



**Leadership CORPS**  
**Applying for the Class of 2027**  
**“Convince Your Employer” Email Template**

*Dear Leadership CORPS Applicants:*

*Here is a sample email you can send to your supervisor to help explain the benefits and opportunities of your participation in the Leadership CORPS Program. Please feel free to adapt the email to your specific needs.*

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**Subject:** Request for Professional Development: Leadership CORPS (Class of 2027)

Dear [ NAME ],

As part of my continued professional development, I would like your support to participate in Leadership Council San Mateo County’s **Leadership CORPS** (Class of 2027).

Leadership Council SMC strengthens leaders and fosters public-private relationships to spark innovation for a thriving region. Their Leadership CORPS Program is a ten-month, immersive experience for established, senior-level leaders from the business, nonprofit, and government sectors who live or work in San Mateo County. It combines relationship building, leadership skill development, and civic knowledge to expand participants’ organizational and community impact.

There are several ways this investment would directly benefit our organization:

- ★ **Valuable Connections:** Alongside a cohort of approximately 40 senior leaders, I will become part of Leadership Council SMC’s extensive leadership network. I will connect with and learn from corporate executives, elected officials, and nonprofit leaders across San Mateo County, gaining access to global best practices and the ways that leaders from different industries, sectors, and roles achieve success. These relationships provide access to new ideas, strategic alliances, and resources that can benefit our organization.

★ **Stronger Leadership Skills:** The program includes over 80 hours of professional development focused on building high-performing teams, achieving results across diverse perspectives, and leading effectively through change. I will gain deeper insight into my strengths and leadership style, and practical tools to accelerate my effectiveness and impact.

★ **Deeper Civic Understanding**

Through direct engagement with influential leaders from some of the region's most high-profile corporations, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government entities, I will gain insight into the complex issues shaping San Mateo County and the systems that influence business and community success. This broader perspective will help me make more informed and strategic decisions.

The program runs from September 2026 through June 2027, with tuition of \$4,100 plus a \$100 application fee; scholarships and payment plans are available. The application process is highly selective, and if selected, I would attend the two-day Opening Session in September and meet with my cohort monthly (generally on Fridays) through June. Leadership Council SMC has published the [Program Calendar for 2026-2027](#) on their [website](#) to support advance planning.

I believe this program will allow me to accelerate meaningful results in my work through expanded relationships, practical tools, and strategic insights that support our team's success. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss your support.

Thank you for considering this request for my continued development.

Best,

[Your Name]