



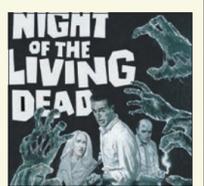
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Funds Forms Released

2018 campaign spending analyzed

Ekene Ikeme

The City of Alameda City Clerk's Office has released last month's campaign statements from political figures seeking office in the city.

The clerk's office released the California Form 460 and 497 detailing the amount each candidate raised through donations and loans for their campaigns for the Nov. 6 election. There was a huge difference in funds raised among the three mayoral candidates. Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 22 mayoral candidate Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft raised 23,030.12. Fellow mayoral challenger Frank Matarrese raised \$7,074, while incumbent Trish Spencer raised \$5,297.

Ashcraft received her first donation on April 18 from Dean Santner Design for \$100, according to her Form 460. The names and addresses of donors who contributed less than \$100 are not disclosed on Form 460. Matarrese's first donation of more than \$100 was received on July 14 from Thomas Charron MD to the tune of \$500. Spencer received two donations on Aug. 29. She received a \$100 donation from Mel Waldorf, a software engineer at the Bluesky Marketing Group in Alameda and a \$500 donation from Mark Hersman, the CEO of Investment Portman Enterprises LLC in Alameda.

The form also included the sources of the donations. Spencer received her entire donation allotment from Alameda residents.

Matarrese received \$200 of his total from Berkeley resident Barbara Gross Davis, MA, PhD. Gross, however is the vice president of WASC Senior College and University Commission in Alameda.

Ashcraft received \$4,850 in donations from non-Alameda residents. This total included \$1,000 from San Francisco resident and CEO of Almanac Beer Co. Damian Fagan, \$1,000 from Mathias Maseem of Oakland and \$500 from Oakland resident and Power Engineering CEO David Mik. She also received \$150 from Anne O'Leary of Arlington, Va. Spencer and Matarrese both took out loans to finance their campaigns. Matarrese took out a \$2,759.21 loan, while Spencer's loan was in the amount of \$5,375. Ashcraft did not report a loan amount but she did donate \$189.10 from her 2016 City Council campaign to her mayoral race.

The five City Council candidates raised much more funds than the three mayoral candidates. Topping the list was City Council incumbent Jim Oddie. Oddie raised \$45,317.41. Behind him was former Councilmember Stewart Chen at \$38,383.35. Former Planning Board member John Knox White raised \$30,575, City Council hopeful Robert Matz raised \$8,308.20, while Tony Daysog raised \$6,775.

Much of Oddie's funds came from businesses and unions. Oddie received about \$19,000 from unions including \$6,500 from the Construction & General Laborers Local Union 304 Pac in Sacramento, \$3,000 from the IBEW Local Union 1245 in Vacaville, \$2,000 from the Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local No. 104 in San Ramon, \$2,000 from Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 District 20 in Alameda. Another \$10,000 came from different businesses with the most being a \$5,000 donation from California Waste Water Solutions in San Jose.

City Council hopeful Stewart Chen also received a significant portion of his donations from businesses. Almost half his total raised came from businesses, much of them located outside of Alameda.

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Calling All Candidates

Sun Staff Reports

The Alameda Sun invites all candidates on the city and county level to submit a 250-word story about their candidacy along with a high-resolution color photograph.

The deadline for submission is 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26. The Sun will publish the stories and photographs in its Nov. 1 edition at no charge to the candidates. Email stories and photos to editor@alamedasun.com.



A group of about 60 protesters rallied Saturday to draw attention to a ballot measure they say will limit the city's ability to provide effective rent control.

Rally Held to Prevent Ordinance in Charter

Sun Staff Reports

The No on K committee held a rally Saturday, Oct. 13, in front of 470 Central Ave., the first Alameda apartment building to experience a complete eviction of its occupants. The committee is working to defeat Measure K to keep Alameda's rent law, Ordinance 3148, from being added to the City Charter.

"Our renters are not second-class citizens," said Cheri Johansen the committee's field coordinator. "They deserve true protections; an end to no-cause evictions and annual caps on rent increases."

Rally speakers included City Council candidates: incumbent Jim Oddie and former planning board member John Knox White, along with other community leaders. A neighborhood canvassing effort followed the rally.

"As much as we grieve the loss of this community, we are here to expose the wolf in sheep's clothing," said Catherine Pauling of the No on K Committee. "Corporate equity investors like Sridhar Equity of San Jose and Blackstone, Inc. are not protectors of our renters nor do they have any interest in our communities. They are beholden

to their investors and stockholders far outside of Alameda."

The committee also cited that the largest equity investor in the world, Blackstone, has bought two of Alameda's largest rental prop-

erties: Summer House Apartments and South Shore Beach and Tennis Club Apartments. Blackstone is known to invest in cities with weak renter protections and use aggressive rent increases and evictions.

Public Weighs East End Parks

Jeff Wasserman

Unknown to many Alamedans, except for those lucky few who live adjacent to them, there are six small — and in many cases, hidden — waterfront parks along Farnside Boulevard and Eastshore Drive. They were designed to give all Alamedans a little bit of waterfront access and viewing.

At one time there were seven of these waterfront parks; the seventh at the end of Encinal Avenue at Eastshore. It appears that at some point in the last 25 years, that park was sold by the city to the owners of one of the two waterfront homes that border that former park. Of concern to many

is that like this now-lost waterfront park, the city is considering selling or leasing some of the remaining public waterfront parkland to the private homeowners who live on the waterfront on either side of the public parklands.

Of the six remaining waterfront parks, only two are generally known to East End residents; the one at Eastshore and Central Avenue, and the one at Eastshore and Liberty Avenue. Another three along Farnside have been severely encroached upon by the six adjacent neighbors who intentionally installed tall wood and metal fences over most the

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News in Brief

Sun Staff Reports

Museum Seeks New Directors

The Alameda Museum is looking for residents who want to get involved as members of its board of directors. The museum is especially in need of people willing to volunteer time to provide guidance and leadership for both the museum and the Meyers House. Duties include attending quarterly board meetings, participating in and responding to electronic communications and committing time to a specific area of the museum's operations.

These include planning and staffing estate sales, supporting and managing the museum's website and Facebook page, as well as creating educational programming for local students. If you are interested and have eight to 10 hours a month to commit to museum activities, contact Adam Gillitt at info@alamedamuseum.org before Monday, Oct. 30.

A committee will interview potential board candidates before the final ballot for 2019 directors is mailed to the museum's membership in November.

Varazze, Italy, named Alameda's new Sister City

On Sept. 18 City Council adopted a resolution to form a Sister City relationship with the City of Varazze, Italy. The Alpicella Family Club was established in Alameda in 1941, and continues to thrive today with several of its leaders and members tracing their roots to Varazze, a seaside town on the Italian Riviera.

The Alpicella Club worked with the Alameda Sister City Association to facilitate a year-long dialogue with the Varazze Committee in Italy to define the Sister City partnership and connect Alameda with the club's ancestral origin.

Varazze is approximately 18.5 square miles in size and has a population of 13,746. Alameda and Varazze share some common seaside city living and cultural

characteristics. Visiting delegates can study the academic institutions, arts, healthcare system, sports and traditions unique to each locality.

Alameda's Sister City program works to promote cultural understanding and cooperation with cities around the world, and to strengthen international partnerships at the municipal and person-to-person levels.

With Varazze, Alameda currently has four active Sister Cities, which include: Jiangyin, China; Dumaguete, Philippines and Yeongdong-gun, South Korea; and one active Friendship City, Wuxi, China.

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City Working to Replace Sewers Until Next Summer

Sun Staff Reports

The City of Alameda began its annual sewer rehabilitation project earlier this month and estimates work to be complete by July 2019. Work will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. near school locations, Monday through Friday. The work will consist of rehabilitating aging sewer mains, laterals and manholes at the following streets:

- Brush Street between Second and Third streets
- Cypress Street from Third to its end
- Haight Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Third
- Taylor Avenue between Third and Fifth streets
- Eighth Street between Buena Vista Avenue and Stewart Court
- Buena Vista between Ninth and Chapin streets

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John Berg

The Downtown Classic Car Show's 25th anniversary edition did not disappoint this avid car enthusiast.

Reflections on Alameda Car Show

John Berg

Imagine going back in time and strolling along Park Street in the 1950s. If you're anything like me, you'd be paying attention to the cars parked on the street as much as the shop windows.

That's what it was like last Saturday at the downtown Alameda Classic Car Show. There were more than 400 cars in attendance, so many that the show spanned six blocks of Park Street between Buena Vista and Encinal avenues. The weather was a perfect 75 degrees and thousands were on hand to enjoy the show but not so many that spectators couldn't take their time.

What made the event a sentimental journey wasn't just the classic cars but the eclectic collection that included a number of survivors — vintage cars that are still in service and have never been restored.

From a Model T Ford to a Chrysler 300C, there were also some beautifully restored classics on hand and great hot rods too, but the survivors stole the show with a dose of authenticity that triggered memories of walking to school as a kid and admiring the cars along the way.

A row of T-Birds in beautiful pastel colors caught my eye as did a trio of tri-five Chevys. There was a crowd of onlookers around a stunning C2 Corvette coupe taking turns having their pictures taken.

There was one guy standing nearby with cell phone in hand grinning ear-to-ear. I offered to take his picture and while happily handing me his cell phone he exclaimed "this was my first Hot Wheel." I came upon another fellow who was counting cylinder head bolts on a flathead V8.

He then taught me how to determine if the Deuce Coupe we were looking at had its original motor.

That was the kind of enthusiasm on hand.

A classic Chevrolet Caprice convertible with original Good Chevrolet license plate frames was parked exactly where the owner would have taken delivery back when Good Chevrolet was an Alameda icon.

Even the Alameda fire department was on hand with a vintage 1920 Seagraves Fire Engine and a classic 1966 American LaFrance Fire Engine, both of which are owned by the City of Alameda, the latter of which I personally remember pulling out of Fire Station No. 1 way back when.

The Alameda Classic Car show was organized by the Downtown Alameda Business Association, hosted by the Crankers Car Club and presented by General Auto Parts and NAPA of Oakland.

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