Sunday Breakfast

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117 TO HOLD SUNDAY BREAKFAST – SEE CALENDAR 3

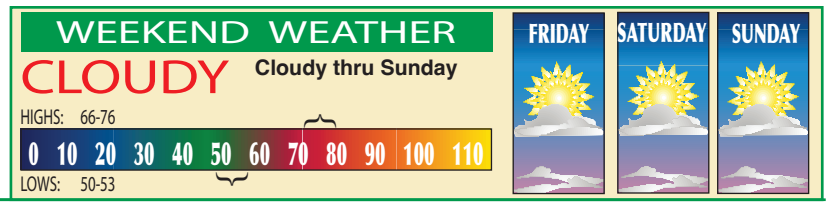

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Hundreds of people turned out for the lighting of the Lorenzo Theater marquee last Thursday night, as Keith Barros led the crowd in singing a song he wrote in praise of the theater.

Lorenzo Theatre Marquee Lit Up

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A few hundred people watched the lighting of the Lorenzo Theater marquee last Thursday evening in the heart of San Lorenzo.

The lighting ceremony marked the completion of the marquee that's been a San Lorenzo landmark since the Art-Deco theatre was constructed on Hesperian Boulevard in 1947.

The marquee lighting leads up to the grand re-opening of the 700-seat theater on Jan. 23, planned by the Alameda County Community Development Agency.

Alameda County bought the theater in 2010 to turn it into an arts and entertainment venue. The county is spending $17.8 million to renovate the structure.

At Thursday's marquee lighting ceremony, Alameda County Supervisor Lena Tam said the Lorenzo marquee is a storied landmark that will once again shine and rejuvenate the spirit of San Lorenzo.

Longtime San Lorenzo resident, and former UPS driver, Keith Barros, dressed in black coat and tie, provided the entertainment as he sang a song he wrote in tribute to the theater, inviting the crowd to join him in the chorus, and the crowd did just that.

Voters Baffled By Ballot Foul-Up

Ballots sent to thousands list City Council races at-large when it should be by district

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Voters got their ballots and San Leandrans were surprised to see that they could vote in City Council races and the mayor.

This is surprising because earlier this year, following voter approval of Measure F, the City Council changed the election to one where voters only vote for the council member in their own district, plus the mayor.

But you would never know that looking at the ballot, which lists the four City Council districts that are up for election this year, plus the mayor's race.

So, what happened? City Hall is not saying. City officials say the top priority now is to work with the county to fix the problem.

The City Council held an emergency meeting on Oct. 12 to try to find a solution to the snafu. The council passed a resolution to work with the

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Watchdog Committee Evaluates Ballot Measures

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A watchdog committee that evaluates ballot measures for accuracy and clearness released its findings – which is not an assessment of the measure itself, just the truthfullness of the ballot language.

The Alameda County Ballot Watchdog Committee has completed its impartial review of the 29 measures on the Nov. 3 General Election in Alameda County.

All the evaluators have served on previous civil grand juries. Among the measures, there is one regional measure, and 28 local jurisdiction measures.

This is the third year of the ballot review of the accura-

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SLHS Alums in Free Movie Screening

The Hank Jones Story to be shown at the Main Library

Two San Leandro High School alumni, known professionally as Hank and Dean, got their start in show business with regular appearances on the Tennessee Ernie Ford Show, which was produced by KGO, in San Francisco.

Their early television experience helped launch successful careers in Hollywood.

Dean went on to write the song "My Way," which became one of Frank Sinatra's signature songs. Hank built a career performing in numerous television sitcoms and Disney movies.

Hank Jones's life and career are featured in the film *Beyond Godolphin: The Hank Jones Story.*

The public is invited to a free screening of the film on Saturday, October 24, at 2 p.m. in the theater at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Learn more about the life and career of a San Leandro High School alumnus who went on to make his mark in the entertainment industry.

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The Uninvited Opens on Saturday At the SL Players

The San Leandro Players present *The Uninvited*, opening Saturday at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 W. Estudillao Ave.

The show ruans on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through November 13, with two Friday shows at 8 p.m. on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20.

Tickets are $25 general, $20 seniors and under 12. For more information or tickets, visit www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573.

In *The Uninvited* by Tim Kelly, brother and sister Roderick and Pamela Fitzgerald flee their busy London lives for the beautiful but stormy Devon coastline. They are drawn to Cliff End, a suspiciously inexpensive house feared amongst locals as a haunted place of ill omen.

Gradually, the Fitzgeralds learn of the mysterious deaths of Mary Meredith and another strange young woman.

Together, they must unravel the mystery of Cliff End's uncanny past, and keep the troubled young Stella, who was raised there as a baby, from returning to the nursery where something waits to tuck her in at night. Based on the novel by Dorothy McCardle and the film starring Ray Milland.

Featuring: Karen Barbera, Amy Cook, Ron Cook, Dana Fry, Terry Guillory, Bruce Kaplan, Larissa Kasian, Jessi Lee, Paul Pedersen, and Ben Yuen.

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Dana Fry, Bruce Kaplan and Karen Barbera appear in *The Uninvited*.

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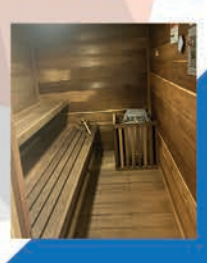

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Hill & Valley Club Holiday Boutique

The Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B St. in Hayward, will hold its annual scholarship holiday boutique on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring jewelry, handmade items, holiday decorations, gift baskets, plants, candy, baked goods, and more, just in time for your holiday shopping.

Proceeds pay for scholarships for high school seniors and nursing students. This is an indoor boutique that will be held rain or shine.

Plenty of parking available. Cash, checks, and credit/debit cards accepted.

For more information, visit: www.hillvalley.club.

Community Calendar

American Legion Post 117 Sunday Breakfast

American Legion Post 117 of San Leandro will host its monthly Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Pancakes with sausage, eggs, juice, coffee, tea, and fruit. Donation: veterans $8, non-veterans $9.

Free Wellness & Fellowship for Seniors

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites seniors to a program featuring seated exercise, guided meditation, conversation, fun activities, tea, and healthy snacks on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, through November 17. Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community in a welcoming setting. Free of charge. All are welcome. For more information, call 510-483-0606.

San Lorenzo Adult School Job Fair

San Lorenzo Adult School, 820 Bockman Road, will host a Job & Resource Fair on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Community resources, networking opportunities, direct engagement, and employer connections. Free and open to the public. For more information, email slemons@slzusd.org or call 510-317-4200.

Learn About The Mobility Project

Eden Area seniors are invited to The Mobility Project, a travel mobility program designed to help older adults explore transportation options and stay connected to their communities, sponsored by the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County. Learn more about the 2026–2027 Peer-to-Peer Senior Mobility Project on three Fridays – Oct. 23, Jan. 22, and Feb. 26 – from 11 a.m. to noon at 20980 Redwood Road, Suite 250 in Castro Valley. Come to a special presentation for the Eden Area Senior Action Group. Learn more about the program and how it can help support mobility and independence for older adults in the Eden Area. Space is limited. RSVP to Tanya.Washington@acgov.org

For Older Adults – Walk with Ease

Spectrum Community Service welcomes older adults to Walk with Ease, meeting three days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday through Dec. 23 at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. Class times are 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., and 1 to 2 p.m. Led by a certified instructor who enjoys exercising with older adults. The one hour sessions included 30 minutes of walking at your own pace. Registration required by phone or website: SpectrumCS.org/Senior-Services/Fall-Risk-Reduction, or call 510-876-8809.

A Matter of Balance

A Matter of Balance is an eight-session program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Nov. 18 at the San Lorenzo Community Center, 1970 Via Buena Vista in San Lorenzo. Learn how to manage fall concerns and improve flexibility, balance, and strength. Register by calling 510-881-6766.

Vendor Space Available at Arroyo Holiday Boutique

The Arroyo Athletic Boosters are seeking vendors for the Annual Holiday Boutique that will be on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arroyo High School cafeteria, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. in San Lorenzo. The cost is $40 per 10-by-10 foot space. Sign up at: https://arroyo-athletic-boosters-holiday-boutique.cheddarup.com

Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

Resolved to lose weight in 2026? Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:45 a.m.) at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley. For more information, contact Linda Brooks at 510-461-3894. Join us for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

Serve on a San Leandro Board or Commission

Help make the decisions that affect your community.

San Leandro residents can apply to serve on a City of San Leandro board or commission. Bring your experience, ideas and community perspective to local decision-making.

Board and commission members provide recommendations to the City Council on issues that affect San Leandro. Serving is also an opportunity to learn more about how the City works, connect with other residents and help influence the programs and policies that shape your community.

Applications are open through November 30. Learn about current opportunities and apply:SanLeandro.org/Boards

Calendar Submissions

The Community Calendar is for publicizing nonprofit organizations, charities and community groups. Items can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.

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The Docks of Decay

The docks at the former San Leandro Marina slowly decay as nature reclaims the marsh where the marina was built.

Senior Programs: Clipper Cards, Flex Rides

Senior Clipper Card & Tether Strap Program

AC Transit's Accessible Services Department will be at the Senior Community Center on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. to issue Clipper Cards for adults ages 65 and older.

Cards are issued with no cash value. AC Transit will also provide free mobility devices and tether strap services to help identify securement points for wheelchairs and other mobility devices.

For more information about Senior Clipper Cards or the mobility device tether strap program, call AC Transit at 510-891-7113.

FLEX RIDES Program

Learn more about the City of San Leandro's Flex Rides transportation program and get help with enrollment or membership questions on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. No appointment required. For more information, call 510-577-7985.

Library Events

Booktoberfest

The San Leandro Library will host a literary trivia night at Fieldwork Brewing Co., 100 W. Juana Ave., on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. Bring a team or make some new friends.

Cybersecurity for Seniors

Learn how to protect your identity, privacy, and assets online at Cybersecurity for Seniors, on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Registration required at www.sanleandro.org/162/Public-Library.

Beyond Godolphin Documentary at the Library

Beyond Godolphin, a documentary about the character actor Hank Jones who grew up in San Leandro, will be shown at the San Leandro Main Library on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. Hank's storied career in many Disney movies, other films such as Tora, Tora, Tora, and many TV shows (My Three Sons and others), is captured by Disney animator and filmmaker Kevin MacLean. Q&A after the film with MacLean in person, Jones by Zoom, and local resident Chad Pennebaker. Presented by San Leandro Historical Society. More information at: www.sanleandrohistory.org.

Homework Center at Manor Branch Library

Need help with your homework? Come to the Homework Center at the Manor Branch Library 1241 Manor Blvd, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This is for students in grades 1 through 5. Registration needed: www.sanleandro.org.

Project Literacy Tutor Training

Volunteer at the library and make a difference in someone's life. Tutors help adult students improve their basic reading, writing, and English language skills. No experience needed. Training consists of an online orientation and three workshops. Upcoming workshops will be held at the San Leandro Library on Saturday, October 3, 10, and 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. Start with the online orientation at sanleandro.org/literacy or call 510-577-3944.

Teen Lounge

The Teen Lounge is open every Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library 300 Estudillo Ave. Games, art, snacks, and fun. Open to teens in grades 6-12, no registration necessary.

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REAL ESTATE GALLERY

Buying Peace of Mind

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

An out-of-state seller put their property on the market, hoping for a quick and easy sale. Two days later, their agent received an excited call from a neighbor, stating, "There's water pouring out from under the garage door." A quick investigation revealed that the water heater, located in the garage, had picked that moment to fail. Undaunted, the listing agent called the owner with the news and stated, "You need a new hot water heater, but don't worry – we have a pre-sale home warranty in place – all you will need to pay is the deductible."

While not the case in many parts of the country, home warranties have long been a staple in San Francisco Bay Area sales with, in many cases, the seller providing a home warranty to the buyer as a part of the purchase. Additionally, many listing agents recommend that a pre-sale home warranty be placed on any home being listed in the event something happens during the selling period.

While the advantages of warranties are obvious, some sellers push back believing the warranty – if any – should be paid for by the buyer. As the market softens, however, this is one selling incentive many agents believe should not be overlooked. Reasons a seller should include a home warranty include:

Potential buyer anxiety.

Homes in the bay area have become exceedingly expensive, and the last thing many buyers can afford is an expensive repair after escrow closes. Knowing a home warranty is in place can ease apprehension.

Potential system failure.

As seen in the beginning example, no one knows when key systems might fail, resulting in expensive repairs. Homes with aging systems have a higher potential for issues, and a warranty can overcome potential objections.

Post-close friction.

While sellers have an obligation to disclose all known problems, they cannot see inside walls for issues that may emerge after a close. Issues that suddenly appear shortly after the sale closes can result in claims of inadequate disclosure which, potentially, could end in litigation.

Demonstrates goodwill.

Offering a warranty demonstrates that the seller wants their buyer to have a positive homeownership experience. Many buyers are concerned that they may face issues after the close; a warranty can go a long way in preventing angst.

While some sellers may object over the cost, home warranties can help smooth the pathway to peace of mind for all concerned.

Carl Medford is an active licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Advisors and a licensed general contractor.contractor.

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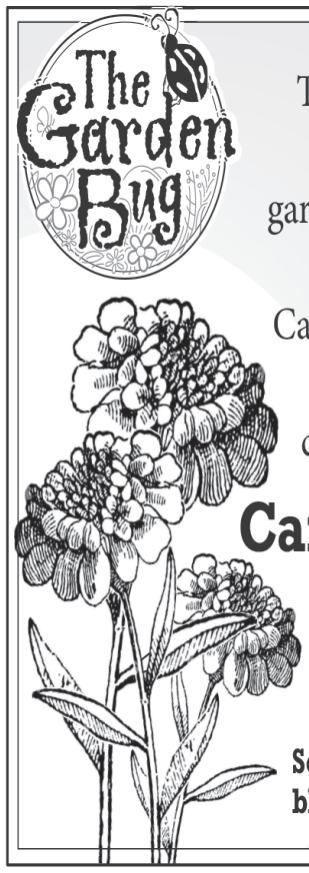


This plant's low-growing habit and captivating blooms make it a great choice for bordering garden beds and lining pathways. Its tidy growth adds definition and structure to the scenery. Candytuft thrives in rock gardens, and is rabbit- and deer-resistant. When used in pots and containers, it creates charming focal points on patios, balconies and decks. Pollinators love candytuft!

Candytuft

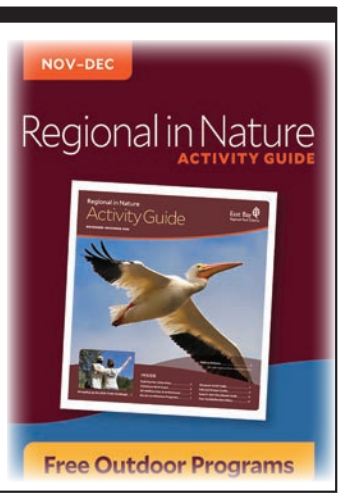
"Autumn Beauty" is a type of candytuft that blooms in spring, then again in fall.

– Brenda Weaver

Sources: martinnursery.com, bloomhandworks.com, garden.org

This issue of the San Leandro Times contains the East Bay Regional Park District Nov-Dec 2026 Activity Guide.

If your copy of the Times does not include the EBRP Activity Guide, call 510-614-1555 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to obtain one.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Eradin Maldonado
Case Number: 26PR215761

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
Eradin Maldonado

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Danyel Dollard** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Danyel Dollard** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 18, 2026, 9:45 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: **Danyel Dollard 523 grove Field CT NW, Suwanee, GA 30024 (404) 625-1112**

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OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and must be under 300 words. Letters can be edited for clarity or length. Letters are the views of the author and not necessarily the views of the newspaper or its advertisers. E-mail letters to: letters@ebpublishing.com or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

City Government Failure - No

Editor,

Leo T. West's recent letter regarding the San Leandro City Council and his insinuations concerning Mayor Gonzalez contain serious factual inaccuracies regarding how our local government actually functions.

First, Mr. West claims that the City Council makes decisions "behind closed doors" and uses the Consent Calendar to push them through without public input. This displays a fundamental misunderstanding of public meeting laws and parliamentary procedure.

Under California's Brown Act, city councils are legally barred from making backdoor decisions. A Consent Calendar is a standard tool used by cities nationwide to group routine, non-controversial administrative items—like approving past meeting minutes—to save legislative time.

Crucially, residents retain the "explicit structural right" to review these items in advance, voice opposition during public comment, or formally request that an item be pulled for an independent, full public debate.

Second, Mr. West implies that Mayor Juan Gonzalez wields an authoritative "mayoral rule." In reality, San Leandro operates under a council-manager form of government. The governing body consists of seven members—six council members and the mayor.

When it comes to voting, Mayor Gonzalez has exactly one vote, just like every other member. He possesses no veto power and cannot dictate policy. In fact, on highly contested issues, the mayor has been outvoted by a council majority—a matter of public record.

Finally, Mr. West characterizes the city's spending on legal counsel and independent investigators as a "waste of money." In local government, hiring independent investigators to look into serious allegations of misconduct is not a waste—it is a legally mandated obligation to ensure accountability and protect taxpayers. Failing to investigate would be a real disservice to San Leandro and to its citizens.

Healthy civic debate is vital for our city, but it must be grounded in structural facts, not mischaracterizations of our city charter and legal processes.

Peggy Heubel
San Leandro

Peregrine Contract Needs More Review

Editor,

At Monday's (Oct. 5, 2026) City Council meeting, the mayor muscled through a narrow majority vote to approve a 5-year contract for up to $705,000 to Peregrine Technologies for an AI-powered data-integration platform for the police department.

This was without referring the matter for input from the Community Police Review Board (CPRB) despite substantial concerns from members of the public and some council members about the risks this technology raises regarding privacy, civil liberties, mass surveillance, data sharing and security, and the use of a no-bid contract.

The potential for increased efficiency trumped all of that – even though the mayor lamented the fact that Peregrine hasn't provided data to prove its efficiency claims and strengthen his side of the story.

There was no rush and no urgency. Three of the council members voted to pause action to get more community input first. This is precisely what the council has done in the past successfully with referrals to the CPRB to review the relevant policies and make recommendations before expanding the Flock cameras contract and before deploying new dash cams in police patrol cars. Why end-run that process this time? Who didn't want the CPRB involved?

The CPRB has demonstrated its effectiveness for 4 years now, producing meaningful changes in in the community's interests on everything from use of force, use of military equipment, ALPR's, body-worn-cameras, and dash-cams. We have earned trust and deserve respect for the responsible manner in which we have represented the community in addressing these often complex issues.

The Council benefits when the CPRB is able to help them make informed decisions on policing matters.

But it's not too late to act and be heard. Call and email the mayor and your City Council member ASAP to demand that the CPRB have an opportunity to review the policy for how this new technology is to managed in our City. And Email the CPRB with your concerns (CPRB@sanleandro.org) or attend a CPRB meeting.

Bob Bailey
San Leandro

Tricky Propositions

Editor,

Dear Voters, please don't get fooled by the onslaught of ads on TV that are touting Propositions 41 and 42. They are put out by billionaires who want to defeat Prop. 40.

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Mortgage Rates Average 7.40%
The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage remained unchanged this week.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.40% as of October 15, 2026, unchanged from last week. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.27%.

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Ballots: 'This presents a serious challenge to the democratic process in San Leandro'

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Registrar of Voters to tabulate the votes for City Council members by districts.

Since the county Registrar of Voters tabulates votes by precinct, it would be a matter of totaling all the precincts in a district to find the results for that council seat.

For example, all of the precincts in District would be compiled to give the results for the District 1 City Council seat.

There won't be a new ballot. Voters will used the ballot that was sent. But you will just have a vote for mayor and the one council member in your district, in accordance with district elections.

Even though four council districts are on the ballot, three of those are uncontested. Only one district, District 3, is a contested race –with two candidates Joseph Trujillo and Lee Thomas.

Candidates Speak

Both Thomas and Trujillo spoke at the Oct. 12 special City Council meeting to address the snafu.

"Keep lines of communication open with candidates and with the county," Thomas said. "People are asking, are we going to get a fair vote? We're waiting to see what the city does."

"This presents a serious challenge to the democratic process in San Leandro," Trujillo said. "This ballot mistake undermines that system and creates confusion, particularly in District 3."

Candidate for mayor James Maes said the ballot foul-up is a big setback.

"Going to district-based elections was a big milestone for the city and now we're at risk of losing all the progress for the one contested race in San Leandro," Maes told the council. "Starting tomorrow morning remedy with the county to get this taken care of, either with a new ballot or a back-end computer fix."

What Happened?

Public speaker Robert Bulatao asked the one question that City Council members seem reluctant to ask.

How did the error occur?" Bulatao asked. "Was this an error by the Registrar of Voters or did the city fail to communicate the necessary information? That matters, because if the problem was in the city's procedures, what safeguards are being put in place to make sure the same problem doesn't happen again in 2028?"

Asked how the error occurred, City Hall didn't have a clear explanation. A city spokesperson replied with this statement:

"The City has been working closely with the Registrar of Voters to determine the steps needed to implement district-based elections. Once we ensure that vote counting is compliant with the City charter, we will turn our attention to identifying opportunities for future process improvement."

As for an explanation from the county, a phone message to Alameda County Registrar of Voters Cynthia Cornejo asking for a comment wasn't returned.

San Leandro Library to Host Halloween Night

The San Leandro Public Library invites families to celebrate Halloween at its annual Halloween Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Boulevard.

This free event for children ages 12 and under and their families features Trunk-or-Treat activities, decorated vehicles, sweet treats, and an indoor pumpkin patch where children can pick out a pumpkin to take home.

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Letters: Propositions

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Measures: Many fail to say new tax is being added to existing tax

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cy, completeness and impartiality of the 75-word ballot language, aka ballot label or ballot question – which is the only part of the measure that every voter will see.

The Ballot Watchdog Committee said a new ballot language problem has arisen this election. Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville, have included a "Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment" in their tax increase, but these cities have failed to reveal that important fact in the 75-word ballot language.

The CPI adjustment is buried in the accompanying texts within the Voters Handbook, or online, but not revealed to the average voter who may only read what is on the ballot.

The committee believes this is a serious breach of the public trust. Arguably, it is also illegal.

The California Election Code [13119(b)] says the ballot statement has to include the amount of the tax or a raise in the rate of a tax. *(If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, the ballot shall include in the statement of the measure to be voted on, the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied.)*

MEASURE RTM
(Regional Transit Measure)

The watchdog committee gave this measure – on a scale of 0 to 5 – a 3.2 score because it failed to provide information on where the money was going. As described, the money was going everywhere without apparent priority.

And there was no mention of whether there were existing taxes in place, ignoring the sizable once cent sales tax already being collected for transportation in Alameda County.

There is also lack of clarity in how the multi-county voting will work, said the committee.

MEASURE J
San Lorenzo USD - Education Parcel Tax

To renew expiring local school funding without increasing current tax rates; support academic excellence and programs in reading, writing, math, arts, science and technology; attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; and continue stable, local funding the State cannot take away; shall San Lorenzo Unified School District's measure be adopted, renewing its expiring $99 parcel tax for 12 years, providing approximately $1.8 million annually, with senior exemptions, citizen oversight, and no funds for district administrators?"

The watchdog committee gave the San Lorenzo education parcel tax statement a score of 4.3 – higher than most scores – saying that it generally provides straightforward and accurate information, more than most ballot language.

But the score was lower than 5.0 because it failed to provide sufficient information on where the money was going, and whether there were any existing taxes in place.

Also, there was extraneous verbiage designed to influence a Yes vote, such as "can't be taken by the state."

The state is the principal funder of schools and is unlikely to take away locally raised funds.

Measure M – City of Alameda - Charter Amendment - Amend and Repeal Outdated Provisions

The lowest score of any of the 28 measures was for the City of Alameda's charter amendment to "repeal outdated provisions."

The score of 1.8 was lower because of "failure to provide even minimal information on what was being amended and little information as to why."

There was no information as to whether the amendment would have financial effects.

"Approximately 30 more words could have been added to give voters some hint as to the subjects being affected by the proposed amendments," the committee said.

Most Common Problems With Ballot Measures

The Ballot Watchdog Committee's review produced individual ballot measure scores ranged from 1.8 to 4.6. The most common matter that caused a reduction in the score was a lack of clarity as to why the measure was needed and what it would cost.

Second was the inclusion of extraneous verbiage designed to influence a favorable vote on the measure.

Numerous proposed tax increases failed to mention that the new tax is being added to an existing similar tax and what that existing tax is, and what the resulting tax will be. So voters could not learn the amount of increase or even the percentage of increase if the proposed measure were to pass.

Also common among general tax increases was a listing of popular or feel-good spending categories like emergency services, parks, pothole repairs, or homeless services that would be improved if the measure were to pass. But as a general tax, the proceeds could be spent on any public purpose, and nothing might be spent on the listed areas.

The Watchdog Committee said all the measures exhibited some degree of proponent bias, emphasizing the benefits and glossing over the costs, meaning the authors want the measure to pass.

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