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# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Special Meeting Minutes

### City Council

City Hall  
330 W. 20th Avenue  
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**February 3, 2024**  
**College of San Mateo – College Heights**  
**Conference Room 9:00 AM**  
**Special Meeting**

#### **CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m.**

##### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Diaz Nash, Deputy Mayor Newsom, Council Members: Hedges, Lee, and Loraine

AB 2449 Requests and Considerations for Meeting Participation by Teleconference due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances – no requests.

The mayor opened the workshop and outlined the purpose of the workshop and called for public comment.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Organized Presentation from Groups: 1) San Mateo Climate Action Team commented on urgency for climate action needs; 2) Ethics San Mateo provided commentary on the community's needs for a robust code of conduct; 3) Heritage Alliance provide commentary on the importance of recognizing and protecting San Mateo's historic resources; 4) Don't Cell Out San Mateo pled for stronger residential neighborhood protections for small cell placements; 5) San Mateo Sister City Organization requested the need for new City support and processes for the 60 year old program.

Individual speakers: Anthony Basso – Asked for Gondola support; Ellen Wang – commented on Age Friendly goals; Thomas Morgan – representing San Mateo United Homeowners spoke of priority issues begin traffic, flood control and small cells; Monika Lee – encouraged hiring older residents for the vacancies at the City; Mason Fong – stated the importance of honoring downtown and encouraged buying bitcoin; Karyl Eldridge – One San Mateo – spoke of the need to protect renters; Michelle Maccarra – cited the need to protect heritage trees; Mareva Godfrey – stated the need for speedier flood protections; Daniel El Kaim – spoke of the need for more internships available for youth; and Michael Ragan – expressed concerns with traffic.

#### **STUDY SESSION**

##### **1. City Council "Blue Sky" Goal Setting Workshop**

City Manager Alex Khojikian outlined the process for the day and noted that due to staffing capacity issues and an already robust list, each council member was limited to submitting three priorities and he discussed the City's emphasis on four key priority areas. Under the guidance of Facilitator Tim Dunkin, the Council first reviewed the 2023-24 Priority list for items that would remain on the list; then reviewed what items should be removed from the list; then moved on to 2024-25 review of department initiatives; then the staff recommended priority list and then the City Council recommendations.

Council recessed from 11:00 am to 11:10 am; then broke for lunch at 11:40 am and reconvened at 12:15 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** –The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Diaz Nash, Mayor

Patrice Olds, City Clerk