



March 5, 2010

Charter Review Committee Meetings Scheduled Video Available on the County's Web site

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – To help members of the public participate, the San Mateo County Charter Review Committee will meet at various locations across the county over the next three months.

The Committee is reviewing the Charter and, after public hearings, will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for amendments to be submitted to county voters. The meeting schedule is listed below.

The general purpose of a county charter is to provide a measure of home rule to the counties of the state. The charter defines San Mateo County's structure, powers and functions. It's akin to a local constitution.

In its review of the Charter, the Committee will specifically address the Civil Grand Jury recommendations regarding Board member elections and filling Board vacancies, and the method of electing members of the Board of Supervisors from the current "at large" system to a "by district" system. In addition to other items the Committee will consider consolidation and reorganization of departments and other organization improvements requiring a Charter amendment.

The Committee will meet at least once in each of the five supervisorial districts in addition to meetings held at the County seat in Redwood City. The schedule and all materials provided to Committee members are available at its Web site.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 10**, at Half Moon Bay's Cunha Intermediate School, Kelly Avenue and Church Street. **All meetings are scheduled to start promptly at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.**

Video recordings of each meeting will be posted on the Charter Review Committee's Web site: <http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/CharterReviewCommittee>.

Please check the Web site or call the number below to confirm these dates in case of last-minute changes. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations:

March 23

Serramonte Main Library Community Room
40 Wembley Dr,
Daly City

April 7, 2010

San Mateo Main Library
Oak Room
55 West Third Ave.
San Mateo

April 21, 2010

Menlo Park City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St.
Menlo Park

May 5, 2010

South San Francisco Municipal Services Building
33 Arroyo Drive
South San Francisco

May 19

455 County Center, Room 101
Redwood City

June 2

455 County Center, Room 101
Redwood City

June 16

455 County Center, Room 101
Redwood City

June 30

455 County Center, Room 101
Redwood City

For more information about the Charter Review Committee, please visit
www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/charterreviewcommittee or call 650-363-4153.