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FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION
OF THE AGENDA PACKET

From: [Faye Jennings](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
Subject: Mayor of San Mateo
Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022 5:59:55 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom

I am writing in strong support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor, at the City Council meeting on December 5, 2022. Experience matters and only Council Member Lee has it, having served the City well for the last three years, after her appointment in 2019 and her election in 2020. As the only holdover from the most recent council, she is the only Council Member who can provide continuity, bringing an intimate awareness of past discussions.

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Please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo!

Thank you,
Faye Jennings
North Shoreview SMC resident

From: [Belinda Chlouber](#)
To: [Amourence Lee](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Clerk](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#)
Subject: San Mateo's next Mayor
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 1:51:25 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom,

I have been attending the City Council Meetings and strongly support Council Member Amourence Lee as the next Mayor. I feel it would be a grave injustice to not have her become Mayor and would reflect very poorly on San Mateo. I realize there is a group that has come out against her (unfortunately my neighbors) but I think it is sour grapes on their part and doesn't reflect on Council Member Lee's hard and consistent work regarding making San Mateo a better city.

Thus, I am writing in strong support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor, at the City Council meeting on December 5, 2022. Experience matters and only Council Member Lee has it, having served the City well for the last three years, after her appointment in 2019 and her election in 2020. As the only holdover from the most recent council, she is the only Council Member who can provide continuity, bringing an intimate awareness of past discussions.

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Please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo!

Also, I really look forward to what this council will do and achieve for San Mateo!

Thank you,
Belinda Chlouber, Resident of San Mateo

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Belinda Chlouber



From: [Joel Scott](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
Subject: Please appoint Council Member Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 2:01:32 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom

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Thank you,
Joel Scott, Resident of San Mateo

From: [Sarah Hubbard](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Amourence Lee](#); [Rob Newsom](#)
Subject: San Mateo Mayor Selection
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 2:08:43 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom

I am writing in strong support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor, at the City Council meeting on December 5, 2022. We are both current participants in the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, and I have found her to be an eloquent speaker and a sensitive listener, both important qualities for a city's mayor. Ms. Lee is a champion of the values of inclusivity, prosperity and resilience -- all things San Mateo needs to thrive.

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Thank you,

Sarah Hubbard, Resident of San Mateo

From: [Ricki McGlashan](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
Subject: San Mateo's next Mayor
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 2:30:36 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Member Lee and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom

I strongly support Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor, at the Council meeting on December 5. Experience matters, and only Council Member Lee has it and is the only one who can provide continuity and an intimate awareness of past discussions.

The Mayor of San Mateo is an important position, setting the tone, leading the discussion, and representing San Mateo in numerous regional bodies. Council Member Lee also already represents the city as a whole and thus is in a unique position to feel responsible to all of us.

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Also, according to the City Council Handbook, Council Member Lee becomes Vice Mayor on December 4, with the resignation of Diane Papan from the City Council. San Mateo custom has the Vice Mayor becoming the next Mayor.

Please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo! There is no reason at this point to disregard tradition and not to take advantage of her expertise and experience. Other Council Members can take their turn as they learn the ropes.

Lastly, I am aware that people from outside San Mateo have taken an interest in who our Mayor is. I urge you to disregard those voices.

Thank you,
Doug and Ricki McGlashan, San Mateo residents

From: [Elaine Salinger](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Amourence Lee](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Rick Bonilla](#); [Joe Goethals](#); [Diane Papan](#); [Eric Rodriguez](#)
Subject: Choosing a new Mayor
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 10:49:47 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom

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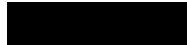
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Thank you,

Elaine Salinger, Group Co-Leader
San Mateo County Chapter



From: [Patricia Garcia Luna](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Pat Garcia Luna](#); [jj Garcia Luna](#); [Alex Garcialuna](#)
Subject: In Support of Amourence Lee for Mayor of San Mateo--Three Votes from the Garcia-Luna Household in San Mateo
Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022 2:26:54 PM

Dear Ms. Olds,

We are happy to write a letter in support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next mayor. We voted for Ms. Lee in 2020, due to her excellent performance as an appointed council member. The current mayor leaves big shoes to fill with his curiosity to find solutions that address our community's best interests, sterling leadership, and integrity. Amourence Lee has shown she too has many admirable qualities. She is extremely intelligent, hard-working, a committed public servant, and in-it for the good of the community. She brings the expertise as the only currently remaining council member as the new term commences. Amourence Lee's three years of experience on the San Mateo City Council will ensure the continuance of good public stewardship in the office of mayor of San Mateo.

Thank your for your consideration of Amourence Lee to be selected as the new mayor of San Mateo.

Sincerely,

JJ, Alex, and Pat Garcia-Luna

From: sue@webfootc.com
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
Subject: San Mateo Mayor
Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022 6:10:12 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom,

I am writing in strong support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor, at the City Council meeting on December 5, 2022. Council Member Lee will be the only member of the city council with prior experience, so I believe it makes sense for her to fill this position. Her experience of being on the city council for the past 3 years will help provide continuity and share information about past discussions and decisions.

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Please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo!

Thank you,

Sue Blockstein

long time resident of San Mateo

From: Connie Weiss <connieuweiss@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 5:13 PM

To: Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Attorney's Office
<CityAttorneysOffice@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Please Remove Mayor Selection Agenda Item for Dec 5th City Council Meeting

Hello,

I am deeply concerned that there is an agenda item for Monday night's City Council meeting to appoint a mayor when we will not have a full City Council in place until the 5th member is identified in early 2023.

The choice of a mayor should be the responsibility of the new Council, not the old one. Let's allow the 5th member to be onboard when this discussion happens. Rob and Lisa ran on transparency and fairness - and for good reason, as bad behavior has been in the forefront with Mayor Bonilla, and Councilwoman Lee has a host of issues to the

point that a recall is being talked about.

Let's begin fresh with this new Council and not let any hint of past bad behavior seep through. We in San Mateo deserve and voted for that!

Thank you,

Connie Weiss

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From: [Caiti Busch](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Amourence Lee](#); [Rob Newsom](#)
Subject: Councilmember Lee for Mayor
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 9:54:12 AM

Dear Councilmember Lee, and Councilmembers-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom,

I am writing to urge you to select Councilmember Lee as the next Mayor of San Mateo. Councilmember Lee has demonstrated great commitment to our City, has the experience necessary for the job, values and promotes representation of all of our community members, and is a competent and courageous leader.

Moreover, San Mateo City Council practice and custom has long called for the promotion of the Vice Mayor to the Mayor position. Tomorrow night, Councilmember Lee will assume the Vice Mayor role, and I urge you to follow past practice and promote her to Mayor. Though I am not a San Mateo historian, I understand that the Council has long had a rotating mayor; we do not have an at-large mayor like our neighboring Belmont just adopted. In the absence of a democratically-elected at-large mayor, the rotating mayor system is incredibly important to upholding several core democratic principles: (1) distributing power among the Council's members; (2) ensuring equitable representation for those who voted for each councilmember (even more so now that the City is moving to District elections); (3) balancing the various, and at times divergent, views of our councilmembers; (4) promoting diversity by allowing all members to hold positions of power; and (5) insulating our council against partisan politics. A vote against the longstanding practice of electing the Vice Mayor to Mayor--no matter who they are--is, to me, a vote against these core principles. I would hope that I would be writing this same email to you regardless of who was rising to power--whether I agreed with them or not. I urge you in your first official act as City Council members to not revert to partisanship, and instead to demonstrate your dedication to working collegially with your colleagues and to representing all of San Mateo.

Thank you so much to all of you for your willingness to serve; I believe in you all and am so grateful to you.

Best,
Caiti Busch

****Disclosure:** I am a member of the San Mateo Personnel Board and Deputy County Attorney. My opinions are mine alone.

From: [Mary Rose LeBaron](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
Subject: Support for new mayor selection
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 10:53:41 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom,

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Please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo!

Thank you,
Mary Rose LeBaron, San Mateo Resident

From: Katia T [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 11:02 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: For New Council Members

Esteemed Council Member Lorraine,
Council Member Newson,
and Council Member Diaz-Nash,

My name is Ekaterina Terentyeva and I am a homeowner and resident of District 4.

I'm in support of the council selecting **Amourence Lee** as Mayor. Among council members she is the Senior in experience and service to our city. It makes sense that she be Mayor during this transition time of becoming a cohesive team working together for the good of all residents in San Mateo.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Best regards,
Ekaterina Terentyeva
[REDACTED]

From: [Libby Traubman](#)
To: [Amourence Lee](#); [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); mewsom@cityofsanmateo.org
Subject: Council Member Amourence Lee for Mayor of San Mateo
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 1:18:20 PM

Dear Council Members,

Due to Covid I regret missing the meeting tomorrow night. In brief, I welcome the new members and hope the Council continues to relate to each other and members of the community with a vision of what works best for our community. I would like to recommend that Amourence Lee be the new mayor after proving her dedication, hard work, and experience these past few years.

Thank you!

Libby

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Libby Traubman

cell: [REDACTED]

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From: [Michelle Hudson](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Amourence Lee](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: Please select Amourence Lee as San Mateo's Mayor at the 12/5/22 City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 2:28:19 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Nash, and Newsom

I am writing in strong support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor at the City Council meeting on December 5, 2022. Experience matters and only Council Member Lee has it, having served the City extremely well for the last three years, after her appointment in 2019 and her election in 2020. As the only returning Council Member from the most recent City Council, she is the only Council Member who can provide continuity, bringing an intimate awareness of past discussions and Council business.

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For the foregoing reasons, please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo.

Thank you,
Michelle Hudson
Resident of San Mateo

From: Michelle Hudson [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 2:28 PM

To: Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>; Adam Loraine <aloraine@cityofsanmateo.org>; Lisa Diaz Nash <ldiaznash@cityofsanmateo.org>; Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>; Rob Newsom <rnewsom@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Please select Amourence Lee as San Mateo's Mayor at the 12/5/22 City Council Meeting

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Thank you,
Michelle Hudson
Resident of San Mateo

From: [Claire Shintani](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
Subject: Please Select Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's Next Mayor
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 6:00:54 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom,

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Thank you,
Claire Shintani

From: [Rick Ballard](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
Subject: December 5th council reorganization and selection of mayor
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 9:45:04 PM

Dear esteemed council-members-elect Newsom, Diaz-Nash, and Loraine, and council member Lee,

I'm writing to support the election of council member Lee as San Mateo Mayor at the upcoming December 5th city council meeting. As a constituent of hers in north-central, I'm proud of the hard work and dedication I've seen Lee invest in our community and city. I know that she will bring fair, collaborative, and effective leadership to our council. Due to her tenure as the only incumbent councilmember, it is my understanding per city council guidelines that she will be selected for this position, as befits her experience and readiness for the job; so I expect the selection process itself to be a formality following established conventions. As such, I am looking forward to celebrating her historic representation of the Asian American community as our new mayor.

Thank you,
- Richard Ballard
San Mateo resident

From: [Gary Trott 2](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#); [Rob Newsom](#)
Cc: ["Gary Trott"](#)
Subject: New San Mateo City Mayor
Date: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:36:55 AM

Dear Mayor Bonilla,
Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom

I am writing in strong support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor, at the City Council meeting on December 5, 2022. Experience matters and only Council Member Lee has it, having served the City well for the last three years. She understand the city council operations, administrative functions, and the most importantly, the people of San Mateo City.

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Please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo!

Thank you,
Dr. Gary Trott
San Mateo City concerned citizen

From: Valerie Oblath [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:18 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council members Diaz-Nash, Newsom, and Lorraine,

As a long time resident of the city of San Mateo, I want the best representation and leadership on our City Council. I believe we have that with your recent successful campaigns. My congratulations to each of you.

My understanding is that one of your first actions as council members is to select our new mayor. To that end, I am in support of your selecting Amourence Lee for mayor. Among the four of you, she is the most senior at this time in terms of council experience and service. Continuity during this transitional period is very important. Choosing her not only makes sense, but it's the right thing to do for all residents of San Mateo.

Thank you for your consideration and again, congratulations to each of you on your wins.

Valerie Oblath

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] bonj67 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:59 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: For New Council Members

Esteemed Council Member Lorraine, Council Member Newson, and Council Member Diaz-Nash:

My name is Grace Castillo and I am a resident of District 4. I'm in support of the council selecting Amourence Lee as Mayor. Among council members she is the Senior in experience and service to our city. It makes sense that she be Mayor during this transition time of becoming a cohesive team working together for the good of all residents in San Mateo.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Grace Castillo

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Thank you for your consideration and again, congratulations to each of you on your wins.

Valerie Oblath

From: Karen Oslan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:00 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: For New Council Memebers

Esteemed Council Member Lorraine, Council Member Newson, and Council Member Diaz-Nash,

My name is Karen Oslan and I am a resident of District 4. I am in support of the council selecting Amourence Lee as Mayor. Among council members she has the most experience in service to our city. It only makes sense that she be the Mayor during this transition period of becoming a cohesive team working together for the good of all those living in San Mateo.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Karen Oslan
[REDACTED]

From: Genevieve Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 10:27 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: New Mayor of San Mateo, Council Member Lee

Sent from my iPhone **Mayor Bonilla Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom**

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Please select Council Member Amourence Lee as Mayor of San Mateo!

Thank you,

Genevieve Johnson

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:48 AM

To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Agenda Item 14

Patrice

I would like to request Council postpone the selecting the Mayor and Vice Mayor roles until the 5th Council Member is appointed. Depending on the appointment there could potentially be a former Council member who would be better to place in one of the two roles.

Thank you,

Thomas Morgan

San Mateo

From: [Alexandra Dove](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Adam Loraine](#); [Lisa Diaz Nash](#); [Rob Newsom](#); [Amourence Lee](#)
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Dear esteemed council-members-elect Newsom, Diaz-Nash, and Loraine, and council member Lee,

I'm writing to support the election of council member Lee as San Mateo Mayor at the upcoming December 5th city council meeting. As someone who lives in North-Central San Mateo, I'm incredibly proud to have Ms. Lee represent me. Her leadership has been incredibly inspiring and makes me proud to have moved to San Mateo in the past year and I look forward to her continued guidance as mayor elect. I know that she will be a strong leader and help our city progress.

Due to her tenure as the only incumbent councilmember, it is my understanding per city council guidelines that she will be selected for this position, as befits her experience and readiness for the job; so I expect the selection process itself to be a formality following established conventions. As such, I am looking forward to celebrating her historic representation of the Asian American community as our new mayor.

Thank you,

Alexandra Dove
San Mateo resident

The task of art today is to bring chaos into order.
-Teodor Adorno

From: [Rustard Mustard](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Cc: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Selection of Mayor
Date: Monday, December 5, 2022 3:53:56 PM

Dear Mayor Bonilla, Council Members Goethals, Lee, Papan, and Rodriguez, and Council Members-Elect Loraine, Diaz-Nash, and Newsom,

I am writing in strong support of the selection of Council Member Amourence Lee as San Mateo's next Mayor, at the City Council meeting on December 5, 2022.

Council Member Lee is the only person that has experience being on the Council. There is a major transition period that comes between being a resident and becoming a Council member. There is also a heavy workload with all of the additional committees and boards.

Once again there is a steep learning curve going from Council member to Mayor.

My grave concern is that there are major issues that the City is currently dealing with and without a steady hand at the City's helm, we could experience extreme chaos. Let us avoid that by appointing Amourence Lee as the Mayor. She is the only experienced choice.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Bonilla