



**San Mateo County Charter Review Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 5:30 p.m.**  
500 County Center, Manzanita Hall, Redwood City, CA 94063

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**FINAL MINUTES**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Rosanne Foust at 5:33 p.m.

1. Roll Call

**In-Person Present:**

Committee Members: Tom Adams, Liliam Perez Avila, Karen Chapman, Eddie Flores, Jacquelyn Foust, Rosanne Foust, Mark Haesloop, Jim Lawrence, Iliana Rodriguez, Kathleen Wheeler

**Virtual Present:**

Committee Members: Talavou Aumavae, Dana Johnson, Daniela Jonguitud, Julie Lind, Monica Mejia, Kimberly Woo

**Absent:**

Committee Members: Lynette Garcia, Nathan Healy, George Smith

**Staff:** Brian Pettit, Deputy County Attorney; Rocio Kiryczun, Deputy County Executive and Kim Boverio, Assistant Clerk of the Board

The Committee would like to have dinner served at 5:00-5:15pm.

Commissioner Lynette Garcia joined online at 5:35 P.M.

2. Approval of January 26, 2026 Minutes

**17 RESULT:**           **Approved**  
**MOTION:**           Iliana Rodriguez  
**SECOND:**           Daniela Jonguitud

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Aye
Karen Chapman	Aye

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Eddie Flores	Aye
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Aye
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Aye
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Aye
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Aye
Monica Mejia	Aye
Iliana Rodriguez	Aye
George Smith	Absent
Kathleen Wheeler	Aye
Kimberly Woo	Aye

3. General Public Comment

Speakers: None

Commissioner George Smith arrived at 5:48 P.M.

Commissioner Mark Haesloop taught Business Administration Law at Notre Dame de Namur University brought a one page handout of analysis of ordinances, resolutions and proposals to help center conversation.

4. Presentation of Recommendations

- a. *Presentation of recommendations of potential Charter Amendments for Committee to consider made by individual members of the Board of Supervisors*
- b. *Presentation of recommendations of potential Charter Amendments for Committee to consider from Charter Review Committee Members. In an effort to give all ideas an opportunity to be heard, each recommendation will be limited to a 5-minute presentation.*

Speakers:

Brian Pettit, Deputy County Attorney  
Chair Rosanne Foust

Presentation materials were provided to the Commission and are on file.

Deputy County Attorney Brian Pettit provided a presentation on Home Rule Authority, what is currently in the County Charter 2026 Charter Review Process Timeline, and Charter Amendments for Committee to consider.

a. *by individual members of the Board of Supervisors*

1. Whether Section 415 of the County Charter should be amended to further specify Board procedures in the event that the Board makes an appointment to fill a vacancy in an elected office.
2. Whether (and how) to amend the Charter to give the Board President greater stature/influence (e.g., title) when interacting with executive leaders of regional partners, e.g., mayors of Cities of San Jose and San Francisco
3. Whether the County Charter should be amended to add a new Section requiring the Board of Supervisors to annually review the Board's governance processes and practices, such as requiring the creation of a governance handbook, amending the handbook, and inclusion of a demographic report.
4. Whether any currently-elected County offices should be appointed rather than elected.
5. Whether County Charter Section 412.5 (Removal of Elected Sheriff for Cause) should be amended to delete subsection e, which currently states that Section 412.5, which vests the Board with authority to remove a Sheriff for cause, shall sunset and be of no further force and effect as of December 31, 2028.
6. Whether the County Charter should be amended to identify procedures in the event that the Board has cause to believe that an elected office has been or should be vacated because the incumbent official has become physically, mentally, or otherwise incapacitated. Any such procedures should bear in mind the confidentiality, dignity, and legal rights of the official.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions, which were addressed by Mr. Pettit.

- Could the Board of Supervisors have the authority to remove any of the County's elected officers? Yes, County Charters may include provision for Board removal of elected officers for cause. Currently, the San Mateo County Charter only includes provision for removal of elected Sheriff for cause.
- When was elections portion assigned to the Assessor-Clerk? Mr. Pettit will research and will get back to Committee.

The Charter is 16 pages long, and Chair Rosanne Foust encourages Commissioners to print it out and highlight key sections while reading to better understand its contents.

b. *Charter Review Committee Members Recommendations*

Committee Member: **Jim Lawrence**

7. Accountability & Transparency of Public Funds

Whether the County Charter should be amended to require clear accountability and transparency standards for all public funds.

#### 8. Senior Dignity & Economic Security

Whether the County Charter should explicitly recognize “Senior Dignity and Economic Security” as a County responsibility.

Committee Member: **Kathleen Wheeler**

9. Whether to amend the Charter to include an independent District Lines Commission to be formed of county citizens after each federal census (every ten years). Such a commission would be tasked to create new supervisorial districts as specified by general state and local law. The new map would not be subject to supervisorial approval. (within the scope of the Charter)

Committee Member: **Jacquelyn Foust**

Committee Member Jacquelyn Foust would like to strike these three recommendations below or they can be included in the committees if these topics are studied-

Area of Amendment	Recommendation	Suggested Implementation Location
<b>Sheriff Removal Authority</b>	Amend to <b>delete subsection (e)</b> of Section 412.5, which currently sunsets the Board’s authority to remove the Sheriff for cause as of December 31, 2028.	Charter Section 412.5
<b>Board Vacancy Procedures</b>	<b>Standardize the process</b> by modernizing the language to provide a <b>strict 60-day window for appointments</b> and clearly define the criteria for triggering a special election. Additionally, <b>adopt a "45-day Trigger"</b> where appointment power shifts to the Governor if the Board fails to act within that timeframe, ensuring a district is never unrepresented.	Charter Section 204 and Section 415 (for general vacancy procedures)
<b>Incapacity &amp; Removal</b>	<b>Codify a "Fitness for Duty" process</b> for elected officials, requiring an independent medical evaluation triggered by a 4/5 Board vote. Implement a <b>tiered removal process</b> that establishes a "Leave of Absence" protocol for mental health issues before any "Removal for Cause" action.	New Section in County Charter

	<b>Board Governance Review</b>	Add a new section requiring the Board of Supervisors to <b>annually review its governance processes and practices</b> , including the creation and maintenance of a governance handbook and inclusion of a demographic report.	New Section in County Charter
10.	<b>Row Officer Consolidation</b>	Require a " <b>professional qualifications audit</b> " before any two unrelated offices (like Treasurer and Tax Collector) are consolidated to ensure technical expertise is maintained.	Charter Section 401
	<b>Definition of "Emergency"</b>	Define what constitutes an " <b>Emergency</b> " (e.g., natural disaster, public health crisis) and mandate a " <b>Sunset Clause</b> " requiring a weekly 4/5 re-affirmation by the Board to keep emergency executive powers active.	Charter Section 303
	<b>Language Access &amp; Equity</b>	<b>Mandate linguistic rights</b> by requiring all "essential public notices" and Charter-mandated hearings to be provided in the county's threshold languages (Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog).	New Section/Article in County Charter (Formalizing Language Access)
11.	<b>Human Rights Commission</b>	<b>Codify a Human Rights &amp; Equity Commission</b> directly into the Charter to provide "Constitutional" weight to the body overseeing DEI initiatives and equity in service delivery.	Charter Article VI/VII (New Section/Article)
	<b>Environmental Bill of Rights</b>	Integrate a " <b>Sustainability and Climate Resilience</b> " clause that mandates every major capital project undergo a " <b>Climate Impact Assessment</b> " before approval.	New Clause/Article in County Charter

Committee Member: **Liliam Perez Avila**

12. Clarifying and formally articulating the Charter Review Committee’s framework, including the overall timeline, meeting structure, approach to developing recommendations, and public outreach and engagement related to the review process.

Providing transparency around how deadlines and the number of meetings are determined, including election-related considerations, to ensure clarity for committee members and the public.

Establishing a clear framework at the outset would support transparency, consistency, and meaningful public participation throughout the Charter review process.

Committee Member: **Dana Johnson**

13. Review funding allocation to provide Dedicated Funding for Community Centers serving the most vulnerable marginalized communities (i.e. LGBTQI+ communities, underserved communities, and marginalized groups)

Establish a charter-recognized funding mechanism that allows funding and/or grants to have allocated dollars supporting Community Centers serving the LGBTQI+ community, underserved community and marginalized groups in the County of San Mateo.

#### 14. Adapt Non-Discrimination & Gender Identity Protections

Explicitly add community members that identify with having a diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression as protected classes in the County of San Mateo.

Committee Member: **Karen Chapman**

15. The only reference to the environment in San Mateo County's Charter is in the brief preamble. Add language to be determined to require the County to consider environmental impacts in its decision-making. Language could include for example building resilience for sea level rise and wildfire rise, the prevention of offshore oil and gas development and the designation of the Santa Cruz Mountains located in San Mateo County, as defined, as a landscape of county significance that requires special protection.

16. SMC Parks does not have a dedicated source of funding, unlike Santa Clara County and many others. Add language to the Charter dedicating direct funding for County Parks similar to what Santa Clara County has done in its Charter.

Parks historically struggled to address long-overdue capital project needs. At one point, a former Parks Director did a study and found a huge amount of funds were needed to address long-term deteriorating facilities in County Parks. While Parks has been very well supported by current County leadership and the Board of Supervisors, what happens when Measure K sunsets or if a "unfriendly" County Executive and Board drastically cuts the funding?

Committee Member: **George Smith**

#### 17. Veteran's Health Care

### CRC Timeline

- November 3, 2026 – election day
- Election materials must be submitted 88 days in advance of election
- August 7, 2026 – last day for Board to submit Charter Amendment
- BOS – July recess
- Ordinance – two reading required
- May 1, 2026 – CRC report deadline

Public Comment: None

5. Discussion

Commissioners discussed how to proceed with the 17 proposed Charter Amendments, motion, discussion and then vote to occur for each item.

6. Motions

*a. Vote to approve which potential Charter Amendments Committee will consider*

**Speakers:**

Chair Rosanne Foust

Brian Pettit, Deputy County Attorney

**MOTION: Tom Adams    SECOND: Mark Haesloop**

**To move all six recommendations from the Board of Supervisors**

**Motion withdrawn.**

1. Whether Section 415 of the County Charter should be amended to further specify Board procedures in the event that the Board makes an appointment to fill a vacancy in an elected office.

**18 RESULT:    Approved**

**MOTION:**        George Smith

**SECOND:**        Iliana Rodríguez

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Aye
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Aye
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Aye
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Aye
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Aye
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Aye
Monica Mejia	Aye
Iliana Rodriguez	Aye
George Smith	Aye
Kathleen Wheeler	Aye

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Kimberly Woo	Aye

2. Whether (and how) to amend the Charter to give the Board President greater stature/influence (e.g., title) when interacting with executive leaders of regional partners, e.g., mayors of Cities of San Jose and San Francisco

**Motion to not move forward-**

**MOTION: Mark Haesloop**  
**SECOND: Kathleen Wheeler**

Chair confirmed that a motion was not required to not move an issue forward, and the motion-maker agreed. No motion was made to approve Issue #2.

3. Whether the County Charter should be amended to add a new Section requiring the Board of Supervisors to annually review the Board's governance processes and practices, such as requiring the creation of a governance handbook, amending the handbook, and inclusion of a demographic report.

**17 RESULT: Approved**

**MOTION:** Julie Lind  
**SECOND:** Eddie Flores

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Aye
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Aye
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Aye
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Noe
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Aye
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Aye
Monica Mejia	Aye
Iliana Rodriguez	Aye
George Smith	Aye
Kathleen Wheeler	Aye
Kimberly Woo	Aye

Total: Aye (17), Noe (1), Absent (1)

4. Whether any currently-elected County offices should be appointed rather than elected.

**RESULT:**           **Failed**

**MOTION:**           Tom Adams  
**SECOND:**           Rosanne Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Noe
Karen Chapman	Noe
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Noe
Rosanne Foust	Noe
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Noe
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Noe
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Noe
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Noe
Iliana Rodriguez	Noe
George Smith	Noe
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Noe

Total: Aye (3), Noe (15), Absent (1)

5. Whether County Charter Section 412.5 (Removal of Elected Sheriff for Cause) should be amended to delete subsection e, which currently states that Section 412.5, which vests the Board with authority to remove a Sheriff for cause, shall sunset and be of no further force and effect as of December 31, 2028.

**RESULT:**           **Failed**

**MOTION:**           Mark Haesloop  
**SECOND:**           Jim Lawrence

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Liliam Perez Avila	Noe
Karen Chapman	Noe
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Noe
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Aye
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Noe
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Noe
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Noe
Iliana Rodriguez	Noe
George Smith	Noe
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Aye

Total: Aye (6), Noe (12), Absent (1)

6. Whether the County Charter should be amended to identify procedures in the event that the Board has cause to believe that an elected office has been or should be vacated because the incumbent official has become physically, mentally, or otherwise incapacitated. Any such procedures should bear in mind the confidentiality, dignity, and legal rights of the official.

**RESULT:**            **Failed**

**MOTION:**            Iliana Rodriguez

**SECOND:**            Rosanne Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Noe
Talavou Aumavae	Noe
Liliam Perez Avila	Noe
Karen Chapman	Noe
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Noe
Rosanne Foust	Noe
Lynette Garcia	Noe
Mark Haesloop	Noe
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Noe
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Jim Lawrence	Noe
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Noe
Iliana Rodriguez	Aye
George Smith	Noe
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Noe

Total: Aye (1), Noe (17), Absent (1)

#### 7. Accountability & Transparency of Public Funds

Whether the County Charter should be amended to require clear accountability and transparency standards for all public funds.

**RESULT:**            **Failed**

**MOTION:**         Jim Lawrence  
**SECOND:**         Rosanne Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Noe
Talavou Aumavae	Noe
Liliam Perez Avila	Noe
Karen Chapman	Noe
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Noe
Rosanne Foust	Noe
Lynette Garcia	Noe
Mark Haesloop	Noe
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Noe
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Noe
Iliana Rodriguez	Noe
George Smith	Noe
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Noe

Total: Aye (1), Noe (17), Absent (1)

#### 8. Senior Dignity & Economic Security

Whether the County Charter should explicitly recognize “Senior Dignity and Economic Security” as a County responsibility.

**RESULT: Failed**

**MOTION:** Jim Lawrence  
**SECOND:** Rosanne Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Noe
Talavou Aumavae	Noe
Liliam Perez Avila	Noe
Karen Chapman	Noe
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Noe
Rosanne Foust	Noe
Lynette Garcia	Abstain
Mark Haesloop	Noe
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Noe
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Noe
Iliana Rodriguez	Noe
George Smith	Aye
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Noe

Total: Aye (2), Noe (15), Absent (1), Abstain (1)

9. Whether to amend the Charter to include an independent District Lines Commission to be formed of county citizens after each federal census (every ten years). Such a commission would be tasked to create new supervisorial districts as specified by general state and local law. The new map would not be subject to supervisorial approval. (within the scope of the Charter)

**14 RESULT: Approved**

**MOTION:** Mark Haesloop  
**SECOND:** George Smith

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Aye
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Rosanne Foust	Aye
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Aye
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Noe
Iliana Rodriguez	Aye
George Smith	Aye
Kathleen Wheeler	Aye
Kimberly Woo	Aye

Total: Aye (14), Noe (4), Absent (1)

10. **Row Office Consolidation-** Require a "professional qualifications audit" before any two unrelated offices (like Treasurer and Tax Collector) are consolidated to ensure technical expertise is maintained. **Language Access & Equity-** Mandate linguistic rights by requiring all "essential public notices" and Charter-mandated hearings to be provided in the county's threshold languages (Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog).

**17 RESULT:      Approved**

**MOTION:**            Jacquelyn Foust  
**SECOND:**            Rosanne Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Aye
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Aye
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Aye
Lynette Garcia	Abstain
Mark Haesloop	Aye
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Aye
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Aye
Monica Mejia	Aye

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Iliana Rodriguez	Aye
George Smith	Aye
Kathleen Wheeler	Aye
Kimberly Woo	Aye

Total: Aye (17), Noe (0), Absent (1), (1)

11. **Human Rights Commission-** Codify a Human Rights & Equity Commission directly into the Charter to provide "Constitutional" weight to the body overseeing DEI initiatives and equity in service delivery.

**17 RESULT: Approved**

**MOTION:** Jacquelyn Foust  
**SECOND:** Monica Mejia

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Aye
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Aye
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Aye
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Aye
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Aye
Julie Lind	Aye
Monica Mejia	Aye
Iliana Rodriguez	Aye
George Smith	Aye
Kathleen Wheeler	Aye
Kimberly Woo	Aye

Total: Aye (17), Noe (1), Absent (1)

12. Clarifying and formally articulating the Charter Review Committee's framework, including the overall timeline, meeting structure, approach to developing recommendations, and public outreach and engagement related to the review process.

Providing transparency around how deadlines and the number of meetings are determined, including election-related considerations, to ensure clarity for committee members and the public.

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**RESULT:**            **Failed**

**MOTION:**            Liliam Perez Avila

**SECOND:**            Rosanne Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Noe
Talavou Aumavae	Noe
Liliam Perez Avila	Aye
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Noe
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Noe
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Noe
Daniela Jonguitud	Aye
Jim Lawrence	Noe
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Noe
Iliana Rodriguez	Noe
George Smith	Noe
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Noe

Total: Aye (5), Noe (13), Absent (1)

13. Review funding allocation to provide Dedicated Funding for Community Centers serving the most vulnerable marginalized communities (i.e. LGBTQI+ communities, underserved communities, and marginalized groups). Establish a charter-recognized funding mechanism that allows funding and/or grants to have allocated dollars supporting Community Centers serving the LGBTQI+ community, underserved community and marginalized groups in the County of San Mateo.

**RESULT:**            **Failed**

**MOTION:**            Dana Johnson

**SECOND:**            Rosanne Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Noe
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Noe
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Noe
Rosanne Foust	Noe
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Noe
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Noe
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Aye
Iliana Rodriguez	Noe
George Smith	Noe
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Aye

Total: Aye (6), Noe (12), Absent (1)

14. Adapt Non-Discrimination & Gender Identity Protections

Explicitly add community members that identify with having a diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression as protected classes in the County of San Mateo.

**RESULT:**           **Failed**

**MOTION:**           Dana Johnson

**SECOND:**           Jacquelyn Foust

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Adams	Aye
Talavou Aumavae	Aye
Liliam Perez Avila	Noe
Karen Chapman	Aye
Eddie Flores	Noe
Jacquelyn Foust	Aye
Rosanne Foust	Aye
Lynette Garcia	Aye
Mark Haesloop	Noe

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Nathan Healy	Absent
Dana Johnson	Aye
Daniela Jonguitud	Noe
Jim Lawrence	Noe
Julie Lind	Noe
Monica Mejia	Aye
Iliana Rodriguez	Noe
George Smith	Noe
Kathleen Wheeler	Noe
Kimberly Woo	Aye
Total: Aye (9), Noe (9), Absent (1)	

**Chair confirmed by consent items #15-17 will be take up for discussion at the next meeting.**

15. The only reference to the environment in San Mateo County’s Charter is in the brief preamble. Add language to be determined to require the County to consider environmental impacts in its decision-making. Language could include for example building resilience for sea level rise and wildfire rise, the prevention of offshore oil and gas development and the designation of the Santa Cruz Mountains located in San Mateo County, as defined, as a landscape of county significance that requires special protection.

16. SMC Parks does not have a dedicated source of funding, unlike Santa Clara County and many others. Add language to the Charter dedicating direct funding for County Parks similar to what Santa Clara County has done in its Charter.

17. Veteran’s Health Care

*b. Vote to approve ad-hoc subcommittees to focus on individual issues*

**Speakers:**

Chair Rosanne Foust

**Subcommittees:**

(1.) Whether Section 415 of the County Charter should be amended to further specify Board procedures in the event that the Board makes an appointment to fill a vacancy in an elected office.

**Chair:** Iliana Rodriguez

**Members:** Liliam Perez Avila, Julie Lind

(3.) Whether the County Charter should be amended to add a new Section requiring the Board of Supervisors to annually review the **Board's governance processes and practices**, such as requiring the creation of a governance handbook, amending the handbook, and inclusion of a demographic report.

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**Members:** Talavou Aumavae, Lynette Garcia, Mark Haesloop, Daniela Jonguitud,

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**Chair:** Kathleen Wheeler

**Members:** Karen Chapman, Mark Haesloop, Jim Lawrence, Nathan Healy

(10.) **Row Office Consolidation-** Require a "professional qualifications audit" before any two unrelated offices (like Treasurer and Tax Collector) are consolidated to ensure technical expertise is maintained. **Language Access & Equity-** Mandate linguistic rights by requiring all "essential public notices" and Charter-mandated hearings to be provided in the county's threshold languages (Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog).

**Chair:** Jacquelyn Foust

**Members:** Tom Adams, George Smith

(11.) **Human Rights Commission-** Codify a Human Rights & Equity Commission directly into the Charter to provide "Constitutional" weight to the body overseeing DEI initiatives and equity in service delivery.

**Chair:** Monica Mejia

**Members:** Dana Johnson, Kimberly Woo

If any additional items to consider, please submit them ahead of the next meeting on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.