

What you need to know about Measure VY

Allowing 16- and 17-Year-Olds to Vote



In the November 2022 election, Culver City residents can vote on Measure VY, which proposes allowing young residents, aged 16 and 17, to vote in School Board and City elections.

What Would Measure VY do?

Measure VY would lower the age requirement to 16 for City and CCUSD elections. Before the Measure is implemented, the City Council and the CCUSD Board must determine that the conditions listed in the Measure are met.

When would Measure VY go into effect?

If approved, Measure VY would only go into effect once the conditions of the Measure are in place. The City Council and the CCUSD Board must each decide to do the following for their respective elections: (1) approve the budgetary funds to cover any additional election costs that may be incurred; (2) determine that logistical systems are in place to conduct the election; and (3) determine that including 16- and 17-year-olds in the election would not prevent consolidation of the election with the County election, which has occurred since 2020.

The conditions include having equipment, software, and procedures in place for voter registration and for casting votes during the election. These systems and logistics must be technically capable and ready to handle accommodating 16- and 17-year-old voting.

Additionally, the Measure allows the City and the CCUSD to independently decide, as to their respective elections, the manner, method, and times at which 16- and 17-year-olds may cast their votes, which do not need to be the same as those for persons 18 and older.

Why did the City put Measure VY on the ballot?

Several municipalities have passed similar measures and some states allow youth to vote in primaries at age 17 if they are 18 by the time of the election. Currently, 17-year-olds may pre-register to vote in California. Measure VY would allow additional residents to participate in municipal and school board elections.

What will Measure VY say on your ballot?

“Shall the measure amending the Charter of the City of Culver City 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?”

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