# San José Federated City Employees' Retirement System



# Contribution Strategy Tier 1 Amortization Periods

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# Agenda



- Introduction
- How Did We Get Here?
- Preliminary Projections
- Potential Reduction in Tier 1 Amortization Periods
- Transition Options
- Discussion



## Introduction



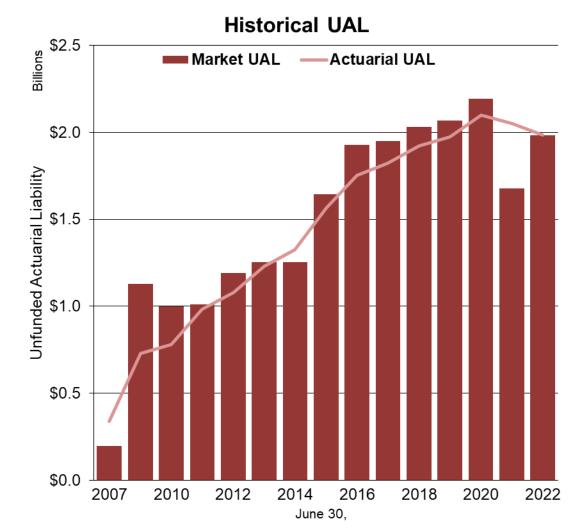
## Prior meeting

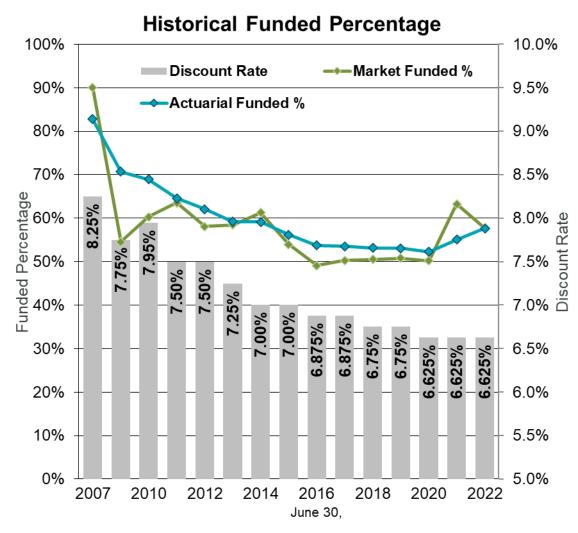
- Extensive review of actuarial funding theory and current methods
- Challenge → Should we accelerate Federated funding, and if so, how?
- Current meeting
  - How did we get here?
  - Consider shorter amortization periods for Tier 1 UAL
    - Tier 1 UAL is by far the largest portion of the UAL and most costly
    - Amortization periods are the most powerful tool to accelerate funding



# Brief History







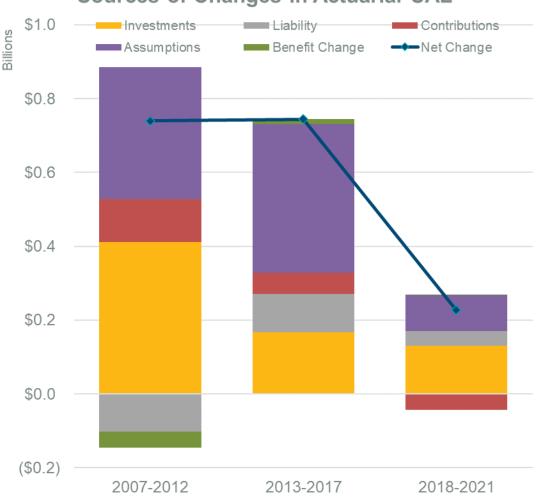


2022 amounts are preliminary estimates

# Sources of Changes in UAL





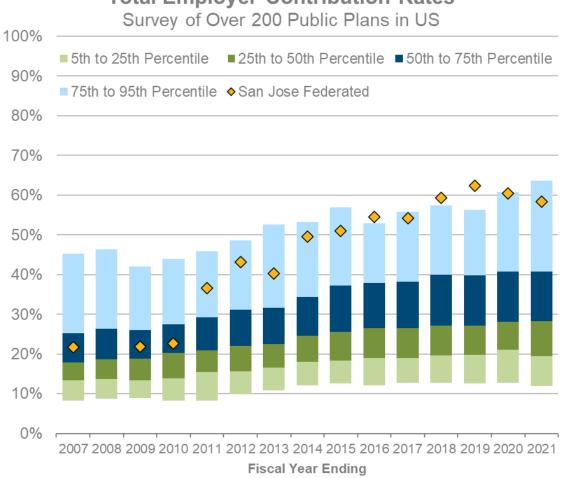


- Assumption Changes →\$858 M
  - Mostly reduction in discount rate from 8.25% to 6.625%
  - Also includes mortality and refund assumption changes
- Investment Losses → \$709 M
  - Doesn't include 80% of 2021 gain
  - Doesn't include 2022 loss
- Contributions →\$130 M
  - Contributions in early period were insufficient to reduce UAL
  - Recent contributions are large enough to reduce UAL
- Liability Experience → \$41 M
- Benefit Changes → (\$27 M)

## **Historical Contribution Rates**

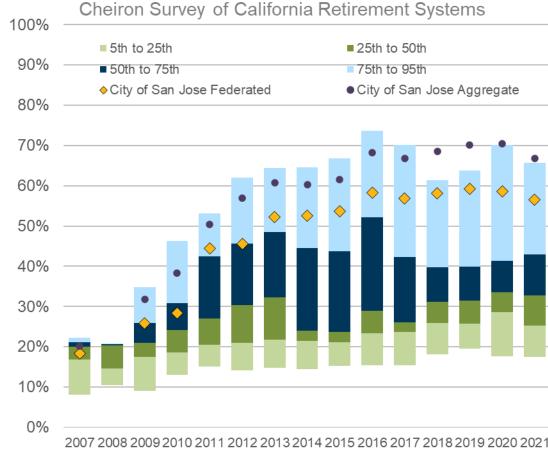


## **Total Employer Contribution Rates**



Survey Data from Public Plans Data as of 7/21/2022

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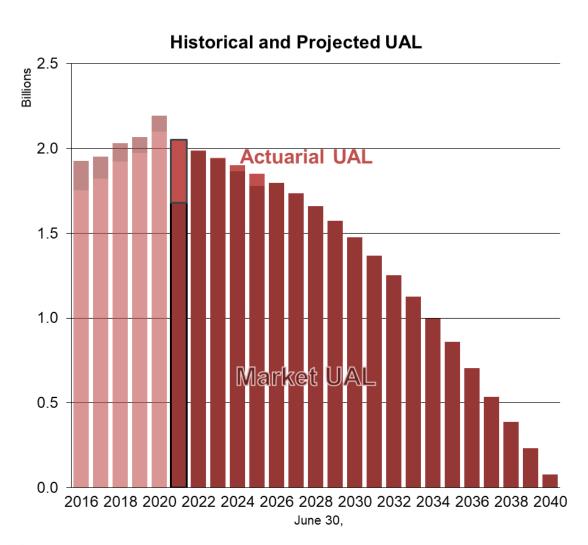




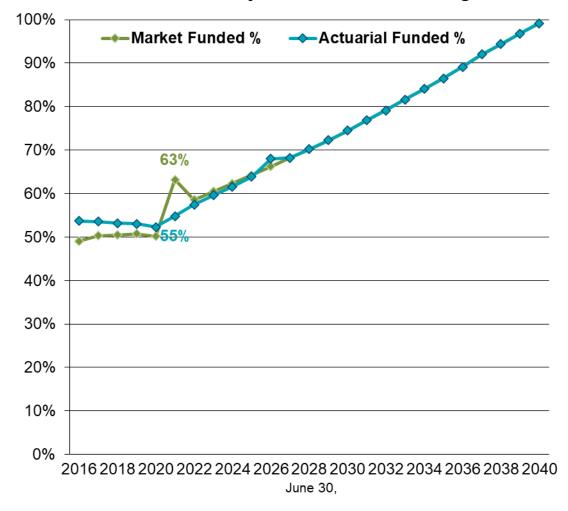
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# Projections with Preliminary Asset Information





### **Historical and Projected Funded Percentage**



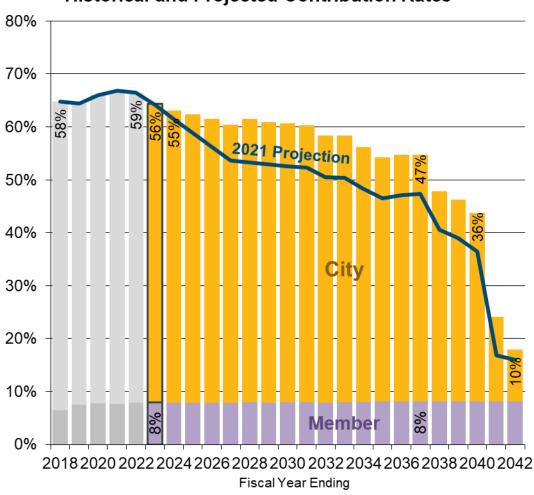


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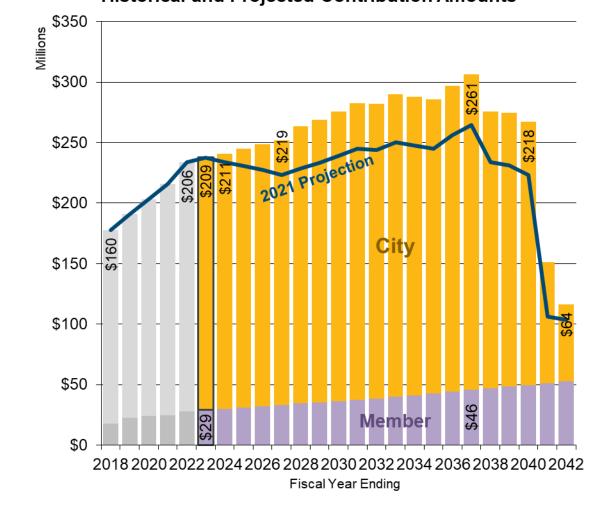
# Projections with Preliminary Asset Information



#### **Historical and Projected Contribution Rates**



#### **Historical and Projected Contribution Amounts**





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## **Current Amortization Periods for Tier 1**



| Source of UAL Change        | General Actuarial Guideline | Current Tier 1 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Experience Gains and Losses | 15 – 20 Years               | 20 Years       |
| Assumption Changes          | 15 – 25 Years               | 25 Years       |
| Benefit Improvements        | 5 – 15 Years                | 20 Years       |

- Shorter periods
  - Accelerate funding to 100%
  - Increase contribution volatility

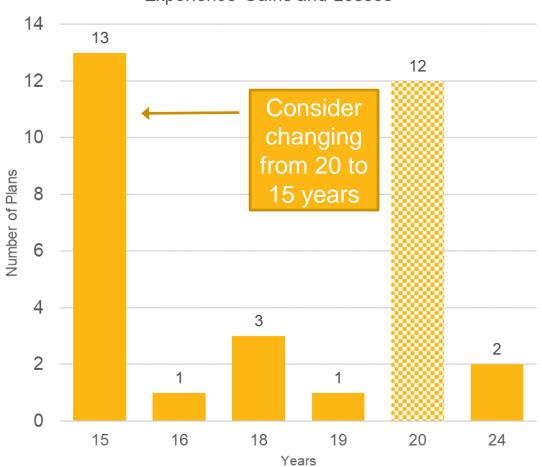


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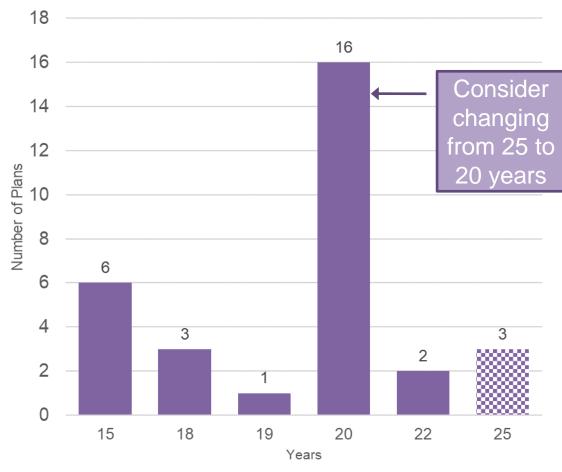
### **Latest Amortization Periods**

Experience Gains and Losses



## **Latest Amortization Periods**







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# **Transition Options**



## Emerging

- Only change periods for new amortizations
- Limited immediate impact
- Pays for **future** losses more rapidly

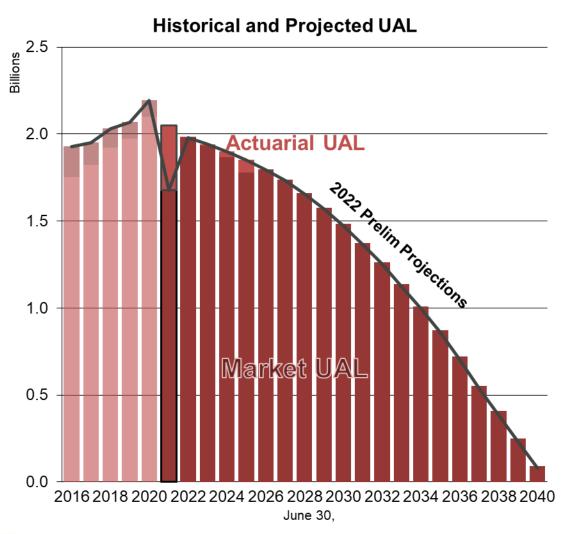
## Immediate

- Change periods for all new amortizations
- Reduce all existing amortization periods by five years
- Significant immediate impact
- Shorten Long Amortizations
  - Change periods for all new amortizations
  - Reduce experience amortizations to be no more than 15 years remaining as of June 30, 2021
  - Reduce assumption change amortizations to be no more than 20 years remaining as of June 30, 2021

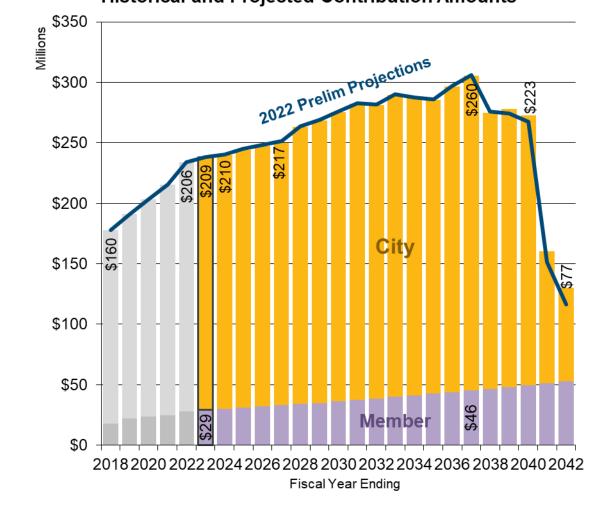


## **Emerging Option Only Impacts New Amortizations**





#### **Historical and Projected Contribution Amounts**

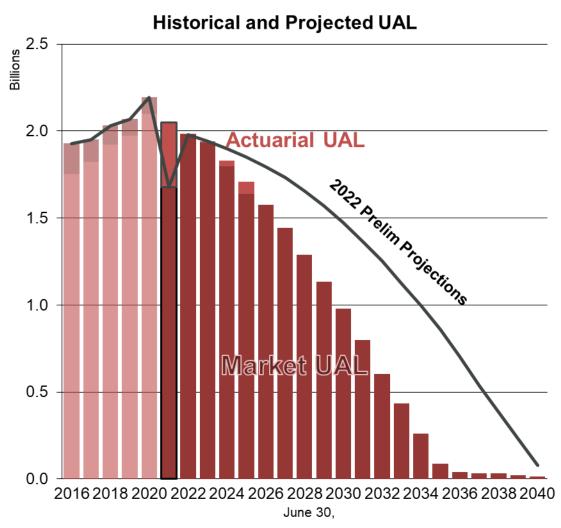




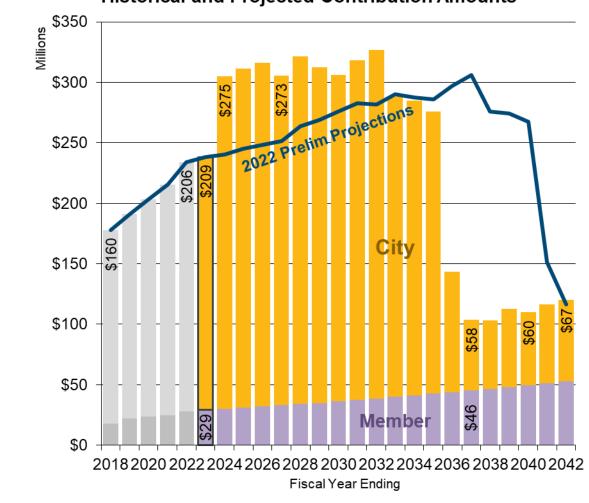
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# Impact of Immediate Option





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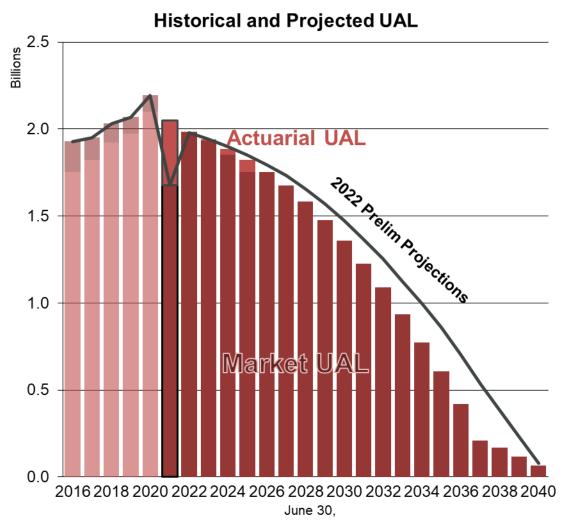


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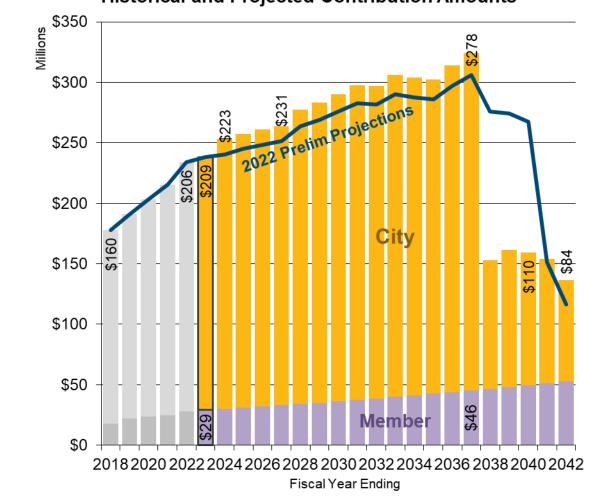
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# Impact of Shortening Long Amortizations





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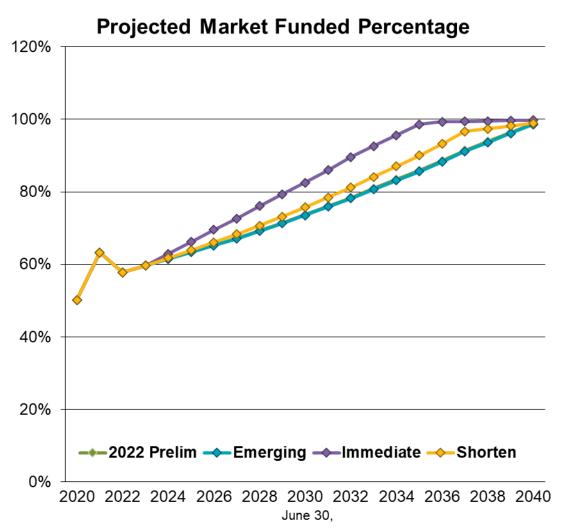


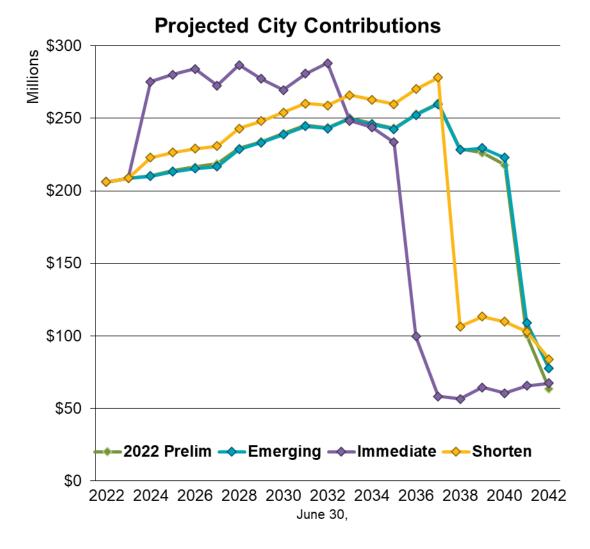
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# Summary of Alternatives









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## Observations



- Current amortization periods are reasonable
  - Long end of guidelines
    - More stable contributions
    - Longer to reach 100% funded
- Reducing future amortization periods pays off future losses more quickly but does not affect current amortization schedule
- Reducing current amortization periods accelerates time to reach 100% funding but can be expensive
  - More options available depending on Board objectives





# Questions



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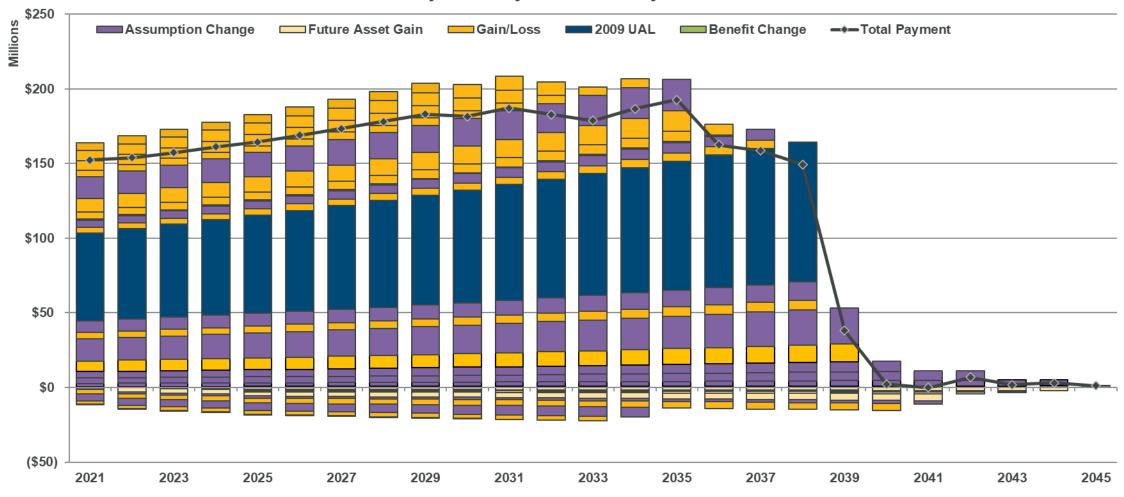


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# Appendix - Current Amortization Schedule

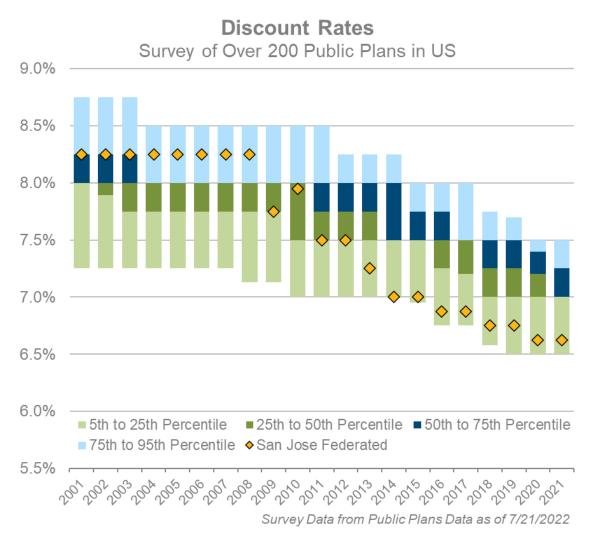


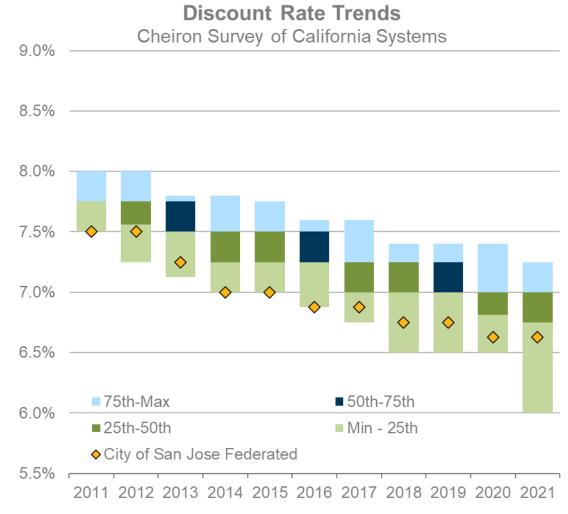
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# Appendix - Discount Rate Surveys









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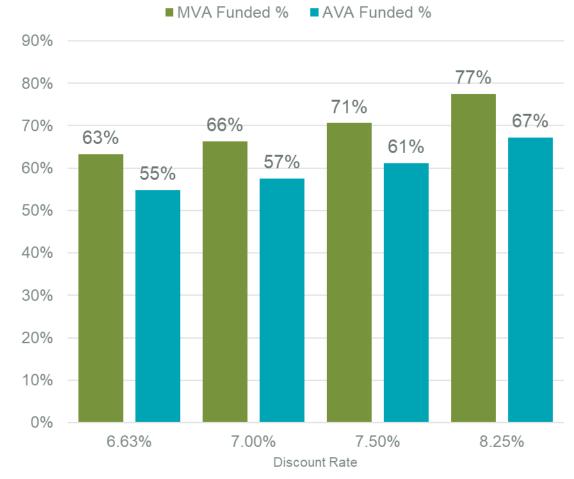
## **UAL and Funded Status at Various Discount Rates**



#### 2021 UAL at Different Discount Rates



#### 2021 Funded % at Different Discount Rates





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