City of San Mateo — Statement of Qualifications

1. Name Seema Patel

2. Office sought San Mateo City Council, District 3

3. Present residence and occupation

I reside at [redacted]. I am an Executive Producer, and have spent my career creating spaces and experiences that bring together families and communities.

4. Employment during the past five years, and positions of importance/trust held

From May 2013 to November 2025, I was employed at Google, most recently leading the Experiential Design team for Real Estate. I led a team of creative technologists, drove strategy across departments and senior leadership, and managed a $60M+ budget for operational and capital projects.

5. Civic, improvement, or other organizations — membership and positions of honor/trust, past five years

- Safe Streets for Everyone San Mateo, Founder (2025 – present)
- B Street Boosters, Co-founder (2023 – present)
- Peninsula For Everyone, Member (2021 – present)
- California Democratic Party, Delegate for Assembly District 21 (2023 – present)
- League of Women Voters of North & Central San Mateo County, Board Member (2023 – 2025)
- San Mateo County Asian American Pacific Islander Alliance, Executive Board (2023 – 2024)

6. Public offices held, as principal, deputy, or employee

- Planning Commission
    - Member (2021 – present)
    - Vice Chair (2023 – 2024)
    - Chair (2024 – 2026)
- San Mateo County Transit District Measure W Citizens Oversight Committee, Member (2025 – present)
- Civic Arts Committee, Member (2022 – 2026)
- General Plan Subcommittee, Member (2022 – 2023)
- Community Relations Commission, Member (2021)

7. Experience, training, or education qualifying you for this office

I have completed the San Mateo City Services Academy, Community Police Academy, and San Mateo County Leadership CORPS, giving me hands-on training in how local government works. My five years on the Planning Commission have been a crash course in how decisions get made, where the friction points are, and how to get things done – from land use and housing policy to budgets and community engagement. My executive background, running my own company and leading teams at Google, has prepared me to manage budgets and complex organizational challenges at City Hall.

8. Length of time as a taxpayer in the city

Thirteen years.

9. Principal public improvements you would urge if elected

If elected, I will urge the City to cut red tape and streamline housing approvals, including ADUs, to keep San Mateo affordable for public servants and service workers, while ensuring balanced growth. I will prioritize quick-build safety infrastructure to protect pedestrians and cyclists, and proactively maintain our parks and playgrounds. I will ensure our streets and drainage systems can withstand flooding, and protect residents during heat and wildfire smoke advisories. And I will practice smart spending: eliminating wasteful pet-projects before cutting core services or raising regressive taxes that hit low-income families and small businesses hardest.

10. Names of up to fifteen residents who know your character and abilities

- Adam Loraine, Mayor
- Noelia Corzo, President County Board of Supervisors
- Maggie Trinh, President San Mateo-Foster City School District Board
- Amourence Lee, Former Mayor
- Rick Bonilla, Former Mayor
- Chelsea Bonini, County Board of Education Trustee
- Stacey Ho, San Mateo-Foster City School District Board Trustee
- Allison MacQueen, San Mateo-Foster City School District PTA Board President
- Adam Klafter, Planning Commission Chair
- Caiti Busch, Planning Commission Vice Chair
- Margaret Williams, Planning Commissioner
- Sabrina O'Campo, Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair
- Kimi Narita, Sustainability and Infrastructure Commissioner
- Jerry Nugent, Community Relations Commissioner

- Adam Nugent, County Planning Commissioner

11. Any other information that would help electors determine your qualifications

Thirteen years ago, my husband and I chose San Mateo as our home, deciding to raise our children here. As an entrepreneur and mom, I've taken action to improve the community we love. I founded Safe Streets for Everyone after people died crossing our streets, and co-founded the B Street Boosters to save our downtown pedestrian mall. As your Planning Commissioner, I've championed thoughtful housing that prioritizes affordability and opens doors to homeownership, while protecting our neighborhoods. I bring a rare combination of executive, technical and grassroots organizing experience to a Council that needs proactive, data-driven leadership.

12. Submission