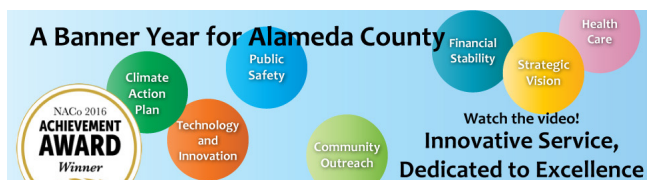




New Video and Web Page Highlight FY 2015-16: A Banner Year for Alameda County

The 2015-16 Fiscal Year, which ended on June 30, was marked by numerous achievements for Alameda County. A new video, "[Innovative Service, Dedicated to Excellence](#)," showcases some of these accomplishments in the areas of public safety, improved customer service, technology, environmental protection and the responsible stewardship of limited public resources. The video is available on a new [Recognition page](#) on the County website, [ACGOV.ORG](#), that lists the numerous State and national awards the County has won over the past several years.

The new video highlights a banner year for Alameda County, which included 14 Achievement Awards



from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for innovative programs serving residents in the areas of public safety, education and citizen engagement, emergency preparedness and technology. The year also saw the County launch a series of bold steps to strengthen its financial position, meet its future employee pension obligations and prepare for future lulls in the economy so that vital local programs are protected.

In January 2016, the County celebrated the opening of the new Acute Care Tower at Highland Hospital in Oakland, the centerpiece of a multi-year modernization at Highland and the largest County-funded construction project ever undertaken. The project preserves the century-old facilities at Highland while ensuring first-rate healthcare is available to all County residents far into the future.

The video also highlights the launch of [READY.ACGOV.ORG](#), an innovative online guide that provides an easy way for residents to prepare for earthquakes and other major disasters; and the new [Alameda County Permit Portal](#), a groundbreaking online tool that vastly simplifies the process of obtaining government permits from Alameda County and a multitude of other public agencies.

We are proud of Alameda County's accomplishments over the past year. To our residents, we want you to know that we will continue to strive to find innovative, more effective ways to serve you.

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Alameda County Leads Safety Campaign Focusing on Distracted Student Walkers

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley hosted a news conference in Castro Valley on August 17 to kick off a new public safety campaign focusing on the dangers associated with distracted-student walking.

The campaign, timed to coincide with the start of the 2016-17 school year, focuses on safety concerns related to the increasing number of distractions that may compromise student safety, such as texting and gaming on mobile devices.

The event at Colonial Acres Elementary School showcased a new Public Service Announcement video entitled, "Look Up!" which is a central part of the Don't Rush Safety campaign.



County Lowers Flags to Honor Mary C. Warren

Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Scott Haggerty ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at all County facilities in mid-August to honor Mary C. Warren, longtime Commissioner with the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Joint Powers Authority who passed away on August 6 at the age of 94. "Mary made Alameda County, and our country, a better place to live," Haggerty said.

Warren had a lengthy career with the United States Post Office (USPS), working through the ranks to become one of the federal agency's highest ranking women. In addition to her work for the Coliseum JPA, she served as Chair of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and Vice Chair of the California Democratic Party. She also was the first woman chairperson of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

Moody's Affirms Alameda County's Strong Credit Rating, Maintains "Positive" Outlook

On Thursday, July 14, Moody's Investors Service again affirmed Alameda County's high Aa1 credit rating and maintained the County's positive rating outlook. Citing factors including Alameda County's "exceptionally healthy financial position and strong management team," Moody's analysts said they expect Alameda County to experience ongoing strong financial performance that could lead to additional credit-rating upgrades.

In expressing optimism about Alameda County's ongoing financial strength, Moody's lauded the County for its commitment to maintaining ample financial reserves – with an "exceptionally strong" fund balance of 45 percent of operating revenues at the end of 2015 – and for a bold plan adopted last year in which the County has set aside an additional \$400 million to address its unfunded pension liability, with additional contributions of up to \$100 million expected in each of the next four years.

Credit ratings of public agencies are like the County's credit score. The better the credit rating, the County can borrow at lower interest rates to invest in capital projects and other community services. This results in savings to the taxpayers.

Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator, said, "The opinions expressed by Moody's are great news for local taxpayers, because a strong credit rating allows Alameda County to continue maximizing public resources as we invest in vital community services and infrastructure upgrades."

Assessor Delivers 2016-17 Fiscal Year Assessments

Alameda County Assessor Ron Thomsen and his staff have completed the 2016-2017 local assessment roll of \$262.6 billion, reflecting a \$17.2 billion or 6.99% increase over last year's assessment roll. The net local roll, after all legal exemptions were applied, totaled \$252.3 billion. The primary reason for this year's assessed value growth is the continued recovery in real estate market values. Properties that were afforded temporary reduced assessments in prior years due to market value declines are now receiving increases in their assessed value due to market values increases.

Other factors leading to this year's total assessed value growth included the 1.01525% mandatory inflation index being applied to all properties' assessed values that were not affected by assessment declines in prior years. This factor added \$3.6 billion. Sales/transfers of real estate also added \$8.5 billion, new construction activity added \$1.4 billion, and business personal property assessments increased by \$1.5 billion.

The 2016-17 assessment roll accurately reflects assessments of more than 502,000 taxable properties.

In July, the Assessor began mailing this year's individual assessments to all secured roll Alameda County property owners. If property owners have questions regarding their property assessment, they are encouraged to call the Assessor's Office at (510) 272-3787 (real estate assessments) or (510) 272-3836 (business personal property assessments).

For your convenience, the application and instruction booklet can be viewed and printed from their webpage at <http://www.acgov.org/clerk/assessment.htm>.

Supervisors Appoint New Chief Probation Officer, Two Interim Department Heads

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has announced the appointment of Wendy Still as the County's new Chief Probation Officer. Still, a former top probation official for the City and County of San Francisco, replaces retiring Chief Probation Officer LaDonna Harris.

Still retired as San Francisco's Chief Adult Probation Officer in 2015 after working more than 30 years in State and local community corrections. Since leaving San Francisco, she has consulted and worked on various projects in the field of corrections at the federal, State and local levels.

Harris, a former top official with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, served as the County's Chief Probation Officer since 2012. She retired in March and continued to lead the Probation Department as a retired annuitant pending the recruitment and appointment of a new chief.

In addition, the Board announced the appointment of two interim department heads.

Rebecca Gebhart, who has served as the Acting Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) Director since former Director Alex Briscoe left the post in December 2015, was appointed Interim HCSA Director. Rebecca has held the HCSA Finance Director position since 2013.

Kathy Mount, Director of Operations for the County's Human Resource Services (HRS) since January 2015, was appointed Interim HRS Director. She replaces Mary Welch, who will continue to work on special projects for County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi.

The Board plans to launch executive searches for both the HCSA and HRS Directors.



Still



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2016 Arts Leadership Award Winners Announced

The Alameda County Arts Commission has chosen eight local artists and supporters of the arts to receive the 2016 Alameda County Arts Leadership Award. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors honored the recipients at its meeting in Oakland on September 27. Winners were selected in each of the five County supervisors' districts. The 2016 Alameda County Arts Leadership Award winners are:

District 1

Kathleen Breedveld of Livermore, the artistic director and general production manager for the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre located in Livermore. For twenty-five seasons, Kathleen has brought community theatre and performing arts to the greater Alameda County. Thousands of adult and child performers have been encouraged by her leadership.

Susan Longini of Fremont, a professional visual artist and program manager for City of Fremont's Utility Box Art Program, boxART!, which aims to repaint 170 graffiti-covered utility boxes in the city. Susan is nationally recognized for her kiln-formed glass artworks. She also served on Fremont's Art Review Board as a member for 11 years and as president for 4 years.

District 2

Sergio Suarez of Hayward, one of the Bay Area's most celebrated urban street dancers and a member of the world famous Beatz N Pieces Crew and Fresh Dynamix Dance Company. He teaches at Ohlone College in Fremont and has extensive experience in working with at-risk youth throughout the East Bay.

District 3

J.K. Fowler and MK Chavez, both of Oakland and the driving forces behind Nomadic Press in the city's Fruitvale District. Nomadic Press is a literary and arts nonprofit organization supporting emerging and established writers and artists. J. K. is the founder and executive director of Nomadic Press, while MK is the nonprofit's director of creative programming. Nomadic Press publishes chapbook collections twice a year, full-length poetry and short story collections, an annual journal, and children's books. Nomadic Press hosts weekly readings and musical performances, provides an affordable co-working space to writers and artists and leads environmental projects in Fruitvale.

District 4

Don Lewis of Pleasanton, an accomplished musician and an innovator on the synthesizer whose pioneering efforts are the subject of a documentary to be released in 2017, "The Ballad of Don Lewis." Don has taught music courses at major universities and has mentored students through school programs and "Young Expressions" performances.

District 5

Bruce Beasley of Oakland, an accomplished sculptor whose works are in the permanent collections of 36 Art Museums throughout the world. Bruce started in the 1960's in a small studio in West Oakland and has never left, becoming over the years a powerful force in the East Bay arts community.

Ayodele Nzinga of Oakland, Ayodele is an actress, director, poet/lyricist, theater producer, dramaturge, author, and playwright. She is founding director of The Lower Bottom Playaz, Inc., Oakland's oldest North American African Theater Company. She and her troupe made theater history in 2016 when the troupe became the first in the world to stage August Wilson's entire American Century Cycle in chronological order.

Gordon Baranco Day Set for October 7 to Honor Retiring Alameda County Judge

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has set Judge Gordon Baranco Day for October 7, the day Baranco will retire after 36 years as a Judge of the Alameda County Superior Court. At its meeting on September 13, the Board commended Baranco for his "tireless contributions to Alameda County and for his prolific career contributing to equal opportunity, representation and access within the judicial system."

Born and raised in Oakland, Baranco is known for his numerous contributions to the legal system and to the community. His extensive service included stints as Vice Chair of the California Judicial Council Access and Fairness Committee and membership on the California Judicial Council Task Force for Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. He was a founding judge of the Alameda County Superior Court Parolee Reentry Court and served on the boards of the Metropolitan Oakland YMCA and the Fred Finch Youth Center.

"Judge Baranco is a role model," Supervisor Keith Carson said. "While he's been dispensing justice, he's always been a caring person who is deeply involved in the community."



Judge Gordon Baranco is greeted by a friend after being honored by the Board of Supervisors on September 13.

Poll Workers Needed for November 8 Presidential Election

Alameda County needs poll workers to help with the November 8, 2016, Presidential Election.

Poll workers earn between \$130 and \$195 for their service. Alameda County is particularly interested in hiring Bilingual Poll Workers, who can earn extra money for their service. Bilingual Poll Workers must be fluent in English and one of eight other languages:

- Chinese
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Khmer
- Korean
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese

Registered voters can serve as poll workers. Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders) can also serve as bilingual poll workers at designated polling places. All poll workers must attend a mandatory training class prior to Election Day.

High school students, ages 16 and older, are also eligible to work as poll workers through Alameda County's Student Poll Worker Program. Students must be in good academic standing, receive permission from school faculty and attend a mandatory training prior to Election Day. Visit our website at <http://www.acgov.org/rov/pollworkers/index.htm> for more information and to fill out an application, or contact the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971.

A promotional graphic for hiring poll workers. It features a blue and orange color scheme. The text reads: "We're Hiring! Poll Workers and Bilingual Poll Workers For the upcoming election Make up to \$195!". To the right of the text is a small image of several "AC VOTE" buttons with the Alameda County logo.

Alameda County's Creative Uses of Technology Bring National Recognition



Alameda County was one of the top winners in the 14th Annual Digital Counties Survey, which identifies the best technology practices among U.S. counties, including initiatives that save tax dollars through new efficiencies; boost transparency, cybersecurity and engagement; or innovate through unique and exciting projects. The program is sponsored by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo). Accepting the award this year were County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi (second from left) and Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (second from right).

Alameda County Board of Supervisors

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