

Three incumbents return to Los Gatos town council

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On Tues., Nov. 6, a record number of citizens across the United States voted in the 2018 midterm elections. While politicians in Washington ran for the House and the Senate, local candidates competed for three open spots on the Los Gatos town council. In the end, all three incumbents were re-elected. Rob Rennie finished in the lead, with 31.16 percent of the vote, Marico Sayoc came in second with 27.28 percent, and Steve Leonardis secured the third and final seat with 25.86 percent.

These three will serve Los Gatos for the next four years, so now is the perfect time to get to know what each councilor stands for and what their goals for the community are.

Councilwoman Marico Sayoc has been serving Los Gatos since 2014. Sayoc has worked alongside President Obama on the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She went on to develop and manage a roadmap for reducing global mercury pollution. Upon moving to Los Gatos in 2005, Sayoc became an active member of the League of Women Voters and co-managed the Children's Democracy Project. Currently, she helps run a nonprofit called Unity Care, which provides safe housing and helpful resources to at-risk families and foster youth.

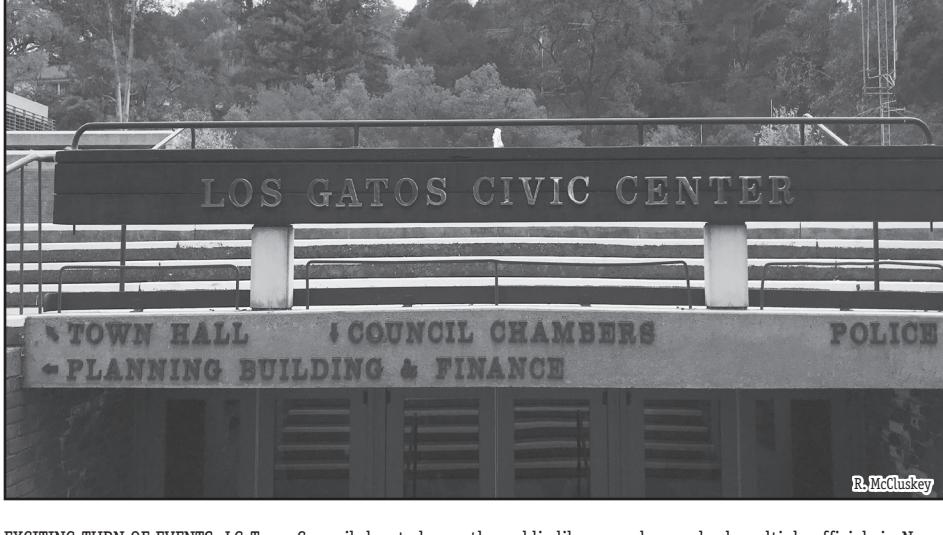
During her previous term, Sayoc worked on 12 different committees, associations, and commissions to serve the town. A mother of two children, she also participated in numerous education programs at local schools.

Sayoc has pledged to "give voice and representation to the needs of [the town's diverse community]." She intends to advocate for affordable housing, as well as working towards easing local traffic and protecting the town's economy in the upcoming years.

The second incumbent to be re-elected was Rob Rennie, who has also served as a council member for Los Gatos since 2014. For 20 years, Rennie worked as an engineer in the semiconductor industry. He's taken advantage of that experience by represent-

ing Los Gatos on the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board and serving on several committees dedicated to promoting the use of environmentally-friendly energy. Rennie is also an active member of the Los Gatos Rotary Club, where he works with local students to build clean power systems for homes without electricity.

In the past, Rennie has advocated to resolve local transportation issues and improve senior citizen rights. Currently, Rennie aims to focus his efforts on promoting emergency preparedness, improving



EXCITING TURN OF EVENTS: LG Town Council, located near the public library, welcomes back multiple officials in Nov.

senior living, continuing to improve the school bus pilot program, and creating financial sustainability for the town. In hopes of protecting the "cherished... open spaces and small-town character" of Los Gatos, Rennie will most likely oppose the expansion of local affordable housing. However, one of his goals for the upcoming years is designating smaller units on the North 40 property for senior living.

Finally, Steve Leonardis was previously elected to the town council in 2010, and will serve a third term after his recent re-election. He worked for several technology companies – IBM, HP, and Mercury Interactive – before starting his own real estate firm, Boulevard Financial Group. Currently, Leonardis is employed by Coldwell Banker.

Leonardis volunteers for Los Gatos Music and Arts, which runs Music in the Park as well as Jazz on the Plaza. In past years, he's also been the Easter bunny at the local egg hunt in Oak Meadow Park and made several appearances at the Los Gatos Library as a storytime reader.

Leonardis intends to put an end to the beach traffic that has plagued the town in the past years by strategically placing new stoplights to improve traffic flow around town, as well as reconstructing the Los Gatos portion of Highway 17.

Despite refraining from nearly any campaigning during this election, Leonardis still easily beat Larry Maggio, who came in fourth place with only 15.60 percent of the final vote.

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Employees walk out against Google's lack of attention

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Few may know the name Tarana Burke, but her impact on those affected by sexual harassment is immense. Nearly 12 years ago, Burke coined the phrase "Me Too" in reference to sexual assault. In 2018, the term became the face of a movement, sparking national protests that transformed countless industries in many states. Both women and men around the nation stood their ground and banded together to bring awareness to the frighteningly-overlooked topic of sexual misconduct. Every week, new stories emerge of everyone from highly respected businessmen to politicians being accused of sexual harassment. At the beginning of November, creator of the Android Mobile software and Google employee Andy Rubin became the latest businessman to receive the negative spotlight. His inappropriate behavior led to a world-wide walkout of Google employees on Nov. 2.

In 2013, Rubin allegedly forced a woman in Las Vegas to perform sexual acts on him in his hotel

room. Google found out about the situation, but instead of firing him, they decided to cover up the story. With Google's help, Rubin got away with his actions for years, but his protection disappeared when Google chose to investigate the accusations, later confirming their validity. Google then asked for Rubin's resignation, but they continued paying him \$90 million dollars in \$2 million increments every month for four years. The monthly payments will cease at the end of 2018. After news articles on the subject were published, Rubin responded to the media by saying, "I never coerced a woman to have sex in a hotel room. These false allegations are part of a smear campaign by my ex-wife to disparage me during a divorce and custody battle." Although Rubin was well-off given his generous exit package, he still seemed concerned about his reputation when the accusations were confirmed. Once the news surfaced, thousands of Google employees reacted with disgust. Weeks later on Nov. 2, Google offices around the world participated in walkouts to protest the company's treatment of the situation. As more details about

the incident surfaced, it became clear that Google has a history of covering up the truth in order to protect high-level executives. Google employees banded together to spread their opinions about Google's actions, and with the help of the internet, social media, and news stations, nearly 20,000 employees walked out of their offices in order to protest Google's treatment of executives charged with sexual assault.

Offices in Mountain View, London, Dublin, and New York participated in the international walkout. Employees who decided to take a stand were encouraged to place a flyer on their desk stating: "I'm not at my desk because I'm walking out in solidarity with other Googlers and contractors to protest [against] sexual harassment, misconduct, lack of transparency and a workplace culture that's not working for everyone." This concise flyer expressed a valid reason for supporting the event, and as fellow employees noticed their coworkers walking out, others felt safe to join. Claire Stapleton, a Google marketing manager who organized the platform for the walkout, "[It is] something

we've discussed as a group, something we've locked arms over, [and finally] we're assembled now." This powerful walkout sent a message to people around the world that sexual assault will no longer go unnoticed and victims can easily find support to overcome any situation.

(Sources: New York Times, Chicago Tribune, The Guardian)



SPOT THE EXCUSED: Andy Rubin sits in a conference.

First Internet Bill of Rights

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With internet data breaches and privacy leaks on the rise recently, many believe that laws to regulate and set principles for the internet are becoming a necessity. Over two hundred years ago, the newly formed United States of America ratified the Bill of Rights, guaranteeing Americans certain rights and freedoms. Because the internet has become such a major part of everyday life and is used for 90 percent of the world's communication, many people see a need for an Internet Bill of Rights that would protect users' privacy and freedom.



GROUNDBREAKING: Khanna creates Internet Bill of Rights.

Ro Khanna, a California representative based in Santa Clara, is a major voice for change in creating the Internet Bill of Rights. Khanna, along with Tim Berners Lee (the creator of the World Wide Web) and

attorney Nicole Wong, recently pieced together a list of ten principles regarding internet rights.

Similar to the United States' Bill of Rights, the Internet Bill of Rights proposed by Khanna would set some specific regulations and rules regarding the online world. For example, one right is that internet users should be notified when their personal data could potentially be collected. Many companies do notify their users, but it is not a federal regulation. However, the Internet Bill of Rights would make this notification obligatory. Additionally, users would be able to choose whether the collection and distribution of their data is allowed or not. Security as a whole is a big topic in these proposed points, as users would know if their private information was obtained without their approval.

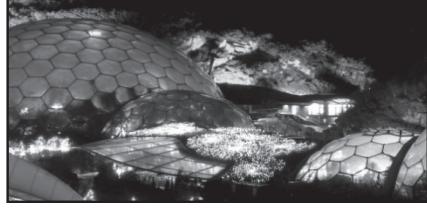
The Internet Bill of Rights is also closely related to the net neutrality controversy that surfaced in December of 2017. Khanna's list includes a point that essentially states that net neutrality should always exist, no matter the circumstances. Other points related to net neutrality declare that users should have access to multiple affordable internet platforms, regardless of what one's personal data could reveal about them. Overall, many consider an Internet Bill of Rights as a crucial step towards protecting internet users all over the world. With a Democratic victory in the House of Representatives in the midterm elections, many expect a push for this Bill of Rights to be created. In March of 2019, a larger group is potentially going to help draft a final bill at the Tech Museum in downtown San Jose, including LGHS social studies teacher David Homa. Details are still in the works, so nothing is set in stone. Mr. Homa is hopeful that he will be able to attend, and he believes "that the internet should stay as open as possible for everyone."

(Source: The New York Times)

Munro shines lights in Toga

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On Oct. 28, the Montalvo Arts Center opened up Bruce Munro's Stories in Light Exhibition, a brand new artistic experience running until March 17, 2019. Nestled within the Saratoga Hills just off of Highway 9, Montalvo also showcases formal gardens, theaters, a two-acre Great Lawn, and over 150 acres of walking trails through redwood trees.



FLASH: The English artist showcases his sculptures.

A London native, Bruce Munro graduated with a fine arts degree from Bristol Polytechnic and immediately began to explore lighting and human interaction in his art. His work has been shown in galleries and museums across the world, and he has current exhibitions in Denmark, Australia, and multiple states within the US. He translated this inspiration into Stories in Light with ten large-scale, light-based pieces that are scattered throughout the grounds. It stands out as the largest number of works Munro has displayed in a single exhibition.

Munro also explained that he has represented scenes from Lewis Carroll's The Chronicles of Narnia throughout the pieces, but his overall goal is to allow each viewer to connect their

own memories and dreams to the artwork. The Good Seed, similar to the lamppost that stands at the edge of the Narnian Woods, is made up of 19 Victorian-style lamp posts arranged in a circular fashion. Munro created Reepicheep's Wave, his most recent piece of art, specifically for Montalvo. It outlines the silhouette of a wave using 18,000 plastic shells and lights that are clipped onto fiber cables. Bacchus' Spring illuminates a marble statue within the Love Temple in the Italianate Garden. Other pieces include Reflections, the Silver Sea, and many more.

Montalvo is selling tickets for the show for \$27 for adults and \$20 for seniors and children. Entrance times range from 6:00 PM to 8:20 PM. They also advertised select Family Nights with workshops, crafts, and lectures to foster a creative environment friendly to all ages. Consider heading over to Montalvo Arts Center to check out the visual experience.

(Sources: Montalvo Arts, Mercury News, Bruce Munro)



TAKE IN THE LIGHTS: Munro displays art in Saratoga.