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City of San Mateo Appoints Abby Veaser as Finance Director

San Mateo, CA – The City of San Mateo has named Abby Veaser as its new Finance Director. Veaser, who has been serving as the City's Deputy Director of Finance, brings more than 25 years of municipal government experience to the role.

As Finance Director, Veaser will manage the City's Finance Department, including overseeing the City's annual \$272 million operating budget, the Capital Improvement Program totaling \$61.5 million for Fiscal Year 2025–26, and core services including accounting and financial reporting, budgeting, treasury and revenue management, payroll, purchasing and accounts payable, and debt service. She will also serve as Treasurer of the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department.



"Abby's deep financial expertise, collaborative leadership style, and long-standing commitment to public service make her an exceptional choice for Finance Director," said City Manager Alex Khojikian. "She has successfully led complex projects, including citywide budget development and implementation of new financial systems, and has proven her ability to guide staff and work across departments. I am confident she will continue San Mateo's tradition of strong fiscal stewardship while helping us prepare for future community needs."

Veaser has held leadership roles in multiple Bay Area cities, including Assistant Director of Finance and Administrative Services for the City of Daly City, Business Manager for San Mateo's Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments, and Management Analyst and Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Los Altos. Her experience spans financial analysis, budgeting, labor negotiations, software implementation project management, capital planning, and the management of enterprise and special revenue funds.

"I am excited to serve the San Mateo community in this role. I have had the privilege of working for the City of San Mateo organization at varying stages of my career and I look forward to working with the City team to maintain both its fiscal sustainability and strong work culture," Veaser said.

Veesser will take over for the current Finance Director Karen Huang, who is leaving the City to spend time with family on August 29. Over the past four years Huang has played a vital role in helping the City navigate milestones such as the City's low interest federal loans for the Clean Water Program, launching the Financial Sustainability Plan and maintaining the sound fiscal practices that have preserved San Mateo's AAA credit rating.

Veesser, who starts August 31, will continue the City's outstanding financial stewardship.

Veesser holds a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Stanford University and a Master of Business Administration from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. She lives in San Francisco and enjoys spending time with her family, walking in San Francisco, and traveling when she can.

To learn more about the City's Finance Department, visit <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/Finance>.

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About the City of San Mateo

Incorporated in 1894, the City of San Mateo is located at the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area Peninsula. San Mateo is known for its vibrant dining and entertainment options, shopping districts and parks. The City is committed to serving more than 104,000 residents and over 10,000 businesses, maintaining several community centers that offer recreational programs for youth, adults and seniors. City libraries provide technology-lending services, literacy courses, free museum passes and other educational programs for all ages.