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1939-04-04	1	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 4 regarding the City Council term limits, compensation, and employment.	Charter	549	1,659	2,208	24.86%	75.14%	Majority	N
1939-04-04	2	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 5 which address City Council meetings and when they should be held, who is present, and rules.	Charter	447	1,650	2,097	21.32%	78.68%	Majority	N
1939-04-04	3	To add to the Charter of the City of San Mateo to be numbered Section 7a regarding codes and codification of ordinances.	Charter	955	1,091	2,046	46.68%	53.32%	Majority	N
1939-04-04	4	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 6 regarding the number of council members present at a meeting and the amount of votes necessary to pass an ordinance or a resolution.	Charter	457	1,685	2,142	21.34%	78.66%	Majority	N
1939-04-04	5	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 11 regarding the Mayor's responsibilities and compensation.	Charter	520	1,602	2,122	24.51%	75.49%	Majority	N
1939-04-04	6	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 30 which addresses contract work.	Charter	478	1,593	2,071	23.08%	76.92%	Majority	N
1939-04-04	7	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 35 regarding the Fiscal Year and when tax money is used and collected; the fiscal year runs from January 1st to December 31st.	Charter	1,210	935	2,145	56.41%	43.59%	Majority	Y
1939-04-04	8	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 44 regarding Initiative Referendum and Recall; the initiative, referendum and recall may be exercised in accordance with the general laws of the state, or procedure ordinances adopted by the council or electorate.	Charter	543	1,554	2,097	25.89%	74.11%	Majority	N
1939-04-04	9	To add to the Charter of the City of San Mateo six new sections regarding the school board, subsequent boards, and removal.	Charter	668	1,534	2,202	30.34%	69.66%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	1	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 4 regarding the City Council term limits, compensation, and employment.	Charter	888	1,540	2,428	36.57%	63.43%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	2	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 5 which address City Council meetings and when they should be held, who is present, and rules.	Charter	777	1,506	2,283	34.03%	65.97%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	3	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 6 regarding the number of council members present at a meeting and the amount of votes necessary to pass an ordinance or a resolution.	Charter	804	1,462	2,266	35.48%	64.52%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	4	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 11 regarding the Mayor's responsibilities and compensation.	Charter	809	1,539	2,348	34.45%	65.55%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	5	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 30 which addresses contract work.	Charter	770	1,457	2,227	34.58%	65.42%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	6	To add to the Charter of the City of San Mateo by adding a section 30.1 regarding workmen's standards on public work-local material preference.	Charter	1,583	824	2,407	65.77%	34.23%	Majority	Y
1937-04-06	7	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 32 regarding franchises.	Charter	688	1,421	2,109	32.62%	67.38%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	8	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 33 regarding Illegal contracts.	Charter	1,404	909	2,313	60.70%	39.30%	Majority	Y
1937-04-06	9	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 36 which is regarding taxation; giving council control by ordinance to provide a system for the levy, assessment and collection of city tax.	Charter	1,146	963	2,109	54.34%	45.66%	Majority	Y
1937-04-06	10	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 44 regarding Initiative Referendum and Recall; the initiative, referendum and recall may be exercised in accordance with the general laws of the state, or procedure ordinances adopted by the council.	Charter	728	1,405	2,133	34.13%	65.87%	Majority	N
1937-04-06	11	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 45 regarding advertising; requires that Council shall call for the submission of sealed proposals or bids from all newspapers for the publication of all ordinances and legal notices required to be published.	Charter	1,242	884	2,126	58.42%	41.58%	Majority	Y
1937-04-06	12	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 47 regarding municipal affairs; All general laws of the state applicable to municipal corporations, now or hereafter enacted, which are not in conflict with the provisions of this charter or with ordinances hereafter enacted shall be applicable to the city.	Charter	740	1,409	2,149	34.43%	65.57%	Majority	N

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1936-05-05	1	Shall the City of San Mateo incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal sum of \$300,000 in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance calling the election at which this proposition is submitted, for the object and purpose of acquiring the following municipal improvement of said city, to-wit: A municipal investment bond fund to be used for the purchase of special assessment public improvement Bonds of said City of San Mateo or of districts therein. Heretofore Issued by said City under and pursuant to the Improvement Bond Act of 1915, as amended and now outstanding and unpaid?	Bonds	3,072	832	3,904	78.69%	21.31%	(2/3)	Y
1936-05-05	2	Shall the City of San Mateo reinvest itself with powers of control over the Railroad corporations?	Charter	2,702	1,199	3,901	69.26%	30.74%	Majority	Y
1936-05-05	3	Shall the City of San Mateo reinvest itself with powers of control over Street Railroad Corporations?	Charter	2,672	1,160	3,832	69.73%	30.27%	Majority	Y
1936-05-05	4	Shall the City of San Mateo reinvest itself with powers of control over common carriers other than Railroad and Street Railroad corporations?	Charter	2,643	1,203	3,846	68.72%	31.28%	Majority	Y
1936-05-05	5	Shall the City of San Mateo reinvest itself with powers of control over Electrical corporations?	Charter	2,670	1,196	3,866	69.06%	30.94%	Majority	Y
1936-05-05	6	Shall the City of San Mateo reinvest itself with powers of control over wharfingers?	Charter	2,579	1,225	3,804	67.80%	32.20%	Majority	Y
1935-11-06		The proposition to incur a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$85,000.00 for the object and purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing and completing the following public municipal improvement. Towit: the construction of an outfall sewer to serve the southerly portion of said city, and to extend from the Southern Pacific Railroad at sixteenth Avenue easterly to the Eleventh Avenue; the construction of an outfall sewer to serve the northerly portion of said city and to extend from the existing outfall sewer on Mt. Diablo Avenue southerly and parallel with the Bayshore Highway to Eleventh Avenue; the construction of a pumping plant connected with said outfall sewers and to be located near the Bayshore highway and eleventh Avenue, and a force main to carry the sewage from the pumping plant to the treatment plant hereafter mentioned; and the construction of a treatment plant to be located near Seal Slough about eight hundred feet south of the road leading to the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge and near the shore of the San Francisco Bay, to consist of a primary clarification tank, a separate sludge digestion tank, sludge drying beds, and appurtenances to said plant; and the construction of an outfall sewer to carry the effluent from said treatment plant into Seal Slough; the acquisition of the necessary easements and rights of way therefor; and all necessary labor and materials I connection therewith.	Bonds	3,921	1,387	5,308	73.87%	26.13%	(2/3)	Y
1934-11-06	1	The proposition to incur a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$85,000.00 for the object and purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing, and completing the following public municipal improvement to-wit: The construction of an outfall sewer to serve the southerly portion of said city, and to extend from the Southern Pacific railroad at Sixteenth Avenue easterly to Eleventh Avenue the construction of an outfall sewer to serve the northerly portion of said city, and to extend from the existing outfall sewer on Mt Diablo Avenue Southerly add parallel with the Bayshore Highway to Eleventh Avenue; the construction of a pumping plant to be located near the Bayshore Highway and Eleventh Avenue and force main to carry the sewage form the pumping plant to the treatment plant hereafter mentioned; and the construction of a treatment plant to be located near Seal Slough about eight hundred feet south of the road leading to the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge and near the shore of the San Francisco Bay to consist of a primary clarification tank a separate sludge digestion tank sludge drying beds, and appurtenances to said plant; and the construction of an outfall sewer to carry the effluent from said treatment plant into Seal Slough the acquisition of necessary easement sand rights of way therefor and all necessary labor and materials in connection therewith.	Bonds	3,921	1,387	5,308	73.87%	26.13%	(2/3)	Y

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1934-11-06	2	The proposition to incur a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$30,000.00 for the object and purpose of paying the cost of acquiring constructing and completing the following public municipal improvement, to-wit: the construction of a fire alarm system including the construction of a central station as a extension to and improvement of the present fire alarm system and by increasing the number of fire alarm stations in said city from the present number of approximately sixteen stations to approximately one hundred sixty one stations.	Bonds						(2/3)	Y
1933-04-04		An ordinance amending ordinance 212 of the City of San Mateo relating to limiting and regulating the sale of spirituous malt vinous or other alcoholic liquors by amending subdivision (e) of section2 thereof and by repealing subdivisions (b) and (c) of section 4 thereof.	Charter	1,400	292	1,692	82.74%	17.26%	Majority	Y
1931-03-07		A proposition to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$30,000.00 in said city for the objects and purposes set forth in said resolution, towit: the erection and construction of a fire station and fire drill tower at 27th Avenue and Edison Street; remodeling of the fire engine house on Bellevue Avenue; the purchase of new fire engine pumping equipment, fire hose and accessories, furniture, furnishings, and fixtures for said fire stations.	Bonds	1,162	893	2,055	56.55%	43.45%	(2/3)	N