

## Impartial Analysis of Measure U

San Mateo County Charter Section 203 presently provides that if a vacancy occurs on the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall, within 30 days of the effective date of the vacancy, either make an appointment or order the calling of a special election to fill the vacancy. If the Board does not make an appointment or call a special election within 30 days, the county elections official shall immediately order a special election to be called to fill the vacancy.

This measure would amend Section 203 to provide that any vacancy occurring on the Board in the first 2 years, 9 ½ months of a term must be filled by election. Any vacancy occurring in the last 1 year, 2 ½ months of a term can be filled by election, or appointment, or left vacant.

The measure would also add a provision to Section 203 that a resignation from the Board member must be in writing and becomes irrevocable upon receipt even if a future effective date of resignation is specified. This addition would allow the process of filling the vacancy to commence even if a future effective date of resignation is specified.

The measure would also add a provision that a vacancy filled in the first two years of a term will count as a full term for term limit purposes. The vacancy may be filled through an “all-mailed ballot” special election, at the option of the Board of Supervisors.

San Mateo County Charter Section 415 presently provides that if a vacancy occurs in an elective office other than the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall within 30 days of the effective date of the vacancy, either make an appointment or order the calling of a special election to fill the vacancy. If the Board does not make an appointment or call a special election within 30 days, the county elections officer shall immediately order a special election to be called to fill the vacancy.

This measure would amend Section 415 to add a provision that a resignation from a elected county officer must be in writing and becomes irrevocable upon receipt even if a future effective date of resignation is specified. This addition would allow the process of filling the vacancy to commence even if a future effective date of resignation is specified. The amendment would also give the Board of Supervisors the option of filling the vacancy through an “all-mailed ballot” election.

A “yes” vote on this measure would amend San Mateo County Charter Sections 203 and 415 to change the process regarding resignations and filling on vacancies for members of the Board of Supervisors and all other elective county officers as described above.

A “no” vote on this measure would leave San Mateo County Charter Sections 203 and 415 in their present form.

This measure passes if a majority of those voting on the measure vote “yes”.

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure U. The Elections Official has a copy of the full text of the proposed charter amendment which can be provided by mail upon request at no cost. This request can be made by phone, mail or in person. You may also access the full text of the measure on the county Web site at the following Web site address <http://www.shapethefuture.org/elections/2010/nov2010/measures.asp>.**