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# Measure \_\_\_\_ MARK By: \_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN BRUNO PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADOPTING A PROPOSAL TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY SERVE, ORDERING AN ELECTION ON THE PROPOSAL, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 35107 authorizes the Board of Education ("Board") of the San Bruno Park School District ("District") to submit a proposal to limit the number of terms a member of the governing board of a school district may serve on the board; and

WHEREAS, Section 35107 further provides that a term limit proposal shall apply prospectively only, and shall not become operative unless it is submitted to the electors of the school district at a regularly scheduled election and a majority of votes cast favor the adoption of the term limit proposal; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 35107, the Board has determined to (1) adopt a proposal to limit the number of terms a member may serve on the Board and (2) cause an election to submit the proposal to the electors of the District at a regularly scheduled election pursuant to Elections Code sections 9500, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on March 5, 2024, and to request the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election functions on behalf of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the San Bruno Park School District Board of Education hereby resolves, orders, and determines as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** Adoption of Term Limit Proposal. Pursuant to Education Code section 35107, subdivision (c), the Board hereby adopts the proposal to limit the number of consecutive terms a member of the Board may serve on the Board as set forth in the "Term Limit Proposal" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B.

**SECTION 3. Resolution Constitutes Order of Election.** This resolution shall constitute an order of election pursuant to Education Code section 5320, et seq., to the San Mateo County

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Superintendent of Schools ("County Superintendent") to call an election within the boundaries of the San Bruno Park School District ("District") on November 5, 2024.

**SECTION 4. Date and Purpose of Measure.** Pursuant to the Education Code, an election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for the purpose of voting on a measure ("Measure") which will be presented to voters in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, containing the question of whether the District shall impose term limits on members of its Board. In addition, the full text of the Measure ("Full Ballot Text") shall appear in the ballot pamphlet in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**SECTION 5.** Authority for Ordering Election and Specifications. The authority for the order and specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code sections 5320, et seq., and the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code sections 5320, et seq., and Elections Code section 10403.

**SECTION 6.** Resolution to County Officials. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to cause certified copies of this Resolution and Order to be delivered not later than December 6, 2023, to the County Superintendent, the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters ("Registrar"), and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County ("Board of Supervisors").

**SECTION 7. Formal Notice**. The County Superintendent is hereby requested to prepare and execute a Formal Notice of Election and consolidation order in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C (the "Formal Notice"), and to call the election by causing the Formal Notice to be posted in accordance with the applicable law no later than December 6, 2023, or to otherwise cause the notice to be published as permitted by law. The Secretary to the Board, on behalf of and as may be requested by the County Superintendent, is authorized to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.

#### **SECTION 8. Conduct of Election.**

- (a) Request to Registrar. Pursuant to state law, the Registrar is requested to take all steps to hold the election on March 5, 2024, in accordance with law and these specifications. The election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by Elections Code section 10418 and may be consolidated with another election as specified below, if such consolidation is feasible and appropriate.
- (b) Voter Pamphlet. The Registrar is hereby requested to reprint the Full Ballot Text in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to the Elections Code.

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- (c) Consolidation. The County Superintendent and the Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.
- (d) Canvass and Declaration of Results. The Board of Supervisors is authorized to canvass the returns of the election and declare the result pursuant to the Elections Code.
- (e) Cost of Election. The District will reimburse the Registrar and the County for costs associated with the election as required by law.

**SECTION 9. Ballot Arguments.** The Board President and/or designee is hereby authorized to prepare and file with the Registrar any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument, each within the time established by the Registrar, which shall be considered the official ballot arguments of the Board as sponsor of the Measure, and to take all necessary action to prevent inclusion of false and/or misleading information in ballot materials related to the Measure.

**SECTION 10. Official Actions.** The District Superintendent, Board President, or their designees are hereby authorized to execute any other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the Measure on the ballot, including making alterations to the Measure and Full Ballot Text stated in Exhibits A and B hereto, and to this Resolution to comply with requirements of law and election officials or which are, in the judgment of the Superintendent and/or Board President, in the best interests of the District.

**SECTION 11. Board Policy.** If the Term Limit Proposal is adopted by a majority of the votes cast by the registered voters residing within the boundaries of the District and voting thereon, Board Bylaw 9111, attached as **Exhibit D**, shall become effective upon certification of the election, as part of the Board Bylaws and may only be amended or repealed pursuant to the Education Code.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the San Bruno Park School District on June 18, 2024, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES:	4
NOES:	1

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I, Jennifer Blanco, Clerk of the Governing Board of the San Bruno Park School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a lawfully called meeting held on June 18, 2024, by a vote of four (4) to one (1).

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## **Summary of Measure**

The Measure shall be summarized in the following form, and the County of San Mateo Registrar of Voters is requested to cause this summary of the Measure to appear on the ballot:

Shall the Members of the San Bruno Park School District Board of Education be limited to serving no more than three (3) consecutive terms as a Board Member, either by election, appointment, or a combination thereof, and be ineligible to hold office as a Member of the San Bruno Park School District Board of Education again unless at least four years have passed since the end of that Member's third consecutive term?

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[Letter designation to be assigned by San Mateo County]

# SAN BRUNO PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TERM LIMITS MEASURE

#### **FINDINGS**

In 1996 the California State Legislature amended specific Government Code and Education Code sections to permit the governing body of a local public agency, including a school district, to adopt a proposal to limit the number of terms a member of the governing board may serve and to submit that term limit proposal to the electors.

The San Bruno Park School District ("District") Board of Education ("Board") believes that:

- (a) Full and free access to elected offices is a right of all citizens;
- (b) Unchecked multiple consecutive terms of incumbency allows the entrenchment of politicians, creating an inequitable advantage in the electoral process;
- Ensuring equal access to the elected positions of the District is a critical public benefit and will reduce the cost of running for this important public office and remove the inherent advantage of incumbency, allowing increased public participation in the electoral process;
- Setting a limit on the number of consecutive terms an individual may serve on the Board, while allowing individuals to serve additional terms following a four-year absence from the Board, will cause a rejuvenation of the Board by bringing fresh ideas and broadening the range of persons making important decisions affecting the District, its students, and schools, and will create more competitive elections by ensuring that periodically the advantages of incumbency of a Board member will yield to increase citizen participation in seeking elective office.

#### TERM LIMIT PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Education Code Section 35107, and the findings above, the Board adopted the following proposal to limit the number of consecutive terms a member of the Board may serve ("Proposal") on November 5, 2024. This Proposal, if approved by a majority of the votes cast by the registered voters residing within the boundaries of the District and voting thereon, will prohibit an individual from serving more than three (3) consecutive terms on the Board as follows:

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No person may serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms as a Board member, either by election, appointment, or a combination thereof. No person who has served three (3) consecutive terms as a Board member shall be eligible to serve on the Board, whether through election or appointment, until at least four years have passed since the last day of the end of their third consecutive term. After any four-year absence, a new three (3) consecutive term limit shall apply.

Any person who serves in excess of one-half of a full term as a Board member by way of appointment, election, or any combination thereof, shall be deemed to have served one full term.

Any Board member who resigns or is removed from office with less than one-half of a full term remaining until the expiration of the term shall be deemed to have served a full term.

The limitation on the number of consecutive terms shall apply only to terms that begin on or after the certification of the November 5, 2024 election. Prior terms beginning before the certification of the March 5, 2024 election will not count toward the consecutive three term limit.

The limits imposed by this Proposal may only be amended or repealed pursuant to the requirements of the Education Code.