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City Council Adopts San Mateo’s General Plan 2040

After Six Years of Extensive Community Input, Plan Focuses on Housing Production and Balanced Growth, Fiscal and Environmental Sustainability, and Continued Community Engagement



San Mateo, CA (March 19, 2024) – On Monday, March 18, the City Council adopted San Mateo’s General Plan 2040, which lays out the community’s vision for how our city will look, feel, and change over the coming years.

This important milestone was achieved after six years of dedicated work by City staff—with the extensive input and contributions of more than 6,000 San Mateans, from civic leaders and residents to business owners and visitors. General Plan 2040 built upon the City’s prior General Plan to address new and emerging issues and to plan for a more equitable future. Big ideas in General Plan 2040 include a framework to ensure public services and infrastructure service levels are maintained/improved as the City grows; allowing additional housing and higher densities close to transit while maintaining existing development patterns in San Mateo’s lower density neighborhoods; and improving health and infrastructure disparities in San Mateo’s equity priority neighborhoods.

“This plan will guide and shape our city for nearly two decades, so we took the time to ensure everyone had a voice in a wide variety of forums, from town halls, surveys and pop-up events to Council and community meetings, information kiosks at community events, flyers and more,” said City Manager Alex Khojikian. “We’re proud that this plan balances the needs of the environment and our community, so we can continue making San Mateo a great place to live, work and play for generations to come.”



General Plan 2040 carries forward some of the key ideas that have shaped cherished aspects of San Mateo’s character, such as preserving nature as the foundation of the city, enhancing neighborhood fabric and quality of life, supporting local businesses, and supporting safety as a cornerstone for all modes of travel around the city. It also includes bold and important new ideas to accomplish the community’s vision, including focusing on investing in Equity Priority Communities, which have historically borne the greatest burdens from pollution, confronting the effects of climate change—including sea level rise—with a comprehensive adaptation strategy, and implementing a Vision Zero policy to ensure the safety of all San Mateans. To help address the region’s housing crisis and support San Mateo’s current and future housing needs, General Plan 2040 plans for increasing housing capacity by over 19,000 new homes in key areas that are

close to transit, jobs and services to encourage walking and biking while minimizing additional traffic and supporting community objectives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

To browse General Plan 2040 and learn more about the City's vision for nearly two decades, go to <http://www.strivesanmateo.org>.



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