

History of San Mateo Ballot Measures 1941-1950

Election Date	Measure	Description of measure	Measure Type	# of votes in favor	# of votes opposed	Total # of Votes	% in favor	% opposed	Passing threshold	Passed? Y/N	Overall Voter Turnout
1949-04-05	1	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 4 regarding compensation of members of City Council; \$15 for each regular and special meeting not to exceed \$45 during one calendar month.	Charter	2,733	1,576	4,309	63.43%	36.57%	Majority	Y	
1949-04-05	2	To amend the San Mateo Ordinance Code of 1947 Sections 14.04 and 14.05 to increase the number of voting members of the Personnel Board from three to five members to be appointed by the City Council, and to provide that three thereof may call a meeting, and three thereof shall constitute a quorum.	Charter	2,824	1,374	4,198	67.27%	32.73%	Majority	Y	
1947-04-01	1	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$60,000 for the construction and completion of improvements in the building formerly used as a City Hall, now occupied by the Police Department of the City of San Mateo.	Bonds	4,172	1,610	5,782	72.15%	27.85%	(2/3)	Y	
1947-04-01	2	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$105,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and completing improvements to the facilities of the fire department of the City of San Mateo.	Bonds	4,315	1,345	5,660	76.24%	23.76%	(2/3)	Y	
1947-04-01	3	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$55,000 for constructing and completing a suitable building for a branch public library on real property to be acquired by said City, situation in that portion thereof which lies west of El Camino Real and south of Twenty-Second Avenue and acquiring real property for the aforesaid purposes.	Bonds	3,748	1,903	5,651	66.32%	33.68%	(2/3)	N	
1947-04-01	4	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$60,000 for the construction of a building or buildings designed for use in connection with said corporation yard, for storage, repair, and maintenance of vehicles, equipment, machinery, tools, and supplies.	Bonds	3,884	1,753	5,637	68.90%	31.10%	(2/3)	Y	
1947-04-01	5	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$250,000 for the construction and completion of improvements to the public park system of the city.	Bonds	3,730	1,902	5,632	66.23%	33.77%	(2/3)	N	
1945-04-03	1	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$250,000 for the acquiring, construction, and completion of municipal improvements: the improving of certain public streets such as Alameda de Las Pulgas, Park Boulevard, Upas Street, and Alameda Drive, by widening, grading, and paving the same by constructing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drainage, and storm water culverts and sanitary sewers, by planting trees, by installing an electrolier street lighting system and the acquisition of such land as may be necessary of these improvements.	Bonds	1,875	2,327	4,202	44.62%	55.38%	(2/3)	N	36%
1945-04-03	2	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$45,000 for the acquiring, constructing, and completion of the following municipal improvements: The improving of that certain portion of San Mateo Drive, a public street and highway in said city, which lies between Second Avenue and Baldwin Avenue, by the widening and by the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and storm water and sanitary swerves, by the installation of an electrolier street lighting system, and by the acquisition of such land as may be necessary for these said improvements.	Bonds	2,414	1,789	4,203	57.44%	42.56%	(2/3)	N	36%
1945-04-03	3	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$68,000 for the acquiring, constructing and completing the following municipal improvements: the construction on land now owned, or to be acquired by the City, situation in that portion which lies west of El Camino Real and south of Twenty-second avenue as extended easterly and westerly of a suitable building for a branch police station, fire station, public library and other municipal uses.	Bonds	2,243	1,938	4,181	53.65%	46.35%	(2/3)	N	36%
1945-04-03	4	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$70,000 for the acquiring, construction, and completion of the following municipal improvements: The construction on land now owned by said city situated in that portion thereof known as the Civic Center, of a building designed and to be used by the Police Department as a central station.	Bonds	1,292	2,895	4,187	30.86%	69.14%	(2/3)		36%

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1945-04-03	6	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$340,000 for the acquiring, constructing, and completing of the following municipal improvements: the development and improvement of the public park system.	Bonds	2,244	1,977	4,221	53.16%	46.84%	(2/3)	N	36%
1945-04-03	7	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of a site suitable for a war memorial building.	Bonds	1,767	2,404	4,171	42.36%	57.64%	(2/3)	N	
1945-04-03	A	To add Section 37a to the Charter of the City of San Mateo allowing City Council to collect a special tax upon the accessible property within the city in addition to and beyond the limit of, the tax rate set forth in Section 37 hereof, in the number of cents per one hundred dollars of assessable property as will be sufficient to raise the amount estimated by said council to be required to meet the obligation of the city to the retirement system under section 58c and subsection (5) of section 38c of the California State Employees' Retirement Act. Sums so raised by such taxation shall be set apart in a separate fund to be known as City Employees' retirement fund.	Charter	2,083	2,072	4,155	50.13%	49.87%	Majority	Y	36%
1945-04-03	1	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$250,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance calling the election at which this proposition is submitted, for the object and purpose of acquiring, constructing, and completing the following municipal improvements, to-wit: the improving of certain public streets and highways in said city, viz: Alameda de las Pulgas, Park Boulevard, Upas Street and Alameda Drive, by widening, grading, and paving the same and by constructing therein curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drainage and storm water culverts and sanitary sewers, by planting trees therein, by installing therein an electroler street lighting system, and by the acquisition of such land as may be necessary for said improvements or any of them.	Bonds	1,869	2,320	4,189	44.62%	55.38%	(2/3)	N	
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1945-04-03	4	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$70,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance calling the election at which this proposition is submitted, for the object and purpose of acquiring, constructing, and completing the following municipal improvements, to-wit: The construction on land now owned by said city situated in that portion thereof known as the Civic Center, of a building designed and to be used by the Police Department of said city a as central station.	Bonds	1,285	2,892	4,177	30.76%	69.24%	(2/3)	N	

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1945-04-03	6	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$340,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance calling the election at which this proposition is submitted, for the object and purpose of acquiring, constructing, and completing the following municipal improvements, to-wit: The development and improvement of the public park system of said city, as follows: The construction in Beresford Park of walks and paths, a recreation building, dressing rooms, showers, a swimming pool, the purchase, manufacture and installation of equipment necessary for the use of the recreational facilities of said park, and the planting therein of trees, shrubs, and flowers; The construction in Central Park of a recreation building, dressing rooms, showers, a swimming pool, and the purchase, manufacture and installation of equipment necessary for the use of the recreational facilities of said park; The construction in East Park of a recreation building, dressing rooms, showers, a swimming pool, and the purchase, manufacture and installation of equipment necessary for the use of the recreational facilities of said park, and the purchase of two lots in the vicinity of said park and the development thereof for recreational purposes in conjunction with the improvements herein set forth.	Bonds	2,244	1,969	4,213	53.26%	46.74%	(2/3)	N	
1945-04-03	7	To allow the City of San Mateo to incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$25,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance calling the election at which this proposition is submitted, for the object and purpose of acquiring, constructing, and completing the following municipal improvements, to-wit: The purchase of a site suitable for a war memorial building.	Bonds	1,765	2,395	4,160	42.43%	57.57%	(2/3)	N	
1943-04-06	1	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo by adding a new section known as Section 49a to read as follows: Section 49a. Any ordinance submitted to and approved by vote of the people which establishes a merit system for the selection and promotion of subordinate officials and employees of the city and which provides against their demotion, suspension, or dismissal, shall be controlling as against any conflicting provisions of the charter, and shall only be repealed or amended by a majority vote of the people, except as in said ordinance otherwise provided.	Charter	1,833	486	2,319	79.04%	20.96%	Majority	Y	
1943-04-06	2	To pass an ordinance entitled: An ordinance providing for a Merit System in relation to the Officials and Employees of the City of San Mateo be passed and adopted, said ordinance being filed with the City Clerk on March 1, 1943.	Personnel	1,801	503	2,304	78.17%	21.83%	Majority	Y	
1941-04-01	1	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 4 regarding the City Council term limits, compensation, and employment.	Charter	662	1,653	2,315	28.60%	71.40%	Majority	N	
1941-04-01	2	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo Section 11 regarding the Mayor's responsibilities and compensation.	Charter	607	1,678	2,285	26.56%	73.44%	Majority	N	