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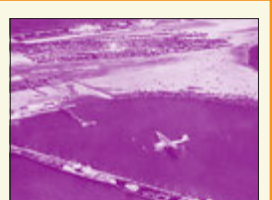
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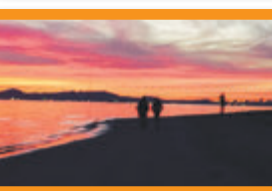
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## Election 2016 Results

**Dennis Evanosky**

Alamedans woke up on Wednesday, Nov. 9, to learn that Donald Trump had defeated Hillary Clinton; the Trumps, not the Clintons will be moving into 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in January.

Locals also learned that they had a brand-new City Council member and two equally fresh School Board trustees. The Alameda Unified School District quickly tweeted its thanks on Wednesday to voters for passing a measure that extended the period that the district could depend on the current parcel tax.

Voters confirmed that the city can rely on more money from a utility tax and gave a nod to a city ordinance that helps stabilize the rental market here. A measure that would have promoted renters' rights from a mere ordinance to inscription in the City Charter failed to pass muster.

In the race for City Council, Malia Vella garnered more votes than any of her opponents. She and Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, who won reelection, will share the podium with Mayor Trish Spencer, Vice-Mayor Frank Matarrese and Councilman Jim Oddie when the new City Council convenes. Council member Tony Daysog lost his bid for reelection. Vella received 8,315 votes, 24.27 percent of the votes cast. Voters reelected incumbent Ezzy Ashcraft with 7,569 or 22.09 percent.

Daysog, an incumbent, mustered 6,914 votes, 20.18 percent. Jennifer Roloff received 6,284, 18.34 percent. Lena Tam gathered 5,106 votes or 14.90 percent; none of the three had enough backing to earn a seat on the City Council.

City Auditor Kevin R. Kearney won handily over opponent Mike McMahon. Kearney received 13,351 votes, 72.96 percent, as opposed to McMahon's 4,874 votes, 26.63. City Treasurer Kevin Kennedy also won his bid for reelection, defeating opponent Jeff Bratzler. Kennedy

held sway with 80 percent of the votes cast or 14,850, compared to Bratzler's 20 percent or 3,537.

Voters passed Measure B1 with 16,033 or 73.90 percent voting "yes" and 5,662 or 26.10 percent saying "no." The measure handily surpassed the two-thirds majority (66.6 percent) it needed to pass. By passing the measure, voters gave the school district much of the money it needs through July 1, 2025.

Measure M1 — the City Charter amendment to strengthen renters' rights — failed with 14,195, 66.42 percent, "no" votes and 7,178, 33.58 percent, "yes" votes. Measure L1 — the ordinance already in place to help stabilize rents — passed with 11,954 or 55.61 percent of the voters saying "yes" and just 9,544, 44.39 percent, saying "yes."

Gray Harris will continue to sit as a trustee on the school board. With this election Harris won a seat in her own right. She was appointed to fill the late Neil Tam's seat when Tam passed away in 2015. Newcomer Jennifer Williams will fill the seat that Barbara Kahn's retirement from the board left vacant. Kahn had endorsed Williams for the seat. Third-place finisher Ardella Dailey will fill the seat vacated by Philip Hu. Last year Hu was chosen to fill the seat Trish Spencer vacated when she became mayor.

Williams received 10,244 votes or 23.17 percent. She was followed by Harris with 9,529 votes, 21.56 percent. Dailey received 7,786 votes or 17.61 percent.

Three candidates failed to receive enough votes to earn a seat: Anne McKereghan, Matt Hettich and Dennis Popalardo.

County-wide more voters voted by mail than cast their votes at the polling places on Nov. 8: 179,601 voted at the polls, while 211,564 mailed their ballots.

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Devon Cropper

Students from Encinal High School marched clear across town to City Hall to protest against Donald Trump's election as president of the United States. Local students coordinated walk outs at Alameda High School and other local schools.

## Students Protest Trump Presidency

**Sun Staff Reports**

Last Friday hundreds of students from Alameda High School, Encinal High School, Alameda Science and Technology Institute (ASTI), Island High School, Nea, ACLC and St. Joseph Notre Dame High School walked through the streets of Alameda to express their shared concerns about the future.

The students were participating in just one of several marches that involved their fellow students in other cities across the Bay Area and the nation. The students spoke of joining together in a single cause: defeating Donald Trump four years from now. Most of the participants

*We all knew it wasn't going stop him becoming president, but we thought standing together to fight back is important right now.*

— Devon Cropper

in Friday's march will be eligible to vote in 2020.

The students delivered a letter to the city that stated "the youth of this country are willing to come together to talk about important things." The students wrote that the topics of discussion should include environmental justice, racial equality, civic engagement, women's rights and LGBTQ rights.

"Everyone belongs here. Every ethnicity, every nationality, every faith, every gender identity, every family, every child, every adult, every political point of view; everyone belongs here," said City Manager Jill Keimach who joined the students on the City Hall steps. "In Alameda, we celebrate our diverse community and these peaceful gatherings remind us why we love our island."



Photos by Dennis Evanosky

Rev. Laura Rose addresses the crowd assembled at City Hall.

## Candlelight Vigil at City Hall

**Dennis Evanosky**

The national election proved very emotional for a lot of Alamedans. In an almost spontaneous reaction to Donald Trump's election to the presidency, Susan Davis conceived the perfect retort. Instead of violence, peace. Instead of throwing rocks and spray painting graffiti, light candles; instead of spewing hate, pray. She and John Knox White invited Alamedans to gather at City Hall for a candlelight vigil.

The turnout last Friday evening — some 300 people, many of them parents with their chil-

dren — surprised them both. The energy surprised no one. People came together in a positive way to process and prepare for the future. The vigil affirmed the power of inclusiveness and compassion that many felt was lost upon the news of Trump's election.

"Seeing so many Alamedans step up to create this special event speaks volumes about both the grieving and concern that many in our community are feeling, but also in their interest in proactively standing up and proclaiming that we are ready to stand with all Americans against intoler-



ance, injustice and inequality. I was moved by the generosity of the many people who made this happen so quickly," Knox White said.

## Elks Lodge Honors Veterans

**Dennis Evanosky**

Alameda Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Shirley Bierman and her husband, Ric, await the arrival of guests at last Friday evening's Veterans Day Dinner at the Elks Lodge. As part of a long-standing tradition the Elks honor the military each year on Veterans Day.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Nick Pereira, a member of the lodge, acts as the master of ceremonies each year. This year the lodge honored Marine Corps Cpl. Jordan Borden, an Iraqi War veteran who suffered serious injuries in a truck accident earlier this year. Alameda Elks gave Borden's family \$2,000 from its veterans fund to help while Borden recovered.



Dennis Evanosky

## Racist Graffiti Found at Edison

**Sun Staff Reports**

Sometime last Friday evening, vandals spray painted racist graffiti at Edison Elementary School on Buena Vista Avenue. A custodian reported the graffiti to the Alameda Police Department (APD), who launched an investigation. The school district and parents quickly stepped in and removed the graffiti.

"Please let your children know we have taken a strong stand in this district and in this community that everyone belongs here," Alameda Unified School District

Sean McPhetridge told parents in a robocall on Sunday. "We do not tolerate hate speech, bullying, racism, sexism, homophobia or any other forms of hatred."

The incident sparked Monday morning gatherings at all Alameda elementary schools. Community members and parents greeted students with heart-festooned signs assuring them that "Everyone belongs here." APD did not release any details about the graffiti, and is asking anyone with information about the incident to call 337-8340.

## AFD: Don't Fall for Fire Inspection Scam

**Sun Staff Reports**

The city of Alameda and the Alameda Fire Department (AFD) recently sent an alert to local businesses and residents about a potential fire inspection scam that has been reported.

According to AFD Chief Doug Long, inspectors dressed in uniform have entered Alameda businesses, representing themselves as fire inspectors.

They ask for a signature authorizing them to perform a visual inspection of fire equipment, such as fire alarms and smoke detectors. A few weeks later an invoice

is sent to the business for several hundred dollars.

Many cities across the state have been targets. In Alameda the company was doing business as Y.O.R Protection, but it appears they have done business under other names including: AMG Fire Service, Lifeline Fire & Safety and District Fire & Safety.

The city emphasized that in Alameda, all fire inspections are performed by uniformed employees of AFD. Anyone believing that a fire inspection is not being conducted by official fire personnel should contact Long at 337-2102.

## AC Transit Resurrects Line 19

**Sun Staff Reports**

The city recently announced that construction on a revived AC Transit Line 19 — the installation of concrete bus pads, bus stop signs and red curbs — will soon get underway. AC Transit halted service on Line 19 more than 6 years ago on March 28, 2010. The line served the Northern Waterfront. Meetings between AC Transit and the city led to the resurrection of the service. As it did in its previous incarnation, Line 19 will serve businesses and residents along Buena Vista Avenue. It will carry passengers to Oakland's Fruitvale and 12th Street BART stations.

Eastbound Line 19 buses coming from Oakland will enter town on Webster Street. The line will turn east along Atlantic Avenue-Sherman Street to Buena Vista Avenue. It will travel east on Buena Vista to Broadway, where it will turn north to serve the Bridgeside Shopping

Center on Blanding Avenue. Line 19 will exit Alameda on Tilden Way and head for the Fruitvale BART Station.

The leg of the trip along Atlantic is a new twist. Previously Line 19 ran south on Webster to Buena Vista, where it turned east. Instead, the new Line 19 will turn east on Atlantic to serve Marina Village, which the old line bypassed.

Westbound, Line 19 will enter Alameda on Tilden Way and travel on Blanding to Broadway. The line will head west to carry passengers along the Northern Waterfront on Buena Vista Avenue. It will travel along Atlantic Avenue to Webster Street, where it will exit Alameda and carry passengers to the 12th Street BART Station.

Construction of the bus stops for Line 19 will start at Atlantic Avenue and Challenger Drive and stretch along Buena Vista Avenue from Atlantic Avenue-Sherman Street to Park Street.