

## Argument in Favor of Measure U

This Measure would:

- **Save taxpayer dollars.**
- **Enhance democracy by increasing the voice of voters in electing County Supervisors.**

When a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors vacates his or her office early, it is in the best interests of the community to fill the seat in such a way that will save taxpayer dollars while giving voters a greater voice in who represents them. This measure would make three key changes to the San Mateo County Charter:

- By **mandating an election** for any vacancy in the first two years and nine months of a Supervisor's term, voters would now elect a replacement Supervisor rather than have the position potentially filled through appointment. Holding an election to fill a vacancy would encourage debate on County issues and **allow voters to choose their Supervisor.**
- When a special election to fill a seat on the Board of Supervisors is called, an election could be completed through all-mail balloting which is not the case today. An all-mail election would **save the County money** while **ensuring a democratic election process.**
- Any County elected official could vacate his or her seat through an irrevocable letter of resignation effective on a future date. This would permit an election to move forward while a Supervisor remains in office to **represent his or her constituents until a replacement is seated.**

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo County Charter Review Committee recommend these changes.

We encourage you to vote **YES on this Measure** to protect taxpayer dollars and enhance the voice of the voter.

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