CITY OF SAN MATEO LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES NOVEMBER 3, 2026 CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The City of San Mateo is committed to preserving integrity and openness in the political process as a matter of the highest public interest. Residents of San Mateo are better served through a more informed electorate and the trust of the people is essential to effective representative government. The regulation of campaign contributions is necessary to promote public confidence in government and to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE LIMITS

	District 1	District 3	District 5
District population based on 2020 U.S. Census	21,572	21,061	21,709
Maximum Voluntary Campaign Expenditures (District population x $2.63*) (See Ordinance 2023-9)	$56,700	$55,400	**$57,100**

Select one of the following options and agree to all statements:

Option 1 ☐	Option 2 ☐	Option 3 ☒
☐ I will accept the expenditure limits noted on the chart above based on the City Council district in which I am a candidate. ☐ I will form a controlled committee in support of my candidacy and I will file all required disclosures, including the **Form 460** with the Fair Political Practices Commission ☐ I will abide by this agreement throughout the duration of my campaign.	☐ I will accept the expenditure limits noted on the chart above based on the City Council district in which I am a candidate. ☐ I will *not* form a controlled committee and instead I will file a **Form 470** with the Fair Political Practices Commission stating that I will not receive campaign contributions or make campaign expenditures of $2,000 or more during the calendar year. If I do spend more than $2,000, I will comply with FPPC requirements regarding controlled campaign committees. ☐ I will abide by this agreement throughout the duration of my campaign.	☒ I **DO NOT agree** to voluntary expenditure limits.

Per Ordinance No. 2023-9 the agreement to voluntarily limit campaign expenditures shall pertain to all expenditures, with the exception of those noted in Section 2.80.055 (d)(3), incurred by me/my committee in support of my candidacy and shall include such expenditures and contributions which I/my committee am/is required to report pursuant to the California Political Reform Act, whether those expenditures and contributions are made before or after the election. If I should, intentionally or inadvertently, fail to abide by this agreement I will, upon discovering said failure, immediately notify the City Clerk. Further, I understand that others may take action to inform the City Clerk of a possible violation committed by my campaign. If a violation occurs, I understand the City Clerk will cease conferring the benefits and incentives described in Section 2.80.055 (c) and penalties as distributed in Section 2.80.055 (e) will be enforced.

By signing this acknowledgment, I certify that I have received a copy of Ordinance No. 2023-9 and I will adhere to the voluntary expenditure limit selection I have indicated on this form. I also understand that if I agree to abide by voluntary campaign expenditure limits I may reverse this decision within three business days after the deadline to file nomination papers and I must inform the City Clerk in writing of this decision.

Candidate Name: SEEMA PATEL **City Council District:** 3

Candidate Signature: [redacted] **Date:** 7/25/26