

Ethics San Mateo

City Council Candidate Survey

Ethics San Mateo, a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation, is conducting a survey of all candidates for City Council.

We are conducting this survey with the express purpose of informing the residents and voters of the City of San Mateo about the commitment of individual candidates for City Council to ensuring our city is served according to the highest level of ethical standards and behavior. We will be rating each responding candidate in the area of support for enforceable rules and standards of ethical conduct in San Mateo city government. The results will be published.

Please return the completed survey no later than September 1, 2024, including your name, signature and date to:

Communications@EthicsSanMateo.com

Or mail to:

Ethics San Mateo
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When responding to all questions, please assume the following to be true:

The City Council would:

- Consult and collaborate with recognized outside experts in Governmental Ethical Standards and Rules/Codes of Conduct and the Best Practices to develop, implement and enforce the standards, rules, and codes.
- Conduct public outreach to understand the desires of city residents.
- As required, hold public hearings for the adoption of City Ordinances.
- Put any required changes to the City Charter before the voters, as required by law.

Question 1

Do you support or oppose revising the current Rules for Councilmembers and Commissioners and Codes of Conduct, and establishing Ethics Standards which are to be applied to all City Officers/Officials?

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Opposition

Question 2

Should the rules, codes of conduct and ethics standards be enforceable and carry consequences for violations?

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Opposition

Question 3

Do you support or oppose the establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission? The commission would be an official part of the city government, charged with the responsibility to investigate and advise the City Council on matters pertaining to the rules and standards for conduct applied to all City Officers/Officials.

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Opposition

Question 4

Do you support or oppose an Independent Ethics Commission having the power to make recommendations to the City Council for disciplinary action for violations of city Rules, Codes of Conduct and Ethics Standards by elected and appointed officials/officers?

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Opposition

Question 5

Do you support or oppose the City Council having powers of disciplinary action (except for removal from office) after due process for violations of city Rules and Ethics Standards by appointed officials/officers? (i.e.: Commissioners)

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Oppose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate in Opposition

Question 6

After due process, should the City Council have the power to remove for cause appointed officials/officers from office, for violations of city Rules, Codes of Conduct and Ethics Standards?

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	By a Majority Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	By Super Majority (4 of 5) Vote
<input type="checkbox"/>	Never

Question 7

If a City Council member violates city Rules, Codes of Conduct or Ethics Standards, after due process, should the City Council have powers of disciplinary action?

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	By a Majority Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	By Super Majority (4 of 5) Vote
<input type="checkbox"/>	Never


Question 8

If a City Council member violates city Rules, Codes of Conduct or Ethics Standards, after due process, should the City Council have powers to require recusal from specific issues before the Council?

(Please check ONE choice)

<input type="checkbox"/>	By a Majority Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	By Super Majority (4 of 5) Vote
<input type="checkbox"/>	Never

Submitted:

Name	Signature	Date
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