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ELECTION 2020

Tito Ortiz, Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser appear headed to the Huntington Beach City Council

BY MATT SZABO

The "Huntington Beach Bad Boy" appears to have earned a spot on the dais.

Tito Ortiz, a former mixed martial arts star who had that nickname in his fighting career, was one of three elected to the Huntington Beach City Council on Election Day.

Ortiz, a lifelong resident of Huntington Beach who ran as a conservative, is joined by Democrats Dan Kalmick and Natalie Moser as the three candidates who Surf City voters have chosen for three vacant spots on the City Council.

Ortiz, who ran with the slogan "Make Huntington Beach Safe Again," was well out in front among the 15 candidates, with 35,485 votes as of an update at 5 p.m. Wednesday. That's 14.30% of the vote.

Ortiz, who did not return messages seeking comment Wednesday, said Monday night that he was "going to win, 100%." He backed it up.

"This is not just going in just to fight to make money or fight for my name," said Ortiz, 45, of run-



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

, page A2 **TITO ORTIZ**, shown speaking at a rally at the Huntington Beach Pier on Oct. 24, looks like he will be elected to the Huntington Beach City Council.



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COSTA MESA Mayor Katrina Foley — who became the city's first elected mayor in 2018 — will retain her seat after earning 53.15% of the vote.

Katrina Foley earns second term as Costa Mesa mayor

BY SARA CARDINE

With only a few more ballots left to count, Orange County Registrar of Voters figures on Wednesday indicated winners in several Costa Mesa contests, including four open City Council seats and a measure to legalize retail marijuana sales and delivery.

Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley — who became the city's first elected mayor in 2018 — will retain her seat after earning 53.15% of the vote with 21,771 ballots cast in her favor. Councilwoman

Sandy Genis followed at 22.75% with 9,317 votes.

Foley said Wednesday she stayed up until midnight in a virtual celebration on Zoom watching the results come in alongside other candidates and campaign volunteers.

"It was a really fun event, and it was the best we could do without getting together in person," she said Wednesday. "We had some diehard supporters stay with us on the Zoom right until the end—there was great energy."

Wendy Leece, a former council

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member and Newport-Mesa Unified School District trustee, came in third in the mayoral race, earning 11.25% of the votes with 4,607 ballots. Personal trainer and busi-

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Glenn Grandis in command of council race in F.V.

BY BRADLEY ZINT

Two newcomers to the Fountain Valley City Council held their leads Wednesday night as the Orange County Registrar of Voters continued to tally ballots.

Glenn Grandis, chief financial officer of the Fountain Valley Community Foundation, held a commanding lead within the pack of seven candidates, garner-

ing 9,356 votes as of 5 p.m.



Glenn Grandis

Coming in second, with 7,895 votes, was Ted Bui, a small businessman.

Closely follow-

ing behind was Mayor Cheryl Brothers, a veteran of the dais,

with 7,571 votes.

The results were based on all precincts reporting, but the registrar still had an estimated 202,166 ballots left to count from throughout the county.

out the county.

"I'm cautiously optimistic, but very optimistic," Grandis said

Wednesday of the results.
"I received so much support from so many people I didn't know. They stepped up, helped deliver fliers, made phone calls, did texting on my behalf."

If elected, Grandis, a 40-year resident and alumnus of Fountain Valley High School, said he wishes

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Brad Avery and Noah Blom maintain leads in their respective Newport Beach City Council races

BY LILLY NGUYEN

With 202,166 votes left to count in Orange County the day after Election Day, Newport Beach City Council candidates Brad Avery and Noah Blom maintained their leads over opponents Nancy Scarbrough and Jeff Herdman on Wednesday evening.

In Newport Beach, council members represent districts but are voted for by the entire city. Seats up for election are in District 2, which includes Newport Heights/Cliffhaven and West Newport; District 5, which encompasses Balboa Island; and District 7, which represents Newport Coast. The last of the three races in District 7 is uncontested, with Mayor Will O'Neill securing 100% of the votes counted.

O'Neill said he likely joined





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BRAD AVERY, left, and Noah Blom are ahead in their respective districts.

many others refreshing the O.C. Registrar's website once it hit 8 p.m. Tuesday night, adding that the first races he looked at were of the city's, before he turned his attention to the 48th Representative District, the 37th Senate District and the 74th Assembly District until about 1:30 a.m.

"Without parties to attend, this

was a more mellow approach to cap election season," O'Neill

As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Avery, the incumbent in District 2, is currently leading with 25,241 votes, or 59.94%. He's ahead of Nancy Scarbrough, who currently has 16,868 votes, reflecting

Avery said he was thankful and happy about the results of the election to date, adding that he looked forward to serving the citizens of Newport Beach for another four years.

He said he was looking forward to helping the city recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, especially businesses, and ensuring that services continue to be offered to residents.

"It's pretty simple stuff — I

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Whalen, Weiss stay ahead in Laguna City Council race

BY ANDREW TURNER

Local election results, much like the presidential race, remained too close to call the morning after the election.

In Laguna Beach, the leading candidates in the race for two contested seats on the Laguna Beach City Council eagerly awaited an update in the reporting from the polls on Wednesday evening.

The new drop of votes that came at 5 p.m. barely moved the needle, with a total of 88 votes cast for the five candidates in the

As the votes counted continued to trickle in, Mayor Bob Whalen led the group as he seeks a third term on the dais.

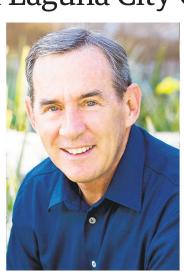
third term on the dais. Whalen, who was first elected

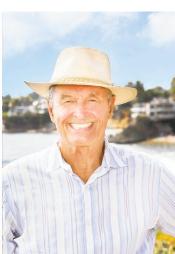
to the council in 2012, expressed tempered optimism about his chances going into Tuesday evening. On Wednesday afternoon, Whalen indicated that he was confident after seeing the early return of results.

"Historically, the election night results have held up, at least here in Laguna in the elections that I have been involved in," said Whalen, who added that he was one of many Laguna Beach voters to submit their ballot early. "I am pretty comfortable that they'll prove out."

Close to two thirds of Laguna Beach voters returned their voteby-mail ballot, according to data provided by the Orange County Registrar of Voters.

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File Photos

MAYOR BOB WHALEN, left, and George Weiss are the leaders for the two open seats on the Laguna Beach City Council.

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ning for City Council. "This is fighting for my community, this is fighting for my children's future, and that's important to me ... In my fight career, I was known as the Huntington Beach Bad Boy. That was my gimmick I sold, and I made millions and millions [of dollars] upon that. Now I can use my education skills that I've learned through college and life lessons, to give back and let

people know who I truly

"I'm a fighter like no other, but I'm not an aggressive person. I don't like to fight, but I understand that it's an opportunity for me to do well for myself and my children. This is my opportunity to protect them and protect my community.'

He said solving the city's homeless problems would be a priority. On Monday, Huntington Beach had a ribbon cutting for its new homeless Navigation Cen-

Kalmick, a planning commissioner, had 27,249 votes, or 10.98% of the total. Moser, the chairwoman of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force, had 26,902 votes, representing 10.84% of the total.

Kalmick said he sent a congratulatory text to Ortiz. Unlike Ortiz, who ran for public office for the first time, this was Kalmick's fourth time running for City Council after failed attempts in 2008, 2010 and

"I was 25 when I ran [the first time], because I didn't really know how to get involved in local government," said Kalmick, now 38. "I ran again in 2018, trying to get elected based on my experience on Planning Commission, and we had some false starts. I ran as 'no party preference' instead of a Democrat like I did this time, just because I thought I'd be able to reach out to more voters that way. It turns out that everyone's pretty tribal."

Kalmick noted that he was the first millennial to



Photos by Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

Dan Kalmick

Natalie Moser

get elected to the City Council.

"I'm really excited to bring a new point of view and move our city forward, get rid of some of the dysfunction we've had," he said. "I'm excited to start working on that."

Moser, 44, said she spent much of Wednesday in bed after getting just a couple of hours of sleep Tuesday night.

She had a Zoom session

for her supporters that went until 12:30 a.m.

"To be in this moment is a little bit surreal, but I am honored that the people of Huntington Beach have placed their trust in me," she said.

"The results of the election show just how divided we are, but I think that our top priority needs to be healing our community. I promise to work for everybody in the city, to make it a place that we're all proud to call home."

Other candidates mained well behind on Wednesday, leaving Ortiz, Kalmick and Moser to celebrate their victories.

Gracey Van Der Mark, a finance commissioner who ran on an unofficial conservative ticket with Ortiz and Casey McKeon, was in fourth place with 20,106 votes. Oscar Rodriguez, a community organizer who was, along with Kalmick and Moser, endorsed by the Democratic Party of Orange County, sat in fifth place with 19,286 votes.

Ortiz, Kalmick and Moser would join a City Council that also includes Mayor Pro Tem Kim Carr, Mike Posey, Barbara Delgleize and Erik Peterson. Carr, a Democrat like Kalmick and Moser, openly campaigned for Kalmick. It is Carr's turn to be Huntington Beach mayor in 2021.

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think [City] Council, in the last four years, we've been doing a good job and I want to help continue that. The council's a body and I'm just a member, but I want to be the best member I can be," Avery said.

He said he felt that his opponent, Scarbrough, was an effective campaigner and knowledgeable.

"It was a challenge and I respect her point of view," Avery said. "I thought it was good to have the dialogue and I thought it was good for residents to see the dialogue.'

In District 5, it appears Blom may unseat incumbent Herdman with 58.55% of the votes (24,701). Herdman follows with 41.45% (17,486).

"We are extremely confident in our lead. It's been trending up pretty consistently, so I don't think anything's going to change," said Blom in an interview on Wednesday.

"I spent election night thanking pretty much everyone that has been involved, which was a lot of people. Teamwork makes the dream work," Blom said.

"We were excited. We were watching all the polls coming through. You know I think for us, the city is our biggest focus right now. We just want to keep Newport what it is.'

Blom said he has the "utmost respect" for those involved with city politics, adding that it takes "a lot of love, commitment and passion."

MEASURE Z

The estimated 61,048 eligible voters in Newport Beach also weighed in Tuesday on whether or not to amend the city's charter to establish the Harbor Commission as a city-appointed board and commission.

As of Wednesday evening, voters said yes on Measure Z with 55.24% of the votes (23,115). The "no" votes are behind with 44.76% of the votes (18,732).

The Harbor Commission was established in 2002 to provide the city with an advisory board on the different uses of Newport Harbor

and its waterfront. City staff said that it cur-

rently also serves as an appellate and reviewing body for decisions on permits and other administrative harbor-related affairs where current city code assigns that authority to the Harbor Commission.

It also can approve, conditionally approve or reject applications on all harbor permits where city code designates that authority. It is a seven-person board, currently chaired by Bill Kenney, Jr.

Opponents of the measure have said that it is poorly written and unnecessary, while supporters argue that its addition to the city charter would protect the advisory board as it does the Planning, Arts, Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commissions.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Description: The Public Services Department is proposing to establish a fee of \$0.28 per kilowatt hour (kWh) for use of the City's Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, with a time limit of four (4) hours, and a fee of \$0.38 per kWh for use of the City's Level 3 EV charging station, with a time limit of two (2) hours, and a fee of \$5.00 per hour once the time limit is exceeded in order to discourage EV charging station users from leaving their vehicles plugged in beyond the time necessary to charge their vehicles.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KRISTI PARIS in the Superior Court of California,

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KRISTI PARIS 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, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Dept. C6

located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST,

SANTA ANA, CA 92701

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MAYOR

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ness owner Quentin "Q" Pullen ranked fourth with 9.76% and 3,998 votes, followed by Al Melone with 3.1% and 1,269 ballots cast.

Costa Mesa's First Council District race saw a close contest as Mayor Pro Tem John Stephens squared off against challenger Don Harper.

Early results showed the incumbent leading, but by Wednesday Harper had earned 3,723 votes (42.74%) compared to Stephens' 3,635 (41.73%).

A business owner with corporate finance experience, Harper said he ran because he felt the current City Council wasn't representing the interests of community members who value fiscal responsibility, basic public services and slow growth.

"We just want a safe, clean, well-maintained city to raise our families in," he said.

"[The current council is] cutting infrastructure and maintenance — you're going to start seeing our parks and roads, these basic services, decline."

After initial vote counts, Harper figured his campaign had ended, but then the tide began to shift. Wednesday afternoon found the candidate reluctant to declare a narrowmargin victory.

It's unclear whether the 202,166 still-uncounted mail-in ballots may affect the District 1 race. Stephens took to social media late Tuesday to express his thanks to supporters.

"Win or lose I have no regrets," he said.

In District 2, newcomer Loren Gameros walked away with a win and 49.8% of the vote with 3,282 ballots cast over challenger Ben Chapman's 1,984 votes, which netted 30.11%.

A liaison for a nonprofit that trains apprentices for union positions, Gameros campaigned alongside wife Heather, 14-year-old



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JADE DELMORRIS places an "I voted" sticker on her jacket after casting her ballot at Costa Mesa City Hall on Tuesday.

son Kyle and daughter Presley, 6.

He said when Foley approached him about running for office, it seemed like the right time.

"She said, we need some boots on the ground people who can relate, and that's me," he recalled. "I see a lot of agitators online making bold statements, but I don't see a lot of people doing anything — I'm a doer, not a talker."

Gameros said Wednesday his top priority would be helping Costa Mesans recover from the COVID-19 crisis, both physically and economi-

The 6th Council District drew four contenders and resulted in an early win for Planning Commissioner Jeff Harlan, who secured 48.16% of the vote with 3,983 ballots.

He was followed by Jeff Pettis, who earned 19.89% of the vote and the confidence of 1,645 residents.

Harlan said Wednesday, after staying up late Tuesday to watch local and national races, he was excited to represent the city's Eastside. He said he plans to bring his background as an urban planner and land use attorney to bear as Costa Mesa updates the housing element in its general plan.

"Housing is very complicated — we've got regulatory pressures from the state and community members who don't want to see any growth," he

said. "It's an incredible balancing act."

BID TO LEGALIZE

RETAIL CANNABIS WINS

Measure Q — a city-initiated effort to allow for the retail sale and delivery of marijuana — passed Tuesday with 65.69% of the vote and 27,708 ballots cast, compared to 14,473 opposed.

The move could generate around \$3 million annually through a proposed taxation of 4% to 7% on sales receipts.

Tuesday's vote echoed the results of a study conducted this summer, in which 68% of 427 respondents favored legalizing retail businesses.

Foley said Wednesday Measure Q would not only provide a revenue stream but allow city officials to regulate dispensaries and crack down on illegal operators.

Gameros said he favored a well-thought out ordinance that would bring both medical and financial benefits to the city's residents

Harper, however, said he had mixed feelings about the city's mailing out educational materials regarding Measure Q in advance of Election Day.

"I don't think a city should rightfully promote a proposition either way," he said. "They should be neutral."

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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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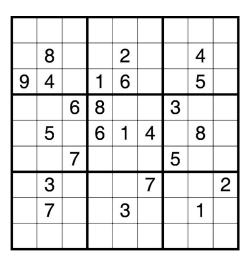
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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *sudoku.org.uk*.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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Rouda narrowly trails Steel in 48th District race

BY BRADLEY ZINT

The race for the 48th Congressional District remained tight Wednesday, as Michelle Steel maintained her lead against incumbent Rep. Harley Rouda.

According to registrar voter returns as of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Steel, a Republican from Surfside who serves as chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, had 171,461 votes — 2,851 more than Rouda's 168,610.

All precincts had reported in, but the registrar had an estimated 202,166 ballots left to count coun-

"We feel good about where things stand but will continue monitoring as more results come in,' said Lance Trover, Steel's campaign spokesman.

The potential ouster of Rouda, a Democrat from Emerald Bay in Laguna Beach, would return the seat to Republican con-

Prior to Rouda's win in 2018, the seat was held by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Costa Mesa).

In a Facebook post made Wednesday morning prior to the day's latest ballot returns, Rouda thanked his volunteers.

"This is a campaign run by and for the people, and I could not be prouder of our grassroots move-ment," he said. "We are moveconfident that the voters of California's 48th district put country over party at the ballot box and voted for integrity and decency."

SENATE RACE CONTINUES IN DEMOCRATS' FAVOR

Wednesday's returns in the 37th state Senate seat continued showing Dave Min, a UC Irvine law professor, in the lead against incumbent Sen. John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa).

As of 5 p.m., Min had

234,274 votes to Moorlach's 217,807.

"We want to thank our countless volunteers and supporters for their tireless work on the campaign," said Ash Alvandi, Min's campaign manager. "While we remain cautiously optimistic, we must wait until every vote is counted, which is the bedrock principle of our democracy."

The potential outcome favoring Min would mark a change for the district, which has been held by Moorlach since 2015.

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Courtesy of Michelle Steel and Harley Rouda

MICHELLE STEEL, left, chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and incumbent Harley Rouda are in a close battle for the 48th Congressional District, which covers coastal Orange County.

Kanye West receives thousands of votes from Orange County residents

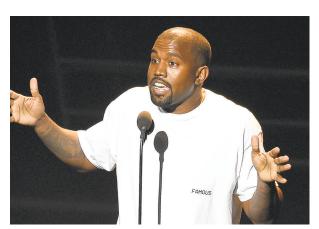
BY BEN BRAZIL

As the nation breathlessly watches a tight presidential race and agonizes over the future of American democracy, Kim Kardashian's husband received thousands of votes from Orange County residents this week.

As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, West and his Independent Party running mate Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente Guerra received 3,394 votes from Orange County residents. West was listed as a vice presidential candidate on the California ballot.

It won't be good enough to put the man who called himself "the greatest artist that God has ever created" in the Oval Office. West conceded defeat late Tuesday night after falling behind Joe Biden and Donald Trump by tens of millions of votes.

West ran on a platform that included restoration of prayer in schools, expansion of education op-



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KANYE WEST at the MTV Video Music Awards in 2016. He has conceded defeat in his bid for the White House.

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portunities, investment in renewable energy and criminal justice reform. "In our future, we will H.E.A.L.," his campaign website reads, "Hold Everyone Accountable to

West, who appeared on the ballot as an independent in several states, could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

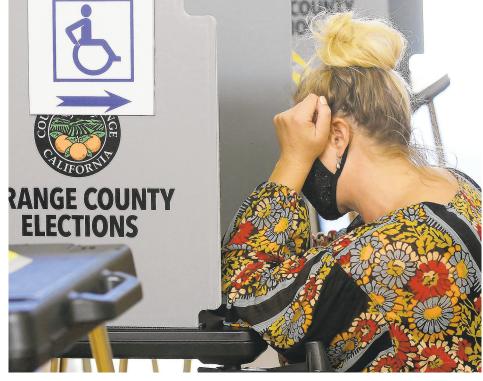
In Los Angeles County, West and Guerra received more than 10,000 votes.

A few people voiced their dismay on Twitter at West's vote totals.

One Twitter account read, "2623 adults in #OrangeCounty voted for Kanye! Post election task: Find ALL and cancel their voting rights!"

"Oh lord," another user commented.

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A VOTER fills out her ballot at the Lang Park voting center in Laguna Beach on Tuesday.

LAGUNA

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Looking back on a unique campaign in which the coronavirus pandemic limited in-person events and interactions, Whalen speculated that his track record on wildfire mitigation and public safety appealed to the voters.

"[Public safety has] always been my priority number one and will continue to be," Whalen said. "Not just fire safety, obviously, but police and marine safety. We've got sort of three-pronged safety effort here."

Whalen has 5,819 votes (24.55%) and is well positioned to defend his council seat.

The same could not be said, however, for Mayor Pro Tem Steve Dicterow, a longtime member of the council who has served five terms in total.

Dicterow projects to finish last among the five candidates, currently garnering 3,150 votes (13.29%).

In the lead for the second available seat is George Weiss with 5,177 votes (21.84%), followed closely by Ruben Flores with 5,005 votes (21.12%).

Dicterow congratulated Whalen and Weiss on their campaigns.

He ran on a platform that included wanting to give the city's neighborhoods back to the residents as opposed to what he called "the day trippers." Dicterow added that he had not previously faced defeat in an election.

"I feel very comfortable that I ran the campaign that I wanted to run," Dicterow said. "I got out there, I went door-to-door, got to at least 3,500 homes, and if you get to all those homes and you still can't get people to vote for you, then that's a mes-

sage.' With the ballot asking voters to choose two candidates for the City Council, there was likely some overlap between Weiss and Flores voters

Weiss, who was a cofounder of Laguna Resi-

dents First, and Flores both have shown a desire to preserve the "look and feel" of Laguna Beach.

T'm looking forward to serving," Weiss said, adding that he felt he was in good shape as far as the election results.

"Every decision I make, I'm going to be guided by what's in the best interest of the largest number of residents, and [making sure] it's fiscally sound and compatible with our environment and compatible with the development that's in Laguna currently.

"That's what I'm after, that's what I'm about, and that's what I'm going to do."

Larry Nokes was in fourth place with 4,548 votes (19.19%).

There is also a close, twoperson race to take the place of Lisette Chel-Walker as Laguna Beach city clerk. Ann Marie McKay is in the with 6,041 votes lead (52.06%). Mariann Tracy has received 5,564 votes.

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GRANDIS

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to address the city's debt, support small businesses through the pandemic, and determine the new development options for Fountain Bowl, whose property is up for sale, and Boomers, which is closed.

"We want to develop them in a way that maintains our nice place to live," Grandis said.

Bui thanked Councilman Steve Nagel, who did not seek reelection, and Brothers for their decades of service.

Bui added, "However, the people of Fountain Valley have spoken. They want new faces and new vision



supporters and donors, saying his

communi-

thanked

his family,

He also

potential victory "belongs to you all

as well. I couldn't have done it without you." Brothers, who was ap-

pointed mayor in December, has been a longtime leader on the council, serving terms from 2002 to 2010, then returning in 2012.

She said with her potential departure, and Nagel leaving, a lot of historical knowledge is leaving the

"We worked hard over the years to leave the city in good shape," Brothers said. "Hopefully [the new council members] keep it that way."

As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, trailing the top three were Mai-Khanh Tran, a pediatrician, with 7,271 votes; Jim Cunneen, a Fountain Valley School District trustee, with 6,004 votes; Tom Nguyen, a director for the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, with 3,039 votes; and Mary Pham, retired medical worker, with 2,414 votes.

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