

Endorsement Letters

Attachment 2 A – Michael Ragan

From: Andrew Foerder
Sent on: Saturday, December 10, 2022 5:14:08 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Endorsement Letter
Attachments: Michael Ragan Endorsement.pdf (28.7 KB)

Hello,

Attached is an endorsement letter for Michael Ragan. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Andrew Foerder

Andrew Foerder

December 10th, 2022

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to endorse Michael Ragan as a member of the community to the city council of San Mateo. Michael has been a long time friend of mine and my family. He is a respectful, understanding, and intelligent member of the San Mateo community.

Michael played a huge role in providing speed bumps on 31st avenue, and did a great job of working with the community to get the job done for the safety of San Mateo residents. He communicates effectively, and knows the community and city inside and out. He is a longtime resident that knows what is needed and how to get there.

Again, I fully endorse Michael Ragan to make decisions for the great city of San Mateo. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at _____, or at

Sincerely,

Andrew Foerder

From: Laura Biancalana
Sent on: Sunday, December 11, 2022 5:01:30 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Michael Ragan for City Council

Hi my name is Laura Biancalana. My husband Mario and I were both born and raised on the peninsula and bought our first home in San Mateo in 2018. Since that time we've seen the city continue to cave to developers who come in and build big complexes. This has changed our community and the lifestyle that initially drew us to San Mateo. We both commute for work and have two kids who we need to get around for school and sports activities. The day to day traffic and over crowding is frustrating. It's a problem we are left to deal with and it's only going to get worse.

I believe we need council members who put the needs of the citizens first and who are willing to do what it takes to maintain San Mateo's charm and integrity. I support Michael Ragan for City Council because I know how much he cares and values the city of San Mateo and the people who work and live here.

Thank you,
Laura Biancalana

Sent from my iPhone

From: Give Me Five
Sent on: Saturday, December 10, 2022 10:18:32 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Recommendation
Attachments: San Mateo City Council.docx (12.39 KB)

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Michael Regan -
Please reference the attached letter.
Sincerely,
M. Kunz

The City of San Mateo

To Whom it May Concern,

December 9, 2022

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing with a heartfelt recommendation for Michael Ragan, for City Council. Michael is truly something special and would be a huge asset to our City Council.

Michael has been an outstanding member of our community and a longtime resident of San Mateo. I have observed Michael to be devoted to his friends, his family, and our community. What a privilege it is to know Michael as he radiates a rare sense of authenticity and caring, and willingness to go the extra mile.

Michael clearly demonstrates the character, potential, and requisite qualities to be an outstanding member of our City Council. I extend my highest recommendation for Michael as he has an extraordinary commitment to and passion for our community.

Sincerely,

Marsha Kunz

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Attachment 2 B - Mason Fong

Patrice Olds

From: Omar Din
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: Letter of support Mason Fong

Dear Honorable San Mateo City Councilmembers,

My name is Omar Din, and I am a current Councilmember in the City of Sunnyvale.

I support the application of my former colleague, Mason Fong, as he has all of the credentials needed to both represent San Mateans as well as be an effective, responsible, and professional Councilmember.

Serving with former Councilmember Fong was a great pleasure as we were able to partner on all of the quality of life issues affecting Sunnyvale residents.

I most admire Mason's talent to work across political and ideological divides to come to the best compromise possible. He would make a fine San Mateo Councilmember, and I recommend you appoint him.

Thank you for all of your public service fellow colleagues, and I wish you all well.

Sincerely,

Omar Din
Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale, District 6

From: Melodie Lew [REDACTED]
Sent on: Saturday, December 10, 2022 5:08:56 AM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
CC: John Doe [REDACTED]
Subject: San Mateo City Council Endorsement

Greetings Ms. Olds---I am sending this email on behalf of Mason Fong, a candidate who has put in paperwork to apply for the open seat on the San Mateo City Council.

This email serves as my wholehearted endorsement of Mr. Fong, whom I have known for over 20 years. He is of outstanding character and integrity, and has had past City Council experience, something that is needed at this time. His breadth of experience goes beyond his city council service, and is vast, covering ten years and spanning all levels of government service.

As a former elected official (San Mateo Foster City School Board), and having served both at the county and city levels in appointed positions (San Mateo County and San Mateo City Senior Commissions), I am well aware of the skills, competence, and demeanor necessary for a public official to have. Mason Fong possesses an abundance of these abilities and credentials, and again, I endorse him fully for the position of San Mateo City Council person.

Thank you. Take care.

Sincerely,

Melodie Lew

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Attachment 2 C – Rich Hedges

From: Joe Gershaneck
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 11:58:53 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Endorcement of Rich Hedges for city Council

I fully support Rich to be appointed to the position. I was the Mariners Green Hoa 2 President for 20 years. During that time he was always supportive of the communities of are area. He is a openmided individual who hears out all parties and then makes an informed recommendation or decision.

Our area needs a person like him.

Sincerely,
Joe Gershaneck

From: Douglas Wright
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 11:57:54 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
CC:
Subject: San Mateo Council Member

Patrice,
I live in San Mateo and would like you to endorse Rich Hedges for Council Member.

Sincerely,

Douglas Wright, Design Engineer
Cal Coast Telecom www.cctcom.net

Structured Cabling | Audio-Visual | Security | Wireless



From: Leon Wong

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 11:57:09 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: endorsement for Rich Hedges to be appointed on the San Mateo City Council

Dear City Council,

My name is Leon Wong and I am a Union Representative with UFCW Local 5 who represent bay area's grocery and drug store workers. I work closely with Mr. Rich Hedges in UFCW affairs as well as on the San Mateo Central Labor Council's Executive Board, working for a better tomorrow for our represented workers. He has been a mentor and a friend, but most importantly he has always been a fighter and voice for San Mateo city residents and workers. Rich has participated in San Mateo City Government for 52 and a half years since he lived in San Mateo. He was one of three people in 2002 that rewrote the City Charter which was approved by the residents of San Mateo by over 70%. He has served on the Personnel Board, The Neighborhood Watch Board and the Measure S Committee. And during the peak of the pandemic, he fought for hazard pay for our essential workers when corporations had turned their backs on their own workers. District 4 needs a strong representation and he has been a godsend to the City of San Mateo. I can't imagine finding a better candidate more suited to be appointed on the City Council than Rich Hedges. As such, I humbly ask the City Council to appoint Mr. Rich Hedges to be on the San Mateo City Council.

Thank you,

Leon Wong
Union Representative



"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
— Edmund Burke

From: Leon Wong

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 11:54:29 PM

To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

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From: Janet Wright
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 11:32:46 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
CC: Janet Wright
Subject: Rich Hedges for San Mateo City Council

Hi Patrice,

As a long-time resident of the Parkside community I wholeheartedly endorse **Richard Hedges** for City Council.

Kind regards,

Janet Wright

From: Marilyn Mariano

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 11:41:41 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Rich Hedges

Appoint Rich Hedges to City Council.

He listens to every concern from every resident, and that he will focus on the issues and not the politics.

Marilynn Mariano

San Mateo/Parkside Resident

From: Property Service Company

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:43:31 PM

To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Support/Endorement of appointment of Rich Hedges to San Mateo City Council

Hello Patrice -

I am writing today in support of Rich Hedges for City Council appointment. Of the nine (9) applicants for this 5th seat Rich Hedges is the only applicant from my district (District 4). This is important to note as the other Districts already have representation on the City Council. It is equally important to note that Rich has participated in San Mateo City government since he has lived his 52 years in San Mateo, Rich is one of the three people in 2002 that rewrote the City Charter (which was approved by the residents of Sand Mateo by over 70%), Rich has served on the Personnel Board, The Neighborhood Watch Board and the Measure S Committee and Rich has chaired and raised about \$95K for 5 elections to run the Citizens Yes vote advocacy that has helped to keep San Mateo's budget balanced and put money away for reserves. This is just part of what Rich has accomplished. Rich is experienced and would be a valuable resource to the City Council. I would greatly appreciate your consideration and action in appointing Rich Hedges to City Council.

Sincerely -

John & Christine O'Dea

From: William & Regina

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 11:02:50 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Rich Hedges District 4 Representative.

Hello Ms. Olds and City Council.

Bill and I will be attending the city council meeting this evening to support our candidate, Rich Hedges, for the city council representing District 4.

Richard has worked tirelessly over the years to make positive changes for our community. As you can see from a few accomplishments from his resume;

1. Rich has participated in San Mateo City Government since he has lived his 52.5 years in San Mateo.
2. Rich was one of three people in 2002 that rewrote the City Charter which was approved by the residents of San Mateo by over 70%.
3. Rich has served on the Personnel Board, The Neighborhood Watch Board and the Measure S Committee
4. Rich has chaired and raised about \$95,000.00 for 5 elections to run the citizens yes vote advocacy that has helped to keep San Mateo's budget balanced and put money away for reserves. In addition, he has participated in the Passing of Measures L and M after the financial meltdown in 2008.
5. In District 4 Rich worked for over 10 years along with Larry Patterson and Suzanna Chan to remove 20% of our City's homes and businesses from paying flood insurance. These efforts brought millions of dollars back to the City to be spent at local and regional business.
6. Rich found the funds for the City to build a public restroom in Mariners Island Park where the multi-family housing families take their children to play and the baseball teams play their games.
7. Rich has led negotiations with developers to create public benefit for District 4 residents.
8. Rich is leading negotiations with Windy Hill to help reduce the impact of the Fish Market Development on residents of Parkside, Lakeshore, Shoreview and Mariners' Island.

As our area helps to provide financial fortitude to the city ;

1. We produce a tremendous Transfer tax revenue from the multiple sales of office building and the shopping center.
2. We have three hotels that produce high levels of Transit Occupancy Tax.

3. We have high levels of sales tax revenue from Bridgepointe and the Parkside Center.

We feel having Rich bring diversity of thought and leadership to our area is paramount to all levels of inclusion of goals and needs. **Please vote to elect him to the city council.**

Have a nice day.

William & Regina Trapp

From: Brock_and_Sarah_Jane Hubbard

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:27:42 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Rich Hedges for City Council

City Council Members,

I would like to endorse Rich Hedges for the City Council appointment. As a home owner and resident of District 4, I believe it is important that we have representation on the City Council for our neighborhoods east of highway 101.

Thank you,

Brock Hubbard

From: Brock_and_Sarah_Jane Hubbard
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:24:28 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Rich Hedges for city council

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Thank you,

Brock Hubbard

From: Ciaran Maguire <
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:23:55 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Rich Hedges

Please appoint Rich as our representative in district 4. He is the only one on the list from district 4.

Regards,

Ciaran Maguire.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ciaran Maguire
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:21:34 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Rich Hedges

Please appoint Rich Hedges as our representative in district 4. He is the only one on the list that is from district 4.

Kind regards.

Ciaran Maguire.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rafael Reyes
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 5:46:06 AM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Council Appointment: Rich Hedges

Dear Members of the City Council:

I am writing to encourage your strong consideration of Rich Hedges for the appointment to the open council seat. Mr. Hedges has been a especially distinguished city leader in San Mateo for many years serving in numerous capacities.

Mr. Hedges is very likely the candidate most knowledgeable about city operations and responsibilities. More importantly, he is measured, thoughtful and has maintained excellent relationships with a very wide range of stakeholders in the city.

Mr. Hedges is uniquely suited to collaborate with council members to provide meaningful guidance and leadership to the City of San Mateo.

I encourage you to support his appointment.

Sincerely,

Rafael Reyes

From: Rich K

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 8:36:45 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: City Council Appointment

Good Morning,

I'd like the current city council to consider and appoint Rich Hedges for the open seat on the City Council

I've known Rich Hedges for over thirty years and have seen him work to make San Mateo a better place to live. I've known Rich to be honest and considerate of others needs and work hard to better others lives.

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Please appoint him to the city council.

Best, Rich Kranz

From: Rich K
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 8:15:47 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
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Best,

E Richard Kranz

From: [Ciaran Maguire](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Rich Hedges
Date: Monday, December 12, 2022 2:21:50 PM

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Kind regards.

Ciaran Maguire.



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rafael Reyes](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Council Appointment: Rich Hedges
Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022 9:46:13 PM

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I encourage you to support his appointment.

Sincerely,

Rafael Reyes

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Rafael Reyes.

From: [Rich K](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\)](#)
Subject: City Council Appointment
Date: Monday, December 12, 2022 12:37:27 PM

Good Morning,

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Please appoint him to the city council.

Best, Rich Kranz

Edward Richard Kranz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Rich K](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: City Council Appointment
Date: Monday, December 12, 2022 12:16:29 PM

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Best,

E Richard Kranz



From: [Sandy Backman](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Endorsement of Richard Hedges for City Council
Date: Friday, December 9, 2022 10:18:30 AM

Dear Ms. Patrice Olds,

I am the current President of Harbortown Homeowners Association and have been so for the past 5 years, in District 4. We are a community of 312 units.

I would like to personally endorse Mr. Richard Hedges for the purpose of him getting appointed to the City Council.

Richard has always stepped up to help when I have asked for it. He has the ability to set aside his personal needs, and work toward what is best for Harbortown. In a time when "me" is what I see most often, it is ALWAYS our community first with Mr. Hedges. He is well respected by my Board Of Directors of 7, as well as many residents in our community.

It has come to my attention that there are as many as 9 candidates hoping to get appointed. I also understand that Mr. Hedges is the only candidate from District 4.

I strongly endorse Richard Hedges to be appointed to the City Council because he lives in District 4 and he has always stepped up to help the City Council in any way he could. As I previously stated, he has done the same thing in Harbortown. District 4 needs representation!

In preparation for writing this endorsement, my research found dozens of tasks he has taken on. I will name just a few:

*Rich has actively participated in San Mateo City Government since he has lived in San Mateo for the past 52 plus years.

*Rich was one of three people in 2002 who rewrote the City Charter which was approved by the residents of San Mateo by over 70%.

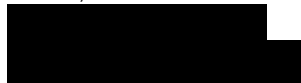
*In District 4, Rich worked for over 10 years along with Larry Patterson and Suzanna Chan to remove 20% of our City's homes and businesses from paying flood insurance. This team effort has saved millions of dollars for our city. which was then spent on local and regional businesses.

*Rich has undertaken a very important leading role in the negotiations with Windy Hill, to help reduce the impact of the Fish Market Development. This effort will significantly benefit not only Harbortown, but also all the residents of Parkside, , Shoreview and Mariners' Island.

As you can see, it is very important that Mr. Hedges gets appointed to City Council. I was surprised to discover that District 4 has not had a representative for a long time. We have many unique issues within our district: flood control, dredging, and traffic control are just a few of our issues we face.

Sincerely,

Sandy Backman



From: [Carole Groom](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Rich Hedges
Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:38:42 PM

I am pleased to endorse Rich Hedges for the
vacant seat on the San Mateo City Council .

Thank you.

Carole Groom

San Mateo County Supervisor

Sent from my iPhone

From: [David Hartwig](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Rich Hedges to Represent District Four
Date: Friday, December 9, 2022 12:09:55 PM

Hi, this is David Hartwig, I live at [REDACTED] and I am writing to endorse Rich Hedges as representative for District 4. He's very active in a positive way in my immediate community, and I think would be a great representative for a district which needs one. Thank you.

Best,
Dave

From: [Grotte, Brandt D.](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Cc: [Richard Hedges](#)
Subject: Endorsement and Support to appoint Rich Hedges to City Council
Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:52:45 PM

Patrice

I hope you and your people (office AND home) are well and healthy.

I will be supporting and endorsing Rich Hedges for the vacant City Council seat

Please be so kind as to reply so that I know my e-mail has been received

Thanks and Best Regards,

Brandt Grotte

From: [Janis Crowley](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Endorsement of Rich Hedges for San Mateo City Council
Date: Friday, December 9, 2022 9:25:36 AM

Hello Patrice - I've lived in San Mateo since 1997 and I am writing you today to endorse Rich Hedges for San Mateo City Council.

Rich Hedges is my neighbor here in District 4 and I continue to be impressed with Rich's significant civic contributions to the City of San Mateo over the 25 years that we have been neighbors. Rich's contributions include:

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Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you.

Best,

Janis Crowley



From: [John A. Matthews Jr](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#); [Richard Hedges](#)
Subject: City Council Appointment
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:15:41 AM

Good morning Patrice,

Please take note that I have formally endorsed Rich Hedges for the City Council appointment

Sincerely,

Jack Matthews

John A. Matthews AIA

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Fax:

[REDACTED]

From: [Karen Moen](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Endorsing/Supporting application of Richard Hedges for appointment to the San Mateo City Council
Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:53:38 PM

I am pleased to endorse and support the application of RICHARD HEDGES, a long time resident of the City of San Mateo and District 4, to serve as the fifth City Council member.

I have also emailed each of the current members of the City Council strongly recommending that they select Richard Hedges to fill the vacant position.

I am a long time resident of the City and District 4. In the 1980's and 1990's I was appointed to serve on the former Housing and Appeals Board, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and most recently served as a member of the Senior Commission (about ten years ago).

Please add my name to the list of those endorsing/supporting the application and appointment of Richard Hedges to fill the current vacancy on the City Council of the City of San Mateo.

Karen Moen

[REDACTED]

District 4

Contact Information:

EMail: [REDACTED]

Mareva Godfrey
Certified Parenting Coach



Dec. 5th, 2022

Esteemed San Mateo City Council Members:

I'm writing in full support and endorsement of Rich Hedges as the 5th City Council Member, filling the seat left vacant by Diana Papan. My name is Mareva Godfrey, and I have been a resident of San Mateo for 41 years. I proudly taught Elementary-aged children in our city's district for 26 of those years. I lived in the Los Prados area of District 4 for the past 23 years.

Rich brings incomparable years of experience and a record of activism on behalf of all of San Mateo. There is no one else who has chaired and participated in **five** City Measures that have passed the voter's approval and so benefitted our city, the last being Measure CC. His experience organizing groups at the County and City level, plus his education and expertise in Urban Planning will contribute much to the continued deliberations regarding the future of our city.

My experience with Mr. Hedges in our collaboration with the Marina Lagoon Action Committee (MLAC) and the Laguna Vista HOA Marina Lagoon Committee is his amazing gift to reach across divides and create win-win compromises. He is unflappable during difficult conversations and always respectful towards anyone with a different perspective. He sticks to the facts, has uncommon common sense, and always takes the high ground. Even knowing how challenging it is to be in the political arena, he consistently shows up to make a difference with full integrity. This ability and intention are needed NOW more than ever. Rich Hedges is the voice that the newly formed City Council could depend on as the members navigate the growing pains of becoming a cohesive TEAM.

The reorganization of by-district elections is the call to fair and equitable representation, something Mr. Hedges has worked arduously for all his life. As a resident of District 4 for the past 53 years, he would fill the vacant 5th seat as a true representative. City Council would then collectively represent ALL residents in San Mateo and have all voices heard. District 4 has not had any representation since Brent Brody left after having served 2 terms, 20+ years ago. Given all his qualifications to serve on Council and his unparalleled knowledge of issues affecting District 4, he is the best candidate to fill the 5th seat now. In their campaign platform, all the newly elected council members pledged to represent their district and ALL the residents in San Mateo fairly and equitably. This is the opportunity to walk the talk and set the tone and direction. Please select the most qualified candidate, Rich Hedges.

Most Sincerely,

Mareva Godfrey

LAW OFFICES OF
MARK D. HUDAK

December 10, 2022

Via Email

City Council
City of San Mateo
330 West 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

Re: Appointment of Rich Hedges to Vacant Council Seat

Dear Councilmembers:

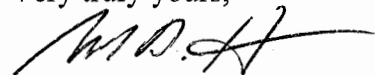
As a long-time San Mateo resident and small business owner, I want to voice my support for Rich Hedges to fill the vacant seat on the Council.

I have known Rich for many years. He has given so much of his valuable time to help the City and our local neighborhoods east of Highway 101. He is thoughtful and fair. He listens to all sides. And he gets things done.

Perhaps most important in this situation, Rich has no political agenda. He simply wants to do what is best for the entire city. That should give him credibility with all residents and help him build consensus, on the Council and in the neighborhoods. He is the right choice at this time.

Thank you for considering Rich for this position.

Very truly yours,



Mark D. Hudak

From: [Mark Hudak](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Supporting Rich Hedges for Vacant Council Seat
Date: Friday, December 9, 2022 10:59:04 AM
Attachments: [City Council letter 12-10-22.pdf](#)

Patrice – Please see the attached letter and add my name to the list of residents who are supporting Rich Hedges to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. Thanks!

Mark Hudak
Law Offices of Mark D. Hudak

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From: [Sandy Backman](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Endorsement of Richard Hedges for City Council
Date: Friday, December 9, 2022 10:18:30 AM

Dear Ms. Patrice Olds,

I am the current President of Harbortown Homeowners Association and have been so for the past 5 years, in District 4. We are a community of 312 units.

I would like to personally endorse Mr. Richard Hedges for the purpose of him getting appointed to the City Council.

Richard has always stepped up to help when I have asked for it. He has the ability to set aside his personal needs, and work toward what is best for Harbortown. In a time when "me" is what I see most often, it is ALWAYS our community first with Mr. Hedges. He is well respected by my Board Of Directors of 7, as well as many residents in our community.

It has come to my attention that there are as many as 9 candidates hoping to get appointed. I also understand that Mr. Hedges is the only candidate from District 4.

I strongly endorse Richard Hedges to be appointed to the City Council because he lives in District 4 and he has always stepped up to help the City Council in any way he could. As I previously stated, he has done the same thing in Harbortown. District 4 needs representation!

In preparation for writing this endorsement, my research found dozens of tasks he has taken on. I will name just a few:

*Rich has actively participated in San Mateo City Government since he has lived in San Mateo for the past 52 plus years.

*Rich was one of three people in 2002 who rewrote the City Charter which was approved by the residents of San Mateo by over 70%.

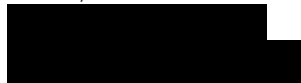
*In District 4, Rich worked for over 10 years along with Larry Patterson and Suzanna Chan to remove 20% of our City's homes and businesses from paying flood insurance. This team effort has saved millions of dollars for our city. which was then spent on local and regional businesses.

*Rich has undertaken a very important leading role in the negotiations with Windy Hill, to help reduce the impact of the Fish Market Development. This effort will significantly benefit not only Harbortown, but also all the residents of Parkside, , Shoreview and Mariners' Island.

As you can see, it is very important that Mr. Hedges gets appointed to City Council. I was surprised to discover that District 4 has not had a representative for a long time. We have many unique issues within our district: flood control, dredging, and traffic control are just a few of our issues we face.

Sincerely,

Sandy Backman



From: [Thomas Morgan II](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Endorsing Richard W. Hedges for Vacant Council Seat
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:15:35 PM

Patrice

I am endorsing Richard W. Hedges to fill the vacant City Council seat that was vacated by Diane Papan after her successful run for State Assembly. I feel District 4 should have representation and Rich is the right person from District 4. Rich knows and has worked with many residents in District 4 on District 4 and city-wide issues. I believe Rich can be that balancing member to help build consensus on council. Rich has been involved and spoken at many council meetings and has a strong understanding of the issues facing the city and council. His involvement on regional housing and transportation commissions will be a tremendous strength and much needed addition to the council. Most recently Rich worked on the passage of the Measure CC transfer tax to enhance city funding to help support public safety and capital projects in San Mateo.

Thank you

Thomas Morgan
San Mateo



December 9, 2022

Patrice Olds
City of San Mateo
City Clerk
330 West 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

Re: Endorsement of Richard Hedges for San Mateo City Council

Dear San Mateo City Council Members:

I am pleased to write this letter to support Richard Hedges' Appointment Application to the vacant San Mateo City Council seat. He has consistently demonstrated a commitment to public service and has assisted in a volunteer capacity on variety of important functions on the local and state level.

Mr. Hedges has previously served on the Board of Barbering & Cosmetology serving as President and Vice-President twice. He led the change to using a Tax ID number rather than Social Security Number to be granted a license.

Mr. Hedges currently serves on the City of San Mateo - CA Personnel Board and the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo, County.

He has also served on the CalTrain Plan Advisory Group, City of San Mateo Measure S Oversight Commission, San Mateo County Manager Interview Panel, Park and Recreation Commission Facilities, San Mateo County Transit & Planning 2040 Working Group, the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, San Mateo County Neighborhood Watch Board, and various Committees for Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Richard Hedges will bring all of his experience as a San Mateo City Councilmember. I ask for your consideration of this worthy applicant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Mullin".

KEVIN MULLIN
Congressman-Elect

From: [Charles Stone](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Endorsements for City Council Appointment
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:36:13 AM

Dear Patrice,

I hope you are well. I'm writing regarding my endorsement of two applicants for the San Mateo City Council appointment, Cliff Robbins and Rich Hedges.

Both Cliff and Rich have shown long-time commitment and dedication to the City of San Mateo. They know how to build bridges and seek consensus. They are willing to set aside politics to do the hard work of governing. Either of these two applicants would make a very fine councilmember for the people of San Mateo.

Best,

Charles Stone
Councilmember, Belmont (Title for Identification Purposes Only)

From: Sandra Jamme

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 7:30:55 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: SM Council Meeting Tonight - Please Elect Rick Hedges

Good morning. I saw on the news that new members of the City Council did not elect our new Mayor last week. As a voting citizen of San Mateo, I expected that the San Mateo follow the longstanding procedure of electing the most senior member to the position. Ms. Lee is exceptionally qualified for the position. The fact that it didn't occur is *outrageous* and I certainly hope this is not indicative of moving forward to address the complex issues our City is facing. I kindly ask you to please work together to get the job done rather than playing politics.

On that note, I am specifically requesting you to **elect Rick Hedges** to the City Council for the vacant position. Rick's vast experience, longstanding community advocacy, and leadership qualifications exceed those of the other candidates. You no doubt have his resume, but I point out that his experience in writing the City Charter (2002), working with District 4 representative to help residents avoid paying flood insurance, efforts to improve the community with neighborhood watch and facilities are impactful accomplishments that have benefited all San Mateo citizens. He is currently working with Windy Hill to help reduce impact of the development to people like me, one of your residents that will be affected. He is a resident of unrepresented District 4 and I'm confident he will work collaboratively with the Council members to address the goals. We are blessed to have someone of his caliber offer his time, to represent our City.

While I have a conflict and am unable to participate in tonight's meeting I ask you to **elect Rick Hedges to the City Council**. I believe this is the right time to bring someone in with his expertise!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra Jamme

From: Bob Hortop
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 7:19:48 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: In Support of Rich Hedges

To the City Council:

Please include me as one of the many residents of San Mateo who strongly endorse Rich Hedges for the open seat on the Council.

Like all of you, hundreds, if not thousands of San Mateo residents know Rich for the years of dedicated work he's done over many years.

He is an honest, hard working, fair minded, and objective citizen.

Rich more than merits our support.

Please vote for Rich Hedges for the open seat on the Council.

Thanks,
Bob Hortop

From: Jim Deccio
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 6:29:54 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Richard Hedges for City Council

For these and other great reasons I support Richard for A city council appointment :

1. Rich has participated in San Mateo City Government since he has lived his 52.5 years in San Mateo.
2. Rich was one of three people in 2002 that rewrote the City Charter which was approved by the residents of San Mateo by over 70%.
3. Rich has served on the Personnel Board, The Neighborhood Watch Board and the Measure S Committee
4. Rich has chaired and raised about \$95,000.00 for 5 elections to run the citizens yes vote advocacy that has helped to keep San Mateo's budget balanced and put money away for reserves. In addition, he has participated in the Passing of Measures L and M after the financial meltdown in 2008. Rich has also contributed significant money to these efforts.

These efforts have helped maintain services for the entire City. Rich works to help the entire City.

5. In District 4 Rich worked for over 10 years along with Larry Patterson and Suzanna Chan to remove 20% of our City's homes and businesses from paying flood insurance. These efforts brought millions of dollars back to the City to be spent at local and regional business.
6. Rich found the funds for the City to build a public restroom in Mariners Island Park where the multi-family housing families take their children to play and the baseball teams play their games.
7. Rich has led negotiations with developers to create public benefit for District 4 residents.
8. Rich is leading negotiations with Windy Hill to help reduce the impact of the Fish Market Development on residents of Parkside, Lakeshore, Shoreview and Mariners' Island.

This is just part of what has been accomplished or attempted to accomplished.

We need representation for the Eastside of 101 , as we contribute large amount of tax dollars to the City of San Mateo.

Sincerely. James Deccio

25 year resident

Sent from my iPad

From: Shelley Kessler

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 6:11:51 PM

To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Appointment of Rich Hedges to the council vacancy

To The San Mateo City Council

c/o Patricia Olds

polds@cityofsanmateo.org

Esteemed Representatives,

My name is Shelley Kessler and I have lived in San Mateo City for 33years. All of that time has been in District 4, east of the 101. It is time that we have a representative from the east side who has a long history of supporting many efforts by the city for the benefit of not only our local residents in the district, but the city as a whole.

Rich Hedges is that person. In over 50 years of his residency, Rich has been a dedicated member of our community. He has built consensus among disparate constituents, participated on multiple boards and committees, has raised close to \$100,000 dollars for city efforts while personally contributing generously on his own, and has a proven track record of advocating for city initiatives.

His record is so impressive that he has the most endorsements of any of the applicants for the position. Our city would be well served by an individual with his skill and dedication.

Therefore, I strongly urge appointment of Rich Hedges to the San Mateo City Council.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Shelley Kessler

From:

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 5:30:02 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Rich Hedges for City Council

Honorable Members of San Mateo City Council::

As a resident of Parkside, I endorse Rich Hedges for City Council. I have known Rich for many years as a hard worker advocating for the citizens of San Mateo and a member of our church. I urge you to appoint Rich Hedges to serve on the City Council.

Ed Taylor

From:

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 5:24:06 PM

To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Rich Hedges for City Council

Patrice:

As a resident of Parkside, I endorse Rich Hedges for City Council. I have known Rich for many years as a hard worker advocating for the citizens of San Mateo and a member of our church.

Ed Taylor

San Mateo

[Ed Taylor](#)

From: Edward Evans
Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 5:06:15 PM
To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Carpenters Union Local 217 Endorsement of Rich Hedges
Attachments: Carpenters Local 217 Endorsement - Rich Hedges.pdf (75.05 KB)

Dear Madame Clerk,
Please see my attached letter of endorsement of Mr. Rich Hedges to be appointed to the vacancy on the City Council. Thank you.

All the best,

Ed Evans
Senior Field Representative/Financial Secretary-Treasurer
Local 217, San Mateo County
Nor Cal Carpenters Union

"Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on earth." Roberto Clemente



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December 12, 2022

Members of the City Council,

As both a citizen of San Mateo and on behalf of the membership of Carpenters Union Local 217, I write to endorse and recommend that Mr. Rich Hedges be appointed to fill the vacancy on the San Mateo City Council.

Rich has lived in San Mateo for decades and has been actively involved in city matters throughout his life. The volume and the variety of the ways that Rich has been involved and helped guide San Mateo for the good of all residents is staggering. In fact, his extensive resume combined with his calm, intelligent, and conscientious manner is probably just what the city government of San Mateo needs right now – more than ever.

It is a fact that the vacant seat on the council will convert to the designation of District 4 in the next city wide election in 2024. It is also a fact that the neighborhoods that make up District 4 have been woefully unrepresented for several years. Considering the thousands and thousands of families who live there and the amount of commercial tax revenue that District 4 provides the city, it most definitely deserves representation. As a resident of District 4, I am personally aware of this as well.

As the only resident of District 4 in the pool of applicants seeking the position, Rich Hedges is the clear and rightful choice to fill it. There is no doubt that Rich is up to the task of governing and his steady demeanor will allow him to serve as a much needed unifier on this already divided council.

I respectfully ask that you do the right thing for San Mateo as a whole, and in particular, the residents of District 4, and make it your first successful order of business to appoint Rich Hedges to fill the vacancy on the San Mateo City Council. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Evans

Senior Field Representative

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cc: City Clerk



From: Lawrence Ives

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 4:17:37 PM

To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Endorsement of Rick Hedges

I would like to express my support for Rich Hedges for City Council. I believe it's important that there be a representative from District 4 to ensure all city residents are represented.

Thanks,

Lawrence Ives

R. Lawrence Ives
Calabazas Creek Research, Inc.

www.calcreek.com

Endorsement Letters

Attachment 2 D – Clifford Stampfer Robbins

From: [Charles Stone](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Endorsements for City Council Appointment
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:36:13 AM

Dear Patrice,

I hope you are well. I'm writing regarding my endorsement of two applicants for the San Mateo City Council appointment, Cliff Robbins and Rich Hedges.

Both Cliff and Rich have shown long-time commitment and dedication to the City of San Mateo. They know how to build bridges and seek consensus. They are willing to set aside politics to do the hard work of governing. Either of these two applicants would make a very fine councilmember for the people of San Mateo.

Best,

Charles Stone
Councilmember, Belmont (Title for Identification Purposes Only)

Endorsement Letters

Attachment 2 E – Pablo B. Quintanilla

To Whom It May Concern,

In my capacity as a nonprofit leader in San Mateo County, I have had the privilege of working closely with [Pablo Quintanilla](#) and it is my great pleasure to personally endorse him for the current vacancy on the San Mateo City Council.

It is my strong opinion that Pablo, as an eight-year resident of San Mateo's Sunnybrae neighborhood, would be an excellent choice for this appointment because he's got experience across the non-profit, business and civic sectors, making him uniquely positioned to make an immediate and informed contribution on the San Mateo City Council.

- **NONPROFIT**: Pablo has served on the CuriOdyssey board since Oct 2021 and actively supports its mission to inspire a love of science and curiosity about the world to create a brighter future
 - He currently leads the CuriOdyssey Board's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) task force and attends staff's parallel committee meetings as a regular contributor
 - Pablo also collaborates with CuriOdyssey's staff and Strategy Committee to ensure people from all backgrounds, including the growing Latinx population, feel welcome at CuriOdyssey
 - He recently led a well-thought-out and successful selection process and eventual contract negotiation for a consulting firm to support CuriOdyssey's DEIB work
- **BUSINESS**: Pablo understands the challenges and opportunities facing one of the major industries in San Mateo — High Tech
 - Pablo has worked for Salesforce's Public Policy group and currently is a manager in Meta's Social Impact Products Group
 - As such he has a strong understanding of how a healthy business sector is integral to the success and prosperity of San Mateo's workforce
- **CIVIC**: Pablo cares deeply about creating a community where San Mateo residents from all backgrounds feel engaged and that they belong
 - Underpinning his interest in civics - Pablo has degrees in Public Policy and International Relations from Harvard and Brown and is fluent in several languages
 - He has also served in various capacities in the U.S. Department of State
 - In addition, Pablo is continuing his education by immersing himself in local government issues as an active participant in this year's [Leadership Council San Mateo County's CORPS program](#) (graduation in June, 2023)
 - On the home front, Pablo is an engaged husband/dad and involved in supporting San Mateo Foster City School District's Title 1 Schools, one of which his children attend
 - In addition, Pablo has also more widely presented his opinions on issues related to social justice and climate change through contributions to [KQED's Perspectives](#) series

In addition to the above, perhaps what I most appreciate about Pablo is his communication and leadership style:

- First and foremost, Pablo is very approachable, a good listener, and a team player
 - When Pablo leads a committee meeting, regardless of the final outcome, attendees feel seen and heard
 - With the deftness of a seasoned diplomat, I have seen Pablo address some really challenging topics with sensitivity and respect
 - By being in tune with his team, Pablo is able to move projects forward with wide-spread committee, board and staff support

- The other thing I most appreciate about Pablo's leadership style is that he excels at distilling a lot of complex information and creating a call to action that is both positive and possible
 - Pablo has helped CuriOdyssey address and prioritize its DEIB initiatives
 - He has also demonstrated this skill in his [KQED Perspective series](#), where he has called for achievable solutions to building stronger communities, including asking listeners to:
 - Welcome newcomers and immigrants to the community,
 - Engage as a volunteer on city commissions and
 - Invite a diverse set of attendees to family celebrations

I think as you look to fill the current vacancy, Pablo Quintanilla would be a seamless addition to your City Council and would do a great job representing the many different constituencies in San Mateo, while also having a nuanced understanding of the non-profit, business and civic sectors that are integral to San Mateo's success.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

With Gratitude,

Laurel

[Laurel Miranda](#)



Please note: The above is intended as a personal endorsement only and does not reflect the endorsement of any 501(c)(3) organization.

From: [Penny Nixon](#)
To: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Pablo Quintanilla
Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:27:27 AM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2022-11-13 at 5.37.05 PM.png](#)
Importance: High

My name is Rev. Penny Nixon I am submitting my support for Pablo Quintanilla for appointment to city council.

Pablo is an outstanding person with a keen intelligence and a heart to serve. He is multi-lingual and has lived in a variety of places so has incredible cultural sensitivity.

He is a man of integrity and extremely thoughtful.

I have worked with Pablo for a number of years. He was very supportive and helpful when our church provided sanctuary for a father and son who were separated at the border. He provided translation when needed and was a tremendous support to the family.

Most recently, he volunteered during COVID as we provided groceries for the North Central neighborhood twice a month. He was engaging and connected easily with the people who came to pick up groceries.

Pablo understands policy, legislation and how communities thrive. He will bring a wealth of talent, skills and experience to the city council.

Please receive my highest recommendation for Pablo Quintanilla for the open seat on San Mateo City Council.

Rev. Dr. G. Penny Nixon
Co-Director, Peninsula Solidarity Cohort



From: [Maggie Trinh](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Pablo Quintanilla
Date: Monday, December 12, 2022 3:24:46 PM

To the city council: I am writing to voice my strong support for Pablo Quintanilla to be appointed as the fifth city council member. As someone who is a native Spanish speaker, he brings a unique perspective and will be able to connect directly with San Mateo's large Spanish-speaking community. He also has the skills for the position, is very intelligent and a critical thinker, and data- and equity- driven. His calm and gentle demeanor will also help bring down the temperature in the room, something this council needs. I urge you to select Pablo Quintanilla for city council.

Thank you,

Maggie

From: [Phoebe S Venkat](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Pablo Quintanilla for the San Mateo City Council
Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022 7:46:47 PM

Hello San Mateo City Staff and City Council,

I'd like to personally recommend Pablo Quintanilla for the open City Council seat.

I know Pablo from being in the San Mateo County Leadership CORPS 2022-23 cohort with him. Pablo is very intelligent, a critical thinker, and data driven. His experience in social impact, leadership, communications, public policy, public services, and governance would be ideal for the Council, and greatly benefit San Mateo.

Additionally, I've observed and experienced many of Pablo's strengths firsthand, including:

- Analytical: Pablo thinks things through, is logical, and comfortable with quantitative and qualitative data,
- Empathetic: Pablo is trustworthy, and customizes his approach and communications to the situation and audience.
- Strategic: Pablo is intuitive, sees different paths to a solution, and anticipates alternatives.

Thank you for considering Pablo for appointment to the San Mateo City Council.

Kind regards,
Phoebe

Phoebe Shin Venkat | mobile/text [REDACTED]

From: Barb

Sent on: Monday, December 12, 2022 6:02:46 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Open city council seat.

Hello, members of the San Mateo City Council,

First of all, thank you for your service and commitment to serving all the residents of San Mateo. A wonderful city. We are not able to make tonight's meeting to listen and comment on the applicants for the open seat. We would like to show support for 2 applicants,

Pablo Quintanilla

Maureen Freschet

We hope the city council will consider the value either one of these applicants will bring to the city council. They are intelligent, committed, and really care about our city.

Thank you,
Barbara and Rick Nelson
Life-long San Mateo resident
Magnolia Drive