

SAN MATEO COUNTY

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TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY
SUBJECT: **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Mayor Rico E. Medina, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a **Special** meeting of the Committee at **1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023**. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom:

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/97143836208>. The meeting ID is 971 4383 6208.

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), fulfilling the remaining term of Mark Nagales through February 28, 2025.
 - i. *South San Francisco Councilmember James Coleman, is seeking appointment*
- 3) Oral Communications and Announcements
 - i. *Public Comment – Opportunity for the public to address the San Mateo County City Selection Committee.*
 - ii. *Any subject not on the agenda may be presented at this time by members of the City Selection Committee. These topics cannot be acted upon or discussed, but may be agendaized for a later meeting date.*



August 15, 2023

City Selection Committee OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
% Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee / Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Re: Appointment to the HEART Executive Board

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I seek your support for my appointment to the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board. As the youngest and first openly LGBTQ+ member of the South San Francisco city council, the issue of affordable housing is near and dear to me. 2 in 5 households pay 30% or more of their income for housing, and 1 in 5 pay over 50% in California. As housing prices skyrocket, the opportunities of affordable homeownership for young families growing up in San Mateo County are dwindling. In addition to this, 40% of youth experiencing housing insecurity identify as LGBTQ+.

On the South San Francisco city council, affordable housing has been a number one priority for me. In the next 15 years, our city is projected to receive over \$125 million in commercial linkage fees to be used for affordable housing. Last year, South San Francisco passed Measure AA, authorizing our city to build or acquire city-owned and operated affordable housing. And just this month, our city was awarded a pro-housing designation from Governor Gavin Newsom for our commitment to passing policies that preserve and build affordable housing for our residents.

I have also had the opportunity to study alternative successful models of affordable housing in Europe and East Asia. This year, I was selected to be a part of a national housing delegation to meet with leaders and study housing policy in Hong Kong and Singapore. On the HEART Board, I hope to contribute my experiences in addressing the affordable housing crisis throughout San Mateo County.

I believe that HEART can continue to finance and provide much needed affordable housing at a variety of income levels. Together, we can find creative ways to deliver affordable housing faster to communities throughout San Mateo County. HEART can draft model policies for county cities to adopt, acquire land to build mixed-income and 100% affordable housing developments faster, and expand partnerships with regional leaders to finance affordable housing construction.

I pledge to be a collaborative leader that represents the entirety of San Mateo County's diverse population, and leaves no community behind. I humbly ask for your support.

Best,
James Coleman
Councilmember
City of South San Francisco