

MTA Appointments and Budget*

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The Way It Is Now: The City's Charter gives the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) authority over the City's transportation system, which includes the City's roads, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, parking, taxi cabs, and Muni, the City's public transit system.

SFMTA is run by a seven-member Board of Directors. The Mayor appoints all seven directors. The Board of Supervisors must confirm the Mayor's appointments. Members serve four-year terms, and no person may serve more than three terms.

SFMTA submits a proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors. The Board may accept or reject, but not modify, the proposed budget. Rejection of the proposed budget requires seven votes. The regular number of votes required for the Board to act is six votes.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ is a Charter Amendment that would split the power to appoint SFMTA Directors between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. The Mayor would nominate four members to the Board of Directors, subject to confirmation by the full Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors would nominate three members.

Proposition ___ would also reduce from seven to six the number of votes needed for the Board of Supervisors to reject the SFMTA's proposed budget.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to:

- allow the Mayor to nominate four members of the SFMTA Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors to nominate three members; and
- reduce from seven to six the number of votes needed for the Board of Supervisors to reject the SFMTA's proposed budget.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

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