

Source of Placement of Ballot Measures on San Francisco Municipal Ballots

(Excluding Regional and State Measures)

Across 12 Consolidated Primary Elections + General Elections in Each of Six Calendar Years
(Calendar Years 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024, and One Mid-Term Election in 2026)

Who Placed the Ballot Measure on Our Election Ballot?

Ballot Measure Category	Mayor	BoS Majority (6-Plus)	BoS Minority (5 or Less)	Other Authorized (Independent Agency)	Citizen / Entity Petition Initiative ¹	Total	Percent of Total
Charter Amendment							
Sub-Total:	0	44	1	0	5	50	41.7%
Percent of Category:	0.0%	88.0%	2.0%	0.0%	10.0%	100.0%	
Voter-Approved Ordinance							
Sub-Total:	7	6	3	2	15	33	27.5%
Percent of Category:	21.2%	18.2%	9.1%	6.1%	45.5%	100.0%	
Bond, General Obligation							
Sub-Total:	0	9	0	3	0	12	10.0%
Percent of Category:	0.0%	75.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Tax Measures							
Sub-Total:	1	11	1	3	5	21	17.5%
Percent of Category:	4.8%	52.4%	4.8%	14.3%	23.8%	100.0%	
Declaration of Policy							
Sub-Total:	0	2	2	0	0	4	3.3%
Percent of Category:	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Six-Year Total:	8	72	7	8	25	120	
% of Total:	6.7%	60.0%	5.8%	6.7%	20.8%	100.0%	100.0%

65.8%

72.5%

¹ Signature initiative petitions were placed on the ballot by both citizen advocacy organizations, and other "entities," including elected candidate-controlled ballot measure committees and independent expenditure committees funded by billionaires.

Source: San Francisco Department of Elections ballot measure archives, in conjunction with San Francisco Public Library; DataSF database; other public records; with verification by Claude AI.