

City of San Mateo  
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS  
Pursuant to the City's Charter

1. My name is Chelsea Bonini.
2. I am a candidate for San Mateo City Council.
3. I reside at 338 Rolling Hills Avenue, and I am a Corporate and Transactional Attorney.
4. I serve as In House Corporate Counsel to WEHAH Farm, Inc. dba Lundberg Family Farms, a vertically integrated manufacturing and farming company, advising senior management in all departments on a wide array of agreements, operational issues, and commercial transactions. I am also the Principal Attorney/Founder at Kiski Law, P.C. where I advise entrepreneurs, companies and investors in connection with business and technology related transactions and agreements, as well as on general business and corporate law, data protection and privacy, financing, equity compensation, real estate and employment matters.
5. I have served on the San Mateo County School Boards Association's Executive Board, as Chairperson of their J. Russell Kent Awards for Innovative School Programs, and as their representative to the initial formation committee for the Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) joint powers authority. I served on the Laurel Elementary School PTA Executive Board as EVP and then as President. I served as San Mateo National Little League's Auxiliary Board President and as a member of the SMNLL Executive Board. I was the Toyonaka-San Mateo Sister City All-Star Baseball Team, Fundraising Event Chairperson in 2015.
6. I was appointed in lieu of election in 2013 as a member of the San Mateo-Foster City (SMFC) School District's Governing Board of Education as a Board Trustee, and I am currently serving as Board President. I was elected as a California Democratic Party, Assembly District 22 Delegate in 2015 for a 2-year term, and was re-elected in 2017 for another 2 years, at which time I was also elected as the CADEM Assembly District 22 Executive Board Representative.
7. As a SMFC School Board Trustee, I represent the residents of San Mateo and Foster City, and have been active as a liaison to our Legislators and community on educational equity, funding and housing issues. I earned a B.S. in Elementary Education and Psychology in 1994, and taught Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade for 4 years. In 2001, I earned my JD from UC Hastings, was elected as UC Hastings' Comm/Ent Law Journal's Editor-in-Chief, and became a member of the California State Bar. I became a licensed California Real Estate Broker in 2011. I graduated from the California School Boards Association's Masters in Governance Program in 2016 and from the San Mateo Leadership Program in 2017.

8. I have lived in and been a taxpayer in San Mateo for 16 years.
9. My priorities, if elected, include advocating for affordable and workforce housing, supporting collaboration with other local entities, including school districts, to more efficiently and effectively serve the needs of and provide opportunities for our residents, and to help ensure that our children, young adults, families & seniors enjoy housing stability, health, wellness and safety within our City for generations to come.
10. The following San Mateo residents can speak for my character and abilities for the role of San Mateo City Councilmember: Joan Rosas, David Lim, Chris Hsiung, Johanna King, Karen McCormick, Julie Neale, Alexandra Gillen, Pamela O'Leary, Saloni Howard-Sarin, Meredith Yeh, John Yeh, Michelle Pauling, David Pauling, Aileen Snodgrass and Karina Inga-Kamienski.
11. I care deeply about the stability and wellbeing of San Mateo's residents. I currently represent the residents San Mateo and Foster City as a Board Trustee, and I have advocated for remedies to our opportunity and achievement gaps, educational funding and housing solutions for our workforce. If elected to San Mateo's City Council, I will continue to advocate for equity and opportunity in San Mateo. I will listen with an open mind, I will address issues head on, and I will be collaborative and considerate of others' perspectives in working toward solutions to San Mateo's most pressing issues.
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