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## City of San Mateo Opens Storm Relief Fund

### Financial Support Opens to Residents, Businesses in City of San Mateo

San Mateo, CA – The City of San Mateo is supporting community members who experienced financial impacts and damage from the New Year's Eve series of extreme storms by providing \$150,000 toward the City's new Winter Storm Damage Relief Fund.

City of San Mateo residents, businesses and property owners that experienced damage due to the extreme storms between Dec. 31, 2022 to Jan. 12, 2023 can now apply for up to \$5,000 in assistance for expenses not already covered by insurance or other sources. The City is partnering with the nonprofit Samaritan House to administer the fund.

The application period is open March 22, 2023 through April 21, 2023, after which recipients will be chosen by lottery. Covered expenses can include personal property damage, minor or major repairs, clean up or mold remediation costs, expenses incurred due to displacement and other expenses.

Visit [www.cityofsanmateo.org/stormrelief](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/stormrelief) for more details and eligibility requirements.

Recognizing those affected may not be able to fully access federal support or lack adequate insurance, the City Council approved creating the new fund to help City of San Mateo residents and businesses who were hard-hit during the extreme storms that caused widespread damage across the state. The \$150,000 in funds contributed by the City of San Mateo is in addition to the \$60,000 that was privately donated through a GoFundMe campaign led by the mayor.

"Climate change is upon us, these winter storms were the worst in recent memory. This crisis tested our values and the City of San Mateo's Winter Storm Damage Relief Fund is a shining example of the San Mateo way. Our commitment to build a resilient future starts with caring for our neighbors and each other. In addition to these City funds, my mayor's initiative raised nearly \$60,000 and the outpouring of generosity from San Mateans will help our businesses and residents recover and rebuild," said San Mateo Mayor Amourance Lee.

#### **About San Mateo**

*San Mateo is a dynamic community nestled along the San Francisco Bayfront and conveniently located in Silicon Valley. With over 105,000 residents, one of the City's greatest strengths is its diversity, both in the ethnic makeup and the physical development of the community. San Mateo has over 200 acres of parks and open space, a vibrant business and employment environment, two major shopping centers and an active downtown. Over 500 dedicated City employees provide an array of vital services such as maintaining city streets and infrastructure, supporting parks and recreational opportunities, and keeping the community safe, healthy and clean.*



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