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## NEWSLINES

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Patricia Goodwin, site manager for the Butte County voter assistance center at the Bell Memorial Union on the Chico State campus on Election Day.

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tallies by the Butte County Elections Office that indicated a tentative victory for three conservative council candidates, which turned into a definitive victory for all four when the count was updated on Friday (Nov. 6). Face-covering-free attendees exchanged hugs and handshakes and feasted on finger sandwiches.

Denlay stood near the center of the room, hugging husband Joshua Klingbeil and accepting congratulations from well-wishers.

"I feel really good; I had such a great team and so many people working for us," she said of her win. "So I feel like it wasn't just a win for me but a win for everybody, a win for Chico."

Asked what her first objectives as a council member would be, Denlay said, "Anything I can do to put public safety first. We've got to take our parks back, we've got to take our downtown back."

Arguably the biggest winner in attendance at the DoubleTree wasn't a candidate, but was a driving force behind the potential conservative council sweep—Teri DuBose.

DuBose is the owner of Broadway Pawn and the primary organizer behind Citizens for a Safe Chico, a political action committee that raised more than \$220,000—largely from developers, real estate companies and out-of-area donors—to support council bids of the four conservatives. The PAC's objectives include banning syringe-distribution programs, controlling the city's homeless population and bolstering the Chico Police Department to combat perceived crime increases.

"I'm feeling super good about the way the community spoke," DuBose said. "This is what they wanted and I couldn't be happier, because it's time for change."

"From the bottom of my heart I love this city," she continued. "I was born and raised here, and I haven't liked what I'm seeing and what I experience on a daily basis. I wanted

change and worked for it, that's all there is to it."

## Rest of the races

In other notable local contests, Caitlin Dalby and Matt Tennis are the projected winners of the two open seats on the Chico Unified School Board, with 22,232 and 21,259 votes, respectively. The next closest candidate, Carrie Krueger, had 14,264 votes. There were only three measures on the ballot in Butte County: Measure D, which would provide a special tax for the El Medio Fire Protection District, was passing by a mere 29 votes; Measure E, the charter amendment allowing for Chico City Council members to be elected by district, was also barely passing with 21,570 yes votes versus 21,355 no votes; and Measure G, a proposal to change the minimum age of eligible Chico City Council candidates from 21 to 18, failed badly with only 36.5 percent voting in favor.

In other council races in the county, Paradise voters chose a former mayor, Steve "Woody" Culleton, the incumbent mayor, Greg Bolin, and a newcomer, Rose Tryon, to fill its three vacant seats. Incumbents Melissa Schuster and Mike "Zucc" Zuccolillo (who entered the race under the cloud of impending criminal sex charges) came in fifth and seventh, respectively. In Oroville, incumbent Janet Goodson appears to have retained her seat and will be joined on the council by current Vice Mayor Scott Thomson and Krysi Riggs—the top two vote-getters.

All of the state propositions appear to be decided at this point. Results for some of the more high-profile contests include no on Prop. 15 (update to tax law for commercial properties); no on Prop. 16 (affirmative action); no on Prop. 21 (rent control); yes on Prop. 22 (app-based drivers as gig workers); and no on Prop. 23 (new requirements for dialysis clinics).

For complete unofficial election results visit the Butte County Clerk/Recorder site and the California Secretary of State election page: [clerk-recorder.buttecounty.net](http://clerk-recorder.buttecounty.net) and [electionresults.sos.ca.gov](http://electionresults.sos.ca.gov)