Measure F

Vote YES to Update San Mateo's City Charter

San Mateo's City Charter establishes the basic rules for how our local government operates. Portions were written decades ago and no longer reflect California law or how our City operates today.

These are practical, commonsense updates.

Voting YES will formally update the Charter to reflect San Mateo's district-based elections and require district boundaries to be reviewed after each federal census.

It will also make straightforward administrative changes, including providing additional time to fill a vacant City Council seat and allowing the Council to set the day and time of regular meetings by public resolution rather than permanently fixing them in the Charter.

The measure also removes outdated provisions from our former at-large election system and language no longer required under state law.

San Mateo is one of only two charter cities in San Mateo County. Having our own Charter gives residents important local control over how our City is governed. With that privilege comes a responsibility to periodically update it so our rules remain clear, legally compliant, and relevant.

These changes don't raise taxes, create new programs, or fundamentally change how our City is governed. They simply make our Charter clearer, more practical, and consistent with current law and how San Mateo operates today.

This is a straightforward update to a document that should accurately reflect the community and government it serves.

Please join us in voting **YES to update San Mateo's City Charter.**