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2024-11-05	T	Shall the measure to allow for additional affordable housing for low-and middle-income residents and meet State housing requirements (without raising taxes) while enhancing parks and open space, allowing existing residential neighborhoods to stay low density, and reducing traffic impacts, while allowing future housing to be concentrated primarily downtown along the El Camino corridor and near Caltrain stations where it is close to transit, jobs, infrastructure, and services be adopted?	General Plan	25,271	17,283	42,554	59.39%	40.61%	Majority	Y	76.1%
2022-11-08	CC	To fund essential local general services in the City of San Mateo, such as street repairs, parks, recreation, fire protection, emergency response, and crime prevention; and improving intersections, sidewalks, and bike lanes for safety and reduced traffic congestion; shall the measure, increasing the City of San Mateo's existing transfer tax on property sales of \$10 million or more, from 0.5% to 1.5%, generating approximately \$4.8 million annually, until ended by voters, with independent audits and all money locally controlled, be adopted?	Property Transfer Tax of \$10 million or more	23,454	9,227	32,681	71.77%	28.23%	Majority	Y	60.1%
2020-11-03	R	Shall the proposed ordinance to amend the City of San Mateo General Plan to extend for ten years the expiration date for voter-enacted policies limiting building heights and intensities, but to authorize the City Council to approve increases in heights and intensities in designated areas that are close to major transit and to make other specified amendments to affordable housing policies in the plan, be adopted?"	General Plan - Height	21,085	24,631	45,716	46.12%	53.88%	Majority	N	86.5%
2020-11-03	W	To fund general city services such as: maintaining streets and repairing potholes; providing fire, paramedic, and 9-1-1 emergency response; managing traffic congestion and enhancing pedestrian safety measures; maintaining parks, recreation and community facilities, infrastructure, and general city services; shall an ordinance increasing the City of San Mateo's existing transient occupancy tax paid by hotel/motel guests to 14% to provide an estimated \$1,000,000 annually until ended by voters, be adopted?	TOT Tax	35,224	11,808	47,032	74.89%	25.11%	Majority	Y	86.5%
2020-11-03	Y	Shall the proposed ordinance to amend the City of San Mateo General Plan to maintain for ten years voter-enacted policies limiting building heights, residential densities, and nonresidential building intensities, and to modify and maintain for 10 years an inclusionary housing requirement for residential projects, be adopted?	General Plan - Height	23,038	22,995	46,033	50.05%	49.95%	Majority	Y	86.5%
2017-11-07	B	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo and move elections from odd years to even years (statewide) elections.	Charter	9,726	2,219	11,945	81.42%	18.58%	Majority	Y	24.1%

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2016-11-08	L	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo to no longer require that the city of San Mateo have its own separate fire department.	Charter	22,576	15,201	37,777	59.80%	40.20%	Majority	Y	82.5%
2016-11-08	Q	To promote neighborhood and community stability, healthy housing, and affordability for renters in the City of San Mateo by controlling excessive rent increases and arbitrary evictions. The balance between Landlords getting their fair and reasonable return on investments and guaranteeing fair protections for renters, homeowners, and businesses. Known as the San Mateo Community Preservation and Fair Rent Charter.	Charter	16,053	24,073	40,126	40.00%	60.00%	Majority	N	82.5%
2015-11-03	S	To continue locally controlled funding to maintain services and improve infrastructure, including: police patrols and gang prevention; street, sidewalk and pothole repair; 9-1-1 response times and emergency medical services, fire prevention; senior, teen and children's programs; parks, paths and playfields, library hours; and other city services; shall San Mateo extend the existing voter-approved quarter-cent sales tax for 30 years, without increasing current tax rates, with citizen oversight of how proceeds are spent?	Tax	11,037	4,750	15,787	69.90%	30.10%	Majority	Y	33.1%
2011-11-08	G	To authorize the city of San Mateo to amend the General Plan and the Municipal Code to provide for alternative methods of providing adequate affordable rental housing, consisting of a housing impact fee and fee refund incentive program for rental projects agreeing to provide below market rate units; charging rental property owners unless they agree to rent out their property for a cheaper price.	General Plan	5,238	5,358	10,596	49.43%	50.57%	Majority	N	24.7%
2009-11-03	L	To authorize of a 1/4% tax that will be used in the City of San Mateo's general fund.	Tax	8,258	5,227	13,485	61.20%	38.80%	Majority	Y	29.7%
2009-11-03	M	To authorize a 2% increase in transient tax (hotel tax) which is an increase from 10%; the money from the tax is used in the City of San Mateo's general fund.	Tax	10,068	3,424	13,492	74.60%	25.40%	Majority	Y	29.7%

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2004-11-02	P	To propose to extend policies established by Measure H (passed in 1991) regarding density and height for development and added requirements for affordable housing in new residential projects. This measure allows City Council the ability to change a property's planned land use and charge developers a fee in lieu of units for affordable unit requirements. It would also authorize building height modifications at the authorization of City Council. The goal is to maintain the suburban character of the city, while also allowing room for economic development and growth.	Building Code	21,829	9,566	31,395	69.50%	30.50%	Majority	Y	80.9%
2002-11-05	F	To amend the Charter of the City of San Mateo including: more gender neutral language, increases to city council salary to be consistent with other cities of the same population, change in city council meeting time from 8pm to no time earlier than 6:30pm, full publication of a new ordinance to be in the newspaper and the city clerk's office, no longer require that city employees have to live in the city of San Mateo in order to work for the city of San Mateo, deletes references to elected city clerk and city treasurer, as they are no longer elected positions, property tax regulations governed by proposition 13 in the California State Constitution, requires compliance with statewide conflict of interest regulations.	Charter	13,310	5,834	19,144	69.50%	30.47%	Majority	Y	54.7%