

Malia Vella

Occupation: Councilwoman/College Professor

As your Councilwoman, I've been accessible and proactive in engaging with the community to ensure Alameda embraces everyone. I'm a native Alamedan with deep roots here and I'm committed to working together with you to preserve what's best about Alameda and move forward on needed improvements. I've worked to cap annual rent increases and enact just cause tenant protections; bring lactation and diaper changing stations to city buildings; and break ground at Alameda Point, including low-income and middle-income housing. COVID-19 has presented challenges to how we live, has devastated our small businesses and is straining our city budget. My steady leadership and innovative thinking are needed as we work to preserve city services. I support Black Lives Matter and am committed to examining police policy and tactics, rooting out inherent racism and improving critical services. I'll continue to stand up, speak out and be a force for racial justice. I'm committed to preserving our shoreline and keeping neighborhoods distinct and diverse while improving neighborhood shopping areas. This includes solutions to mitigate traffic and make pedestrian and bike safety a priority. I'm supported by State Senator Nancy Skinner, working families, and locally elected officials. I'd be honored to have your vote. [VellaforAlameda.com](http://VellaforAlameda.com)