

Alameda County Certified Election Results, Noel Gallo secured the victory in District 5 City Council Election

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The Alameda County Registrar of Voters has certified November election results. In Oakland's District 5 city council race, Noel Gallo was re-elected, receiving nearly 60% of votes. In Ranked Choice Voting results, candidate Dominic Prado received the least amount of votes and was eliminated. 2,000 of his ballots were re-allocated, with 939 votes transferring to runner-up candidate Erin Armstrong and 492 transferring to winner Noel Gallo. The remaining ballots were either exhausted or over voted. Continuing ballots totalled 12,059 votes, with 1889 blank, 535 exhausted and 269 overvotes.

District 5 City Council Election Result

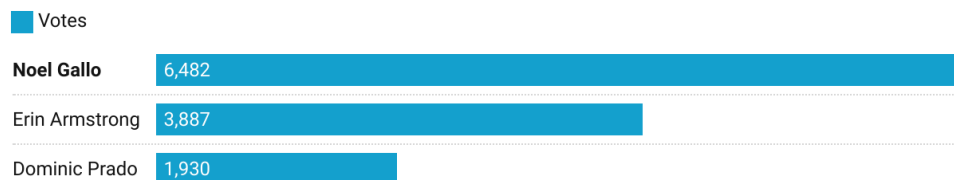


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First choice column of District 5 city council election result in the city of Oakland, Certified on Dec. 5

Erin Armstrong posted to her Instagram page to express her gratitude to her supporters. “While we did not win this election, together we raised our voices and made it clear that District 5 deserves better,” she wrote. Dominic Prado did not release any statement.

Compared to the 2020 election, Noel Gallo received 2,000 fewer first-choice votes while gaining 2% of the votes, as the overall number of the votes decreased by approximately 5,000. Speaking to Oakland North, Gallo said his priority will be settling the budget as the city faces a huge deficit. He blamed now recalled mayor Sheng Tao for the city's fiscal position. “A year ago, we approved all the positions because [the administration] said we had the money. Why do they have to wait until the end to tell me that I have a deficit?” He suggested meeting with labor unions to reduce salaries and benefits. Gallo said he is not currently supporting any specific candidate to replace Sheng Tao but will consider endorsing someone in the future.