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City Promotes Deputy Clerk Martin McTaggart to City Clerk

Public Servant Brings Experience and Knowledge of Community to Role

San Mateo, CA – After a comprehensive recruitment process, City Manager Alex Khojikian has appointed Martin McTaggart as the City's next City Clerk. McTaggart, the current Deputy City Clerk, will take over from City Clerk Patrice M. Olds, who will retire on April 26 after serving with distinction since 2012.

A native of Ireland, McTaggart received master's degrees in Legislative Studies and Political Science from the Queen's University of Belfast and worked in the Northern Ireland Assembly before moving to California in 2016. He has over a decade of experience in local government and has served as the City of San Mateo's Deputy Clerk since 2022. Prior to joining the San Mateo team, McTaggart served for five years at the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division, where he assisted in administering the largest election in the County's history and oversaw the implementation of the California Voter's Choice Act.

"The role of City Clerk is essential in local government, and as part of the City's executive team," said City Manager Khojikian. "Martin brings not only the necessary skills, but also experience with our community, which is key to providing the high level of service San Mateo deserves."



As City Clerk, McTaggart will supervise municipal elections and the City's Boards and Commissions, manage the records and archives, and oversee City Council meetings, among other duties. In addition to his experience as Deputy Clerk, he is a graduate of the Municipal Clerk Institute and an active member of the California Association of City Clerks. An active runner, McTaggart is familiar with San Mateo at the ground level.

"I am truly honored to have the privilege to serve as San Mateo's next City Clerk," said McTaggart. "In working with Patrice Olds, I have grown immeasurably, and I bring passion for bridging relationships between the City and the community we serve. I look forward to continuing to serve the City of San Mateo."

To learn more about the office of the City Clerk, visit the [City's webpage](#).

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