MALIA (MARY) VELLA

Occupation: Educator and Attorney

My education and qualifications are: We need city hall to get back to the basics. I am a native Alamedan with deep roots here and I am committed to the betterment of our community.

I am involved in many volunteer and leadership roles in our community including: our city's Historical Advisory Board, Alameda Sister Cities Association, Philipino Independence Day Committee, and Alameda Family Services and its Annual Holiday Home Tour.

Alameda needs affordable and quality housing options for all residents at all income levels. I am committed to exploring a variety of options to decrease displacement of long-time residents and increase available housing.

I am also committed to preserving our island charm and unique shoreline and will work to keep our neighborhoods distinct and diverse while improving neighborhood shopping areas. This includes practical solutions to mitigate traffic and making public safety a priority.

I will continue to be accessible and proactive in engaging with you and to work with you to preserve what's best about Alameda and help our residents and businesses flourish.

I am supported by Alameda police and firefighters, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Supervisor Wilma Chan, working families, and locally elected officials. I would be honored to have your vote. www.vellaforalameda.com