



## Farewell, Wilma Chan

Alameda County Supervisor struck, killed while crossing Shore Line Drive

### Ekene Ikeme

City of Alameda officials and community leaders released messages of condolences to Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan who died Wednesday, Nov. 3, in a car collision in Alameda.

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft released a statement on the City's website where she cited Chan's dedication to helping seniors, children and combating poverty.

"On behalf of the Alameda City Council and the City of Alameda, we extend our deepest sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Supervisor Wilma Chan," stated Ashcraft. "Supervisor Chan was a tireless advocate for seniors, children, and families, promoting programs that advance children's health, and help lift people out of poverty, and so much more."

Councilmember Malia Vella expressed her sympathies via Twitter. "This is devastating. Wilma was many things to many people. She was a mentor, an icon and a champion for children, working families, and all of us."

Alameda Chief of Police Nishant Joshi also expressed his condolences. "I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Supervisor Chan," wrote Joshi. "She made so many contributions and touched so many lives during her 30 years of public service where she served with equity as her guiding principle. My heart goes out to her family, her friends, and all who loved her."

Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Superintendent

Pasquale Scuderi and the AUSD Board of Education thanked Chan in a joint statement for her contribution and support of programs to help Alameda youth.

"Supervisor Chan was a fierce and compassionate champion of children, families, and public education," the press release stated. "From founding the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families to focusing on food insecurity, and from supporting AUSD's mental health efforts. We are grateful for all she has done for our district and our community."

Girls Inc. of the Island City released a statement describing Chan as a pioneer in the Alameda County community.

"Her groundbreaking and historic bills and legislation have ensured the health and emotional, educational, and economic wellness for thousands of children and adults in Alameda County as well as in the state of California," stated the press release. "As the first woman and Asian American to be Majority Leader in the California State Assembly, as well as the first Asian American to be elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Chan was a trailblazer and inspiration to women everywhere."

Chan was struck by a vehicle while walking her dog at the intersection of Shore Line Drive and Grand Street just after 8 a.m. She was transported by the Alameda Fire Department to Highland Hospital in Oakland where she succumbed to her



Photo City of Alameda

Wilma Chan passed away Wednesday, Nov. 3 in Alameda. She spent decades serving the city of Alameda as an Alameda County Supervisor.

injuries, according to an Alameda Police Department (APD) report. The driver of the vehicle, an adult female, remained on the scene and is cooperating with the investigation. She has not been charged with any crime as of Tuesday, Nov. 9.

APD, Public Works, and the Transportation Planning Department officials are conducting a review of the incident. Chan's death highlights the city's ongoing traffic safety concerns. According to APD, this is the fourth traffic related fatality Alameda has seen this year.

Chan, a Stanford University graduate, was a Third District Alameda County Supervisor from 1995 to 2000 and from 2010 until her death. She was a member of the California State Assembly from 2001 to 2006. She is survived by her two children and two grandchildren.

## Veterans Day Celebrations Held at USS Hornet Museum

### Sun Staff Reports

The USS Hornet Museum is honoring Veterans with two events at its museum located at 707 West Hornet Ave.

The first event is a Veterans Day Ceremony held today on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The event is designed to thank Veterans for their sacrifice. There will be a special exhibit created by the Walking Ghosts of Black History (WGBH) featuring the biographies of prominent African American female firsts in America's military and a special tribute to the former Secretary of State Colin Powell (including an honor guard).

The WGBH will honor Army Second Lt. Emily Perez, who died in the Iraq War; Yeoman Second Class Olivia Hooker, the first African American woman to enter the U.S. Coast Guard; Capt. Vernice Hooker, the first African American female naval aviator in the Marine Corps and America's first black female combat pilot in the U.S. Armed Forces; Admiral Michelle Howard, a retired United States Navy four-star admiral; Major General Marcelite Harris, first African-American female general officer of the United States Air Force; and Brigadier General Hazel Johnson Brown, the first Black chief of the United States Army Nurse Corps. The WGBH will also honor Powell.

Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft will also speak at the event.

The ceremony will start promptly at 11 a.m. in the Hangar Bay. Veterans will be allowed onto the ship for free.

The USS Hornet Museum will also host a three-day event titled, "Remembering Heroes" on Nov. 13 to 15.

The event will honor the

80th anniversary of the Flying Tigers and America's World War II Air Defense of China. The USS Hornet Museum is partnering with the Sino-American Heritage Foundation, the Sino-American Friendship City Association & the U.S.-Sino Friendship Association to bring you a photo exhibition celebrating the Flying Tigers and their contribution to World War II.

The Flying Tigers were an American Volunteer Group that were recruited to fight Japanese in Burma (Myanmar) and China during 1941 to 1942, at a time when Japan's control over China's ports and transportation system had almost cut off China's Nationalist government. They flew supplies, provided air cover for the Burma Road, succeeded in protecting the Chinese capital of Chungking, and fought the Japanese over southwestern and other parts of China.

Members of the Flying Tigers were eventually absorbed into the U.S. 10th Air Force and became the nucleus of the China Air Task Force on July 4, 1942.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The opening ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. The VIP reception will begin at 12 p.m.

The program will be co-organized by the consulate of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco and the China Low Altitude Flight Club Overseas Department.

For more information on the Veterans Day event, visit [uss-hornet.org](http://uss-hornet.org). For more information on the Flying Heroes event, visit [uss-hornet.org](http://uss-hornet.org) or call 818-679-5596. For more information on the WGBH, visit [facebook.com/twgbh](http://facebook.com/twgbh).

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## City Council Approves Three New Strategies to Improve Waste Reduction

### Karin K. Jensen

On Nov. 2nd, City Council approved amending the City's Solid Waste and Recycling municipal code to:

1. Comply with Senate Bill 1383 to reduce organic waste in landfills and emissions of short-lived climate pollutants.
2. Implement Strategy Four of the City's Zero Waste Implementation Plan Update to reduce construction and demolition waste.
3. Conform with the Alameda County Industries (ACI) agreement for the collection, transportation, and processing of solid waste, recycling, and organic materials.

### Complying with SB 1383

Senate Bill 1383, signed into law in 2016, is the most significant waste reduction mandate of the last 30 years. It targets short-lived climate pollutants such as methane. Methane is more than 25 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere.

Over the last two centuries, methane concentrations in the atmosphere have more than doubled, primarily due to human-related activities. Because methane is both a potent greenhouse gas and short-lived compared to carbon dioxide, achieving signifi-



Photo Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA)

cant reductions would have a rapid and considerable effect on atmospheric warming potential. To this end, Senate Bill 1383 established statewide targets to reduce organic waste disposal by 75 percent from 2014 levels and increase edible food recovery by 20 percent by 2025.

The two main elements of SB 1383 that are new to the City relate to recovering edible food and procuring recovered organic waste products. Starting January 1st, 2022, certain businesses such as food service providers and large grocery stores must recover the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise go to landfills. In coordination with the Alameda

County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste), the City is identifying edible food generators and food recovery organizations and will provide outreach on the new requirements.

Each year, the City must also procure a minimum amount of recovered organic waste products (compost, mulch, renewable gas, or electricity from biomass conversion). The City can meet this requirement by procuring products to use or give away. The City's procurement target is 6,262 tons of recycled organic waste products. City staff is coordinating with StopWaste and City departments

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Photo Maurice Ramirez

### New sculpture installed at Alameda Point

Sculptor Rossella Scapini poses with her work, *Calimar*, funded by a grant from the Alameda Public Art Commission in 2018. The 12-foot tall bronze sculpture, located near the WETA building and the USS Hornet, was installed on Nov. 4.

## Navy Forced to Cancel Wetlands at Former Naval Air Station



Photo Richard Bangert

A view of one of the seasonal wetlands at Site 32, from March 2019, that the Navy is being forced to cover with soil. The Navy recently released a document, called a *Record of Decision*, which revealed that on Jan. 19, 2021, the Navy acquiesced to CDPH's ruling by saying it would mitigate for the loss of wetlands at a different location, possibly by paying into a wetland mitigation bank somewhere else on the Bay. Read the full story starting on page 3.

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