

This measure would amend the Berkeley City Charter to authorize the City Council to adopt an ordinance granting persons aged 16 and 17 years old, who would otherwise be eligible to vote under state law, to vote for the office of School Director (members of the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Directors).

The Council would not be permitted to adopt such an ordinance unless certain conditions were met. First, no City funds could be used for any expenses related to the ordinance. Second, such voting would have to be technically workable. Third, youth voting could not prevent consolidation of municipal elections with county elections. Fourth, such voting could not result in any increased election costs to the City. Adoption of any ordinance pursuant to the proposed charter amendment would likely be preceded by an agreement between the City, the County Registrar of Voters, and the School District establishing the exact terms and conditions under which affected elections would be held.

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