

San Mateo General Plan 2040 Vision Survey Results

1. A General Plan vision helps establish future planning priorities and shared community values. The vision describes what San Mateo wants to become in 2040 through implementation of the General Plan Update. A General Plan vision describes the community's aspirations for things like future development, urban design, public services, circulation, jobs, and parks and open space. Please describe your vision of San Mateo in 2040. Please limit your response to 500 characters.

Answered 52

Respondents	Response Date	Responses
1	Nov 10 2018 08:13 AM	Mod tech w/respect 2 historical presvtn Free transit to dtown frm surround hoods Free schl busses Bike lans 1-way sts & xpand sidewalks 2 promo peds +off st pkng Crime watch & frndly PD presence Buyable affordable housing & fewer rentals +Trees & rehab opn spce w/native plants & H2O saving tech Cleaners for daily neatness No foreign rl estate invsts Help residents not bldrs/corps Improve infrastructure b4 building Reps from all hoods overseeing 2 connect community & not segregate by income/race
2	Nov 09 2018 08:12 PM	I want to see development curbed, traffic dealt with, and an emphasis on what makes San Mateo livable for current (vs future) residents, especially taxpayers and homeowners, such as recreation facilities for kids, adults, families and plentiful shops and restaurants to keep us investing in San Mateo.
3	Nov 08 2018 12:37 AM	I hope San Mateo area will continue to be a place with friendly and busy downtowns. People young and old should be able to live there and travel safely without needing to own a car. It should be affordable so that children of today's residents still have a place to live, and people with families won't need to commute an hour or more for their jobs. Building taller and denser with less parking lots and without height limits will keep downtown interesting and open space wide and green.
4	Nov 05 2018 06:04 AM	A city that has discovered the futility of top-down control, especially neighborhood-level top-down control, and rediscovered the ability for individual freedom to provide the goods and services that the community desperately needs. Financial incentives are useful, to take care of the less fortunate, without using mandates.

5	Nov 04 2018 10:59 PM	a high rise dense community that have excellent public transportation and no height limits and a lot more housing. San Mateo will not become the job center if we cant enable individual of every salary band to have a house. We remove housing, jobs will go to other areas and so does San Mateo Prosperity
6	Nov 04 2018 10:56 PM	a dense community with excellent public transportation system that doesnt require cars at all
7	Nov 04 2018 08:36 PM	More housing, more transport (to central SF), outstanding schools, great downtown with character, more cycling, keep farmers market
8	Nov 04 2018 03:43 PM	“Forget the damned motor car and build the cities for lovers and friends.” -Lewis Mumford. San Mateo will become an environmentally sustainable, affordable, safe, high quality-of-life city. Current and future residents will learn from and improve upon the past. They find hope together, invite diversity, encourage hard work, grow families and friendships, and innovate to build a better future. We humbly look beyond borders and are inspired by places like Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Paris, and Kyoto.
9 (Potential Duplicate)	Nov 03 2018 09:13 AM	A city that is aggressively committed to fighting climate change and wealth inequality by housing as many people as possible in a job-rich, good weather area, in new structures with little to no car parking.
10	Nov 03 2018 08:43 AM	A 100% car-free dense urban core at least one square mile in size, with wide pedestrian lanes that have zero level crossings with right-of-ways for buses, trains, delivery vans, or self-driving cars.
11	Nov 03 2018 07:15 AM	My vision of San Mateo is of an inclusive, sustainable, healthy, and fiscally sound city, built through prioritizing housing and transit for people and not cars. Steps include the end exclusive SFH zoning and subsidies for cars through free parking.
12	Nov 03 2018 12:54 AM	My vision for San Mateo in 2040: "A city that is aggressively committed to fighting climate change and wealth inequality by housing as many people as possible in a job-rich, good weather area, in new structures with little to no car parking
13	Nov 02 2018 09:40 PM	I'd like to see San Mateo force wayz out, like Los altos did. Ways and our bridge is a bane on our N Shoreview existence!
14	Nov 02 2018 08:10 PM	A city that is aggressively committed to fighting climate change and wealth inequality by housing as many people as possible in a job-rich, good weather area, in tall new buildings with little to no car parking.

- 15 Nov 02 2018 07:57 AM More housing close to downtown and close to public transportation. Bicycle lanes that are separated from motorized traffic.
- 16 Oct 29 2018 10:21 PM Equity in jobs, housing, access to space to grow
- 17 Oct 29 2018 06:08 PM
 San Mateo desperately needs more housing of all kinds, both market-rate and affordable. All the major problems people worry about -- traffic, climate change, the high cost of housing - - can be traced back to the fact that there are simply not enough homes in San Mateo. If more people could live nears jobs and public transit, fewer people would need to commute from across the Bay; there'd be less traffic on the roads; housing prices would taper off; and there'd be fewer greenhouse gas emissions.
- 18 Oct 29 2018 04:01 PM A dense mixed-use core of affordable and market-rate housing, retail, and office space full of walking traffic, radiating out into mid-height developments and green space. Public spaces/parks at walkable or bikeable intervals throughout the city limits. Safe, convenient, and reliable bicycle and public transit connections out to other city cores and surrounding neighborhoods.
- 19 Oct 29 2018 04:00 PM Dynamic and diverse community members on a strong economic base with vibrant pedestrian- and bike-friendly transit options and more low- to mid-rise, mixed-income buildings.
- 20 Oct 18 2018 03:52 PM
 I envision San Mateo as a large eco village. There will be well-paying jobs, affordable housing, urban farms and family veggie gardens. We will have access to public transportation throughout the city, and/or have access to safe bike routes.
- 21 Oct 18 2018 12:44 PM more bike streets going in all directions,,less building, clean downtown, more events for residents, library hours open longer, common sense decisions and no more homage to UNIONS and Developers, more bike parking, reduce and eliminate traffic
- 22 Oct 18 2018 12:14 PM San Mateo is a city with many circulation barriers like freeways and train tracks. There should be more high quality ways to cross these barriers for people of all ages and abilities that want to walk or bike. Parking, which is basically free or heavily subsidized storage of personal property, should be a much lower priority than safety. It should be reduced in many instances to provide for safe, comfortable and continuous bike and walking facilities.

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- 24 Oct 17 2018 09:43 PM Less traffic. Less high rise commercial development. More evenly distributed development across ALL of San Mateo, including the westside of San Mateo along the bus and car corridors. 92, westside El Camino and 280.
- 25 Oct 17 2018 12:07 PM Decongest North Central improve front yards appearance. Quiet transit, stop the loud horns from train and car alarms. Make walk bike paths stretch from downtown to parks and mall. Keep downtown historic. Add more parks, trees, keep clean! Add new buildings that can house their employees: jobs on bottom floors, employees upper floors. NO tall or ugly apartment buildings in residential areas.
- 26 Oct 17 2018 02:05 AM Correct ROADBLOCKS. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK. BART should have stops in SM, go to East Bay and connect to San Jose along west bay. Widen 92 & 101. Do these before any more development.
- 27 Oct 16 2018 10:59 PM San Mateo is becoming like the worst parts of S.F.: downtown gridlock traffic, lack of parking, abandoned cars on residential streets, cars broken into, inability to park on street in front of one's own house, dirty sidewalks downtown, cracked and uneven sidewalks, homelessness, threats to recreational spaces (ice rink, baseball field, Central Park tennis courts, lack of bike lanes), street lights (LEDs) that are too bright and light up like daylight.
- 28 Oct 16 2018 10:00 PM Maintain suburban community we grew up in
- 29 Oct 16 2018 06:12 PM Better roads to relieve the current horrible traffic stoppage on many San Mateo roads, 101 & 92. BART with 2 stations in San Mateo to connect to East Bay via San Mateo Bridge area and go to Tracy Modesto etc. BART also to connect to San Jose on west bay to relieve 101 and 92

- 30 Oct 16 2018 02:49 PM Retain historic charm accommodate reasonable growth. Retain family neighborhoods adding multiple family units that fit existing scale and character. Demand infill, especially along El Camino; adding 3 stories to existing structures, all new commercial construction includes housing & retail within the structure, widen all sidewalks. Add entertainment/theater venues to avoid driving out of local area. Building along rail corridor cannot encroach on current residential neighborhoods.
- 31 Oct 16 2018 02:46 PM Smart Growth, not overdevelopment. Prioritize affordable housing, keep height limits. Maintain character/beauty of our SURBURBAN city. Job growth/housing balance. Environmental sustainability, quality of life, job diversity for all education levels. Recongnize limits to growth. Real LOCAL transportation planning for ALL TRANSPORTATION TYPES. Balance, balance, balance. A city council that listens to and respects the citizens that they are elected to represent.
- 32 Oct 16 2018 02:30 PM San Mateo is a lovely town. I do not want to see it ruined by turning it into another San Francisco. We cannot and do not need to build tall buildings. We can and should retain our character. We do need to address the traffic!
- 33 Oct 16 2018 04:27 AM A town where you can work, live, play and shop without using the freeway.
- 34 Oct 15 2018 09:50 PM Don't put all of the hight density housing on the eastside of San Mateo. Let's have the burden of over development spread throughout the City. Anywhere there is existing transport modes, including the westside. The city's present development policies are a making a case for the need for environmental justice, especially when you add the Caltrain berms and 50-60 ft high electic wires and poles going down the center of the city, it will be like east and west Berlin.
- 35 Oct 15 2018 10:53 AM Correct the jobs/housing imbalance by increasing housing stock while also easing traffic with a well thought out plan.
- 36 Oct 14 2018 01:10 PM Guide the city's appearance through Form-Based Codes, protect the character of neighborhoods by requiring new buildings match the historic style of the original existing neighborhood, but allow a mix of housing types everywhere. Focus most new development near downtown and train stops. Promote pedestrian safety and comfort above all else. De-segregate neighborhoods that were harmed by old zoning laws & redlining. Promote mixed-wealth neighborhoods to repair zoning's segregation-intended origins.

- 37 Oct 12 2018 08:21 PM Welcoming and inclusive of all, regardless of income or background. In my San Mateo, no car is needed and a car is more of a burden than a boon. Public transit is plentiful, frequent, and reliable.
- 38 Oct 12 2018 04:30 PM None
- 39 Oct 12 2018 01:09 PM Maintain character of family neighborhoods with pretty houses, trees, gardens and architecturally well thought out low-rise downtown. Leave crowding & high rise to other cities. New apts. should all be for lower income.
- 40 Oct 10 2018 07:12 PM Equitably integrating urban sustainability into the design of San Mateo to make it easier for everybody to reduce their environmental impact. Also integrating resiliency into the city to account for climate impacts.
- 41 Oct 07 2018 04:09 PM
A city that values community character as well as economic growth. Celebrates its past accomplishments as much as its future potential. Demonstrates pride in its history and built environment through strong policies that protect its architectural and cultural heritage. Follows a vision based on measures of community character, livability, and quality of life, not market demand. Maintains growth at a sustainable (absorbable) rate and keeps development at a human scale.
- 42 Oct 06 2018 11:36 AM This should be a place our children can afford and be proud of. Let's make it lovely, resource-conscious, financially resilient, safe, fair, and built for people, not cars. Let's unlock its walkability and access to high-resource areas: Allow traditionally-scaled, fine-grained, abundant homes near transit stops and downtown. Like all pre-war cities, we began as a pedestrian-first place and grew incrementally. Allow that again. Stop artificial housing scarcity, segregation, and car-dependence.
- 43 Oct 05 2018 04:30 PM I'd like a city with affordable housing for everyone who needs it. It should also have good pedestrian and bike facilities and adequate transit so that people don't have to use their cars. Climate Change and environmental impacts should be considered in all decision making.
- 44 Oct 03 2018 01:46 PM Abundant housing choices for all, at all levels.
- 45 Oct 01 2018 08:57 PM An inclusive community. Renters, retirees, people with disabilities, people of all races, people who grew up here, and everyone who works here should be able to have decent, quality housing that they can afford.

- 46 Oct 01 2018 08:00 PM In 2040 the city will have a mix of high density TOD and modern suburban development. The TOD will be focused on the 3 train stations and the ECR. The modern suburban will cover most of the rest of the city. The TOD will be very walkable and bikeable. Also the modern suburban will have strong transit connections to the TOD areas with shuttles, bike paths and walkable paths. Sustainable development will be inherent in the city.
- 47 Sep 25 2018 09:57 AM No foreign investors. Equal housing opportunities. Free transport for school children. Sustainability/green innovations. Elevated train station downtown. Solutions and help for homeless. Fewer rentals, more buyable homes. FREE school buses for all kids. Better traffic monitoring and police activity relating to bad drivers. Less crime. Diverse population that includes lower income families. More focus on art and nature. Preservation society.
- 48 Sep 24 2018 02:40 PM The pace of growth here has grown ridiculous. I feel like the government hasn't met a new housing plan that they don't like. My vision is for a happy community but you know, it seems like people who come here just get more entitled, more rude, and more self centered, so I doubt it will ever happen. Government kowtows to this expedited growth mindset and can't seem to figure out how to keep us modern without fostering greed and arrogance.
- 49 Sep 23 2018 09:50 PM I would like San Mateo to be a comfortable place to live and play. Please listen to the voices of those constituents who don't wish to overbuild. Don't leave San Mateo with overpopulation and a traffic mess that lacks that have no infrastructure to deal with it. Prioritize current residents and especially homeowners/taxpayers and not just people who wish to live here. Keep San Mateo a beautiful place to live.
- 50 Sep 19 2018 09:51 AM My vision for San Mateo is to maintain a sense of small-town community, with plenty of open space and parks, responsible development that meets the needs of existing residents as well as new residents, building height limits to maintain the attractiveness of our beautiful city, traffic calming measures to reduce regional traffic from using our streets as cut-throughs to major highways, and beautification of areas that can serve residents with walkways, restaurants, pubs, and open spaces.
- 51 Sep 18 2018 08:05 PM Maintaining quality of life for residents, keeping open space open, keeping densities and building heights the same, prioritize the residents of San Mateo, limit growth to conserve our resources ie water, reduced traffic, put congestion pricing on the San Mateo bridge

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