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To whom it may concern,

I have been asked to explain the re-branding of our teams in San Mateo County Football Club.

We have always been San Mateo County Football and we still are. There are no new legal entities formed, no mergers with other entities and no joint ventures. We are still San Mateo County Football Club and have not changed our structure or legal status. We have simply changed the names of our individual teams to SMC Seals and changed our uniforms to SMC Seals uniforms.

We have the exact same player memberships and the exact same teams as we had before. We have not brought any players or teams in from SF Seals or any other club. We are not sharing fields or bringing SF Seals teams or players onto SSF fields. Nothing has changed with our club except the teams in San Mateo County Football Club are now named SMC Seals and our uniforms are now SMC Seals. Our teams have previously been branded as SMC Star, SMC Earthquakes and SMC FC. Our teams are now branded as SMC Seals.

For a brief history on SMC FC, we first branded the teams as SMC Star back in 2013. We changed to SMC Earthquakes in 2017. We were one of seven NorCal Clubs branded under the San Jose Earthquakes. When the Quakes ended the branding of NorCal clubs in 2018, we were approached by both San Diego Surf and Albion San Diego to rebrand under their brands. We declined these offers and went back to SMC FC to keep our options open for future rebranding opportunities.

We have a good relationship with SF Seals and have been SENDING them players for their program in San Francisco for additional opportunities. SMC has decided to rebrand to SMC Seals, but we remain SMC Football Club. SF Seals are a separate entity and we share no resources with them in SSF or anywhere else.

If anyone has any further questions, I can be reached at [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

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