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Taso Zografos – San Mateo City Council D1 Candidate Statement of Qualifications

1. **Name**

   Taso Zografos

2. **Office**

   San Mateo City Council District 1

3. **Residence & Occupation**

   [redacted] San Mateo CA 94402
   Business Executive/Engineer

4. **Various kinds of business or employment h/she has been engaged in during the past five years and where, also the positions of importance and trust which he/she may have held in connection therewith**

   For more than 40 years, I have worked in the private sector developing innovative transportation, mobility, traffic, parking, and infrastructure technology solutions for cities, counties, state departments of transportation, and federal agencies. During the past five years, I have served as Chief Executive Officer and Business Executive of Streetline Technology LLC, delivering smart mobility, parking, curb management, and infrastructure solutions. I also serve as the company's Principal-in-Charge Chief Engineer. My responsibilities include strategic planning, financial management, personnel leadership, technology strategy, product development, and the successful delivery of complex public-sector programs requiring accountability, sound judgment, and public trust.

5. **The civic, improvement or other organizations which he/she has been a member of within the past five years and the positions of honor or trust, which he/she may have held therein**

   I have devoted thousands of volunteer hours serving San Mateo through civic organizations, neighborhood leadership, and nonprofit service. I founded and continue to lead the Gramercy Mounds El Cerrito Neighborhood Association and the San Mateo District 1 Community Association, bringing neighbors together and encouraging civic participation. I am also a member of the San Mateo United Homeowners Association (SMUHA), collaborating with neighborhood leaders on citywide issues. I served as a Board Member of the San Mateo Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program and currently serve as President of a non-profit, the United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) of California.

6. The public offices he/she ever held, if any, as principal, deputy, or employee

I have spent my career solving problems, not pursuing politics. While I have not previously held elected or appointed public office, I have served our community through civic leadership, neighborhood organizations, nonprofit services, and served many years as a board member of the San Mateo Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program. Those experiences have given me firsthand insight into local issues and prepared me to serve as an independent, thoughtful, and accountable voice for San Mateo residents.

7. The experience, training, or education he/she has received which, in his/her opinion, would qualify him/her to fill the office for which he/she is a candidate

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics and a Master of Science degree in Information Systems Management. For more than 40 years, I have led the planning, engineering, and delivery of transportation, traffic, parking, and infrastructure programs for cities, counties, state departments of transportation, and federal agencies. As a Business Executive and Engineer, I have managed budgets, led multidisciplinary teams, solved complex public-sector challenges, and delivered measurable results. Combined with my community leadership and volunteer service, these experiences have prepared me to make thoughtful, informed, and fiscally responsible decisions as a City Councilmember.

8. The length of time he/she has been a taxpayer in the city

I have been a San Mateo City taxpayer since 2002. As a parent, homeowner, and long-time resident, I remain committed to strengthening our neighborhoods, supporting our community, and helping ensure San Mateo remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

9. The principal public improvements or betterments which he/she would argue the accomplishments if elected

My priorities are protecting public safety, restoring fiscal responsibility, maintaining and improving streets and infrastructure, reducing traffic congestion through smarter transportation planning, supporting responsible growth that balances housing, transportation, infrastructure, and neighborhood quality of life, and protecting personal choice. Before asking taxpayers for more, City Hall must first demonstrate that it is making the best possible use of the resources it already has. I will lead with integrity, transparency, and accountability while making practical, common-sense decisions that put residents first.

10. The names of not more than fifteen residents who know something of his/her character and abilities

1. Claire Mack — Former Mayor, San Mateo
2. Susan Manheimer — Former Police Chief, San Mateo
3. Tom Morgan — President, San Mateo United Homeowners Association (SMUHA)
4. Tom Weissmiller — San Mateo Park Neighborhood
5. Jeff Olson — Hayward Park Neighborhood
6. Ralph Garcia — Baywood Neighborhood
7. Lisa Maley — 25th Avenue Neighborhood
8. Pat Borden — Gramercy Mounds–El Cerrito Neighborhood
9. Reginald Grady — San Mateo Heights Neighborhood
10. Anne Kenney — Aragon Neighborhood
11. Laurie Watanuki — Central Neighborhood
12. Tom Lease — Beresford Park Neighborhood
13. Joanne Bennett — North Central Neighborhood
14. Rick Sakuda — Marina Lagoon Neighborhood
15. David Carroll — Bay Meadows Neighborhood

11. Any other information which, in his/her opinion, would enable the electors to determine his/her qualifications for said office

Throughout my life and career, I have believed that leadership is about duty and service, not titles. I never planned to run for public office. I love San Mateo. My decision to become a candidate grew out of years working alongside neighbors, solving local problems, and seeing firsthand how important it is for residents to have a voice in City Hall. I believe public service means listening, treating people with respect, making thoughtful decisions, and always acting in the community's best interest. Those principles will guide every decision I make as a member of the City Council.

12. Signature

