

**San Mateo County Democratic Party Resolution in Favor of Flood Free San Mateo**  
**Introduced on an urgency basis by Nicole Fernandez (D2)**

WHEREAS, We are living with the impacts of climate change and San Mateo's flood control basin is inadequate to meet current and future needs.

WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the 2022 New Year's Eve Storm, the San Francisco Bay Area was inundated with rainfall and dangerous floods. San Mateo received a 300-year storm event. This event flooded residents' homes, many of our Downtown businesses, and strained our City operations. It cost lives and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages to private and public property.

WHEREAS, An all-mail ballot will be sent out to San Mateo residents that will establish a monthly stormwater fee, an estimated \$8 per month for an average single-family home. If approved by a simple majority vote (50%+1) of 28,500+ commercial and residential property owners, it would generate \$4M in annual funding for: additional operations and maintenance work, critical infrastructure strengthening and improvements; and dredging the Marina Lagoon (San Mateo's flood control basin).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Mateo County Democratic Party endorses and supports the Flood Free San Mateo initiative.