Many thanks to those who helped craft the revised DRAFT Vision and Values statement. It is significantly improved over the prior version and is made more meaningful by the inclusion of values.

I would suggest a small edit, however, that I think will enhance the diversity, depth and context of the Vision statement. I suggest adding three little words: “it’s history and” to be inserted after the word “respects,” so that the Vision statement reads as follows:

“San Mateo is a vibrant, livable, and diverse community that respects its history and the quality of its neighborhoods, fosters a flourishing economy, is committed to equity, and is a leader in environmental sustainability.”

We are not the first people in San Mateo to debate what the city should be in the future. In our 125 year history, there have been many before us who have participated in, contributed to, and helped shape this city. By acknowledging the important role of history, and incorporating it into our vision, we can help ensure a vibrant and livable future for generations to come.

Thank you,
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