

Who can vote?

You can vote if all of these statements are true for you:

- ▶ I will be 18 years old on or before the date of the election.
- ▶ My child and I both live in San Francisco.
- ▶ I am the parent, legal guardian, or caregiver of a child younger than 19 years old.
- ▶ I am not in prison right now or on parole for a felony conviction.
- ▶ A court in the United States has never declared me “mentally incompetent.”

If **all** of these are true, you can vote in San Francisco’s School Board Elections and School Board Recall Elections.

Your vote can help change schools, making them better for your children and children from other immigrant families.

Voting for the School Board is your right as part of a new law called “Non-Citizen Voting Rights.” You CANNOT vote for anyone else, like supervisor, mayor, governor, or senator.

How do I vote?

1 Register to Vote and get a “Right to Vote” Letter.

- ▶ Get a “non-citizen voter registration form” from any of the organizations on the back of this. Do not get a “standard voter registration form” – those are for US citizens only.
- ▶ Fill out your form. Sign it and return it to the Department of Elections.
- ▶ Ask for a “Right to Vote” letter. This is very important in case you ever apply to be a US citizen. You can get this letter from the Department of Elections in City Hall or by calling (415) 554-4375.

2 Check your Mail!

- ▶ You will get information telling you where to vote and the names of the candidates.

3 Vote!

- ▶ Go to your polling site on election day. Ask for a “non-citizen ballot.” They have ballots in four languages. If your ballot says “provisional ballot” or has information about voting for supervisor, mayor, governor, or senator, return it. If you’re not sure, ask.
- ▶ Fill out and hand in your ballot.

What are the benefits and possible risks?

By voting, you’ll be more involved in your child’s education. And, the school board will learn what’s important to immigrant families like yours.

It is legal for you to vote for School Board in San Francisco, even if you are not a citizen. But, there are some risks. Voting is another way for the government and ICE to learn who you are. This includes your name and your address.

Before you register to vote, we strongly recommend talking to an immigration lawyer or an organization that knows about these risks. Also, ask for a “Right to Vote” letter. Keep this letter in case you ever apply to become a US citizen.

Voting may have risks. But, it’s an important way to make sure that the San Francisco Unified School District hears your voice and knows what’s important to you and your family.

Make your voice heard!

Know your rights!

- ▶ Do not open your door for ICE.
- ▶ ICE cannot come into your house without a “valid warrant.” This piece of paper needs to have specific information, including your name and address, and a judge’s signature. We recommend taking a picture of it.
- ▶ Stay silent. You do not need to answer any questions or talk to ICE.
- ▶ Do not sign anything without your lawyer.
- ▶ Make a phone call. You can call the Rapid Response Hotline for FREE and immediate help, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week: (415) 200-1548.

Rapid Response Hotline

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Call this number, 24 hours a day, any day, to report ICE activity in San Francisco and to protect your community.

Contacts

(all located in San Francisco)

Department of Elections

1 Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., Room 48
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African Advocacy Network*

3106 Folsom St.
(415) 503-1032 aansf.org

Arab Resource and Organizing Center*

522 Valencia St.
(415) 861-7444 araborganizing.org

Central American Resource Center*

3101 Mission St.
(415) 642-4400 / (415) 872-7465 carecensf.org

Chinese for Affirmative Action*

17 Walter U. Lum Pl.
(415) 274-6750 caasf.org

Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth

459 Vienna St.
(415) 239-0161 colemanadvocates.org

La Raza Community Resource Center*

474 Valencia St., Suite 100
(415) 863-0764 larazacrc.org

Mission Economic Development Agency

2301 Mission St., Suite 301
(415) 282-3334 medasf.org

Mission Graduates

3040 16th St.
(415) 864-5205 missiongraduates.org

* = Part of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network



Voting in San Francisco's
School Board Elections:

You do not
need to be a
US Citizen!

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