

Measure VY – Ballot Title from 2022 General Municipal Election

Shall the measure amending the City of Culver City Charter to allow Culver City residents aged 16 and 17, who are otherwise eligible to vote under state and local law, to vote on City and School District candidates and ballot measures, provided that each legislative body has approved budgetary funds and determined logistical systems are in place, and that inclusion would not prevent consolidation of City or School District elections with county elections, be adopted?

1 **A CHARTER AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF CULVER**
2 **CITY, AMENDING CHARTER SECTION 1500 AND ADDING**
3 **CHARTER SECTION 1506, TO ALLOW CULVER CITY**
4 **RESIDENTS AGED 16 AND 17 TO VOTE IN CITY AND**
5 **BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS.**

6 The People of the City of Culver City do hereby amend the City
7 Charter as follows (deletions indicated by strikethrough text; additions
8 indicated by underlined text):

9 **SECTION 1500. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

10 General municipal elections for the filling of all elective offices, other than
11 the Board of Education, shall be held in the City on the date of the statewide
12 general election.

13 The election of members of the Board of Education shall be held in
14 accordance with State law, except as provided in Section 1506. Expenses
15 for Board of Education elections shall be paid by the School District.

16 **SECTION 1506. VOTING AGE.**

17 (a) Culver City residents aged 16 and 17, who are otherwise eligible to
18 vote under state and local law, may vote on City and School District
19 candidates and ballot measures, provided that each legislative body has
20 approved budgetary funds and determined that logistical systems are in
21 place to permit such voting, and that inclusion would not prevent
22 consolidation of City or School District elections with County elections.

23 (b) Subsection (a) above, as it pertains to the City and School District
24 elections separately, shall be subject to all of the following conditions”

25 (1) Equipment, software, systems, and procedures for voter
26 registration and voting are technically ready to handle voting by persons
27 aged 16 and 17 years old.

28 (2) Any program for allowing voting by persons aged 16 and 17 years
 may specify the manner in which, method by which, and times at which,
 votes by such persons may be cast. The manner, method and time of voting
 for persons aged 16 and 17 years old need not be the same as for other
 persons.



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(name and/or letter) (title of election)

election for the City of Culver City to be held on November 8, 2022
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best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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What is the Culver City Council up to?

They:

1. Defunded the police department by 20% (after originally proposing 50%)
2. Fouled up downtown traffic in BOTH directions by eliminating or painting over lanes
3. Spent \$300,000 of taxpayer money to study reparations to Black people
4. Eliminated single-family-home zoning (so developers can now build a five-story apartment building next to your single-family home)
5. Spent over \$444,000 for a Rent Control Bureaucracy

NOW THEY WANT TO LET 16-YEAR-OLDS VOTE IN CULVER CITY'S GENERAL ELECTIONS.

These are not elections with training wheels so your children can “warm up” for the BIG elections. These ARE big elections to elect the people who make traffic and parking easier or harder; increase or decrease your police department; keep Culver City safe from the lawless elements that surround us; keep the homeless off our streets; keep pot stores away from our schools; or increase taxes to pay reparations to people of color.

Can you imagine our school board or our city council caving in on issues regarding shorter school hours or fewer days of school in order to carry the “high school vote”?

Will that 16- or 17-year-old voter reinforce your vote, dilute your vote, or merely cancel it out? Will that voter vote to raise YOUR taxes when you can't afford them, or fire your police department when you need it most?

Because the 16- and 17-year-old vote must be counted separately by Culver City, not by the County of Los Angeles, allowing 16-year-olds to vote will cost the City of Culver City an additional \$40,000 EACH election.

Now is the time for mature thinking. Vote “NO” on Measure [] [unnumbered].



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| 2. | <u>Anthony Prieto</u> Printed Name <u>La Fuerza Student Affinity Group President</u> Title to Appear on Argument | Signature <u>8/18/22</u> Date |
| 3. | <u>DANIEL LEE</u> Printed Name <u>Mayor</u> Title to Appear on Argument | Signature <u>8/18/2022</u> Date |
| 4. | <u>Steven M. Levin, PhD</u> Printed Name <u>President, Culver City School Board</u> Title to Appear on Argument | Signature <u>8/18/2022</u> Date |
| 5. | <u>Harden Alexander "Alex" Fisch</u> Printed Name <u>Council member</u> Title to Appear on Argument | Signature <u>8/18/2022</u> Date |

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By allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in city and school district elections, generations of Culver City youth will be transformed into well-informed, lifelong voters.

18 hasn't always been the voting age. In fact, it took over thirty years of activism and an unpopular military draft to lower the federal age. But people don't have to face conscription to be affected by government decisions. Teens deserve to vote for their school board and city officials because Culver City's 16 and 17-year-olds are socially and politically engaged in the community and possess all of the mental faculties to make informed political decisions. Teens can drive, work jobs, pay taxes, and even pre-register to vote. By voting yes on Measure __, teens will finally have a say in the issues they care about and are affected by.

Measure __ is not radical— it's not even the first such measure in California. Voters in Berkeley and Oakland enfranchised their youth. The first places in the US to let 16 and 17-year-olds vote were Tacoma Park and Hyattsville. In both of these municipalities, teens proved their engagement by turning out to vote at more than double the rate of any other age group.

18-24 year olds who have never voted before have one of the lowest turnout rates out of any group. This is largely because the social environment of your first vote is the most important determinant of your voting behavior in early years. 16 and 17-year-olds, however, vote with enthusiasm. Enfranchising Culver City youth here, instead of hoping that they vote when they leave home, will teach the responsibility of democratic participation, thus increasing overall turnout and the voting propensity of our young people. By voting yes on Measure __, Culver City can raise a generation of active and engaged voters.

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16 and 17-year-olds voting in municipal and school board elections will not only increase civic engagement but will finally allow for an accurate reflection of the Culver City community.

Although there is much representation on behalf of teens, there is no clearer voice than from the actual group being affected. With teens being able to vote, their voices will be at the forefront, especially at school district elections. This is a necessity when urgencies such as gun control and global warming loom over teens' futures. Although crises such as global warming impact both adults and teens, kids are the only ones burdened with the future consequence of a burning world.

Furthermore, the fear that teens will have poor judgment can virtually be applied to any age group. Adults and teens are separated by age, but not by knowledge. Because many teens are required to take a multitude of history and government classes for graduation, they are actually held to higher accountability of knowledge than their adult counterparts. In addition, the fear of teen mischief is a misconception when it comes to voting. Cold cognition is the long-term decision-making part of your brain, which is fully developed by age 16. Hot cognition, the impulsive part of your brain, isn't fully developed until age 25. Although, there seems to be no opposition to 18-25-year-olds voting.

By voting yes on Measure VY, Culver City can finally be inclusive of all its members, including its teens.

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The Proponents of this measure want you to approve 16-and-17-year-old voting this election. What will they want you to approve NEXT election? Their next goal is to allow people who DON'T live in Culver City to vote in Culver City. After that, they plan to ask you to approve voting by illegal aliens in Culver City, as they currently can in New York City.

Proponents of this measure point to Oakland and Berkeley as shining examples of California cities which allow 16-and-17-year-old voting. Does anyone in Culver City really want to emulate Oakland and Berkeley? See whether the 16-and-17-year-olds in Oakland and Berkeley are making "informed" decisions about violence and crime. Are the 16-and-17-year-olds there "engaged" in their communities? Are they making their communities safer? The other glistening community up north, San Francisco, has VOTED this measure DOWN, TWICE. What does that tell you?

The Proponents currently CONTROL both our School Board and City Council. They don't mention the extra cost TO YOU of these special teenage elections (**\$40,000 per**) while they beg you to raise taxes elsewhere on this ballot.

There is still time. Go back and vote NO on VY.

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