

**City of San Mateo**  
**CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

*(this form available in a word document from the Clerk – must be submitted in Word also)*

The San Mateo City Charter requires a candidate file a Statement of Qualifications with the City Clerk at the time of filing of the Nomination Papers. The Charter requires the statement contain the following information in the order set forth:

1. His/her name

Nicole Fernandez

2. The office for which he/she is candidate

City of San Mateo Council, District 2

3. His/her present residence and occupation

430 Grand Blvd #4, San Mateo, CA 94401

4. The various kinds of business or employment he/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

Legislative District Director, Senator Josh Becker, 2020-present  
Community Programs Specialist II, Adult Protective Services, San Mateo County, 2015-2020

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

Board Member, Samaritan House, 2020-present  
Board Member, Grand Terrace Homeowners Association, San Mateo, 2012-2020  
Board member, North Central Neighborhood Association, 2023-present  
Commissioner, San Mateo Community Relations Commission, 2013-2021

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

Legislative District Director/District Representative, various members of CA State Legislature (2005-2015, 2020-present)  
Community Programs Specialist II, Adult Protective Services, San Mateo County (2015-2020)

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

B.A., Political Science, San Jose State University

Masters in Public Administration, California State University Dominguez Hills (most coursework completed)

Legislative District Director/District Representative, various members of CA State Legislature (2005-2015, 2020-present)

Community Programs Specialist II, Adult Protective Services, San Mateo County (2015-2020)

Board Member, Grand Terrace Homeowners Association, San Mateo, 2012-2020

Board member, North Central Neighborhood Association, 2023-present

Commissioner, San Mateo Community Relations Commission, 2013-2021

8. The length of time he/she has been a taxpayer in the city  
12 years
9. The principal public improvements or betterments which he/she would urge the accomplishment of if elected
  - 1) I would like to focus on traffic infrastructure and pedestrian safety in District 2.
  - 2) I would like to enhance public safety measures throughout District 2.
  - 3) I want to focus on preserving and protecting affordable housing in District 2 while building housing at all levels.
  - 4) I want to ensure a return and expansion of good governance in San Mateo.
10. The names of not more than fifteen residents who know something of his/her character and abilities

Mayor Lisa Diaz Nash

Deputy Mayor Rob Newsom

Councilmember Rich Hedges

Former San Mateo Mayor Claire Mack

Former San Mateo Mayor Joe Goethals

Former San Mateo Mayor Jack Matthews

Former Chief of Police Susan Manheimer

Binh Thai

Susanne Scher

Kevin Simpson

Cathy Addy

Cynthia Newton

Caitlin Beanan

Sonja Tappan

Thomas Lease

Sheri Boles

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

I am a San Mateo County native and a first-generation American and the first person in my family to graduate from college. I have a degree in Political Science from San Jose State University. I am proud to have attended local public schools throughout my

educational career.

12. Submit with signature.

response to any one of the various requirements above-mentioned shall exceed one hundred words in length.

- This statement must be accompanied by a photograph of the candidate taken within two years.
- The City Clerk shall publish the statement of each candidate with the candidate's photograph twice prior to the day of the election.