

THE COMMENTARY

ALVAREZ

A Change in Vision for San Diego

BY ALAN ACEVEDO
1L REPRESENTATIVE

David Alvarez is a relative newcomer to San Diego politics. His candidacy represents not only change in the establishment, but also a change in the vision for San Diego.

Alvarez grew up in Barrio Logan, the community he now represents on the city council. For those who question whether he is ready and capable to take office of the America's eight largest city with less than one term on the city council under his belt, I would challenge them to take a closer look at Alvarez, to recognize the depth and breath of his life experiences.

Alvarez's parents are a fast food worker and a janitor. His brothers have had run-ins with the law because of gang and drug violence. He grew up in one of San Diego's poorest neighborhoods. It is those experiences and perspectives that permeate his politics and vision for San Diego. Alvarez's priorities focus on reinvesting in underserved communities.

Alvarez has already also worked to develop COMM22, a mixed-use, mixed-income, transit-oriented development in his district; a proposed Property Value Protection Ordinance, which would fines banks for cleanup costs when they fail to maintain foreclosed properties; and implementing the Citygate Plan to address deficiencies in the City's fire safety levels.

Alvarez's priorities speak to a life experience and knowledge beyond his three years on the city council. He gets it. He understands what the needs are of those most struggling. This is typified through the various initiatives Alvarez focuses on which include: cracking down on slumlords; increasing the availability of affordable housing; increasing the size of open spaces and parks through joint-use agreements with schools; addressing homelessness by focusing on poverty and mental illness; bolstering economic developing in industries that pay a living wage; and emphasize sustainable development and infrastructure.

That's quite a lot for one guy to fix. But I believe that Alvarez will earnestly work to improve the conditions of our city. I believe this because Alvarez has lived the very problems he wants to fix. Alvarez has positioned himself as a populist Democrat who is concerned about the plight of working families. He is not only working to improve conditions for our families today, but has a progressive vision for the future.

In 2012, his environmental score card from the League of Conservation Voters has him at an 88 percent, the highest

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CWSL Gives Back to Those in Need in the Philippines



(Left to Right) Pam Tait, Edward Pamintuan and Trevor Young load the Typhoon Supplies Collected During California Western's Emergency Relief Drive

EMERGENCY RELIEF DRIVE A GREAT SUCESS

BY SAMI HADDAD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines between November 2nd and November 11, and has killed over 5250 people, leaving tens of thousands more homeless and in need of help. California Western School of Law, led by Program Administration Manager Pam Tait, organized a drive to collect items for those affected by the Typhoon.

On the morning of Wednesday, November 27, two pickup trucks pulled up in front of California Western School of Law to load the items collected for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

"I am so proud of our California Western community," said Pam Tait. "The students really pulled through in a 10-day drive and we're loading up all of this!" There were over a dozen large size boxes of food, clothing, medicine, water, and shoes to help the people whose towns were devastated by the Typhoon.

"It's a team effort with maintenance helping us, along with Edward—our contact from outside—and everyone else getting the word out and that's what made it so successful," says Tait. "It's wonderful!"

Edward Pamintuan is a Filipino-American attorney here in San Diego, who decided to reach out to the three San Diego law schools for assistance in collecting items for the Philippines. "When I got in contact with Pam and the rest of the staff at California Western, they just sprang into action and were able to get us 16 boxes of donations," Pamintuan says. "I'm very grateful to California Western for doing such a great job for this relief effort."

"I think it's a good cause for the needs of the people over there," according to Trevor

Young of Facilities as he loads the boxes. "Pretty amazing!" "This is great," says Bert Aquino, another San Diego attorney who is helping with the relief effort. "On behalf of the Filipino people I'd like to thank you guys for doing this. We really do appreciate it."

I would also like to thank Maranie Jaslowski, a member of the Filipino community who contributed so much to this emergency relief drive. She was organizing a drive of her own but was unable to ship the items to a specific location in the Philippines. With her efforts, and the help of California Western and Edward Pamintuan, the Emergency Relief Drive was a great success.

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Maranie Jaslowski takes a moment to pose with donations

FAULCONER

Why Faulconer is the right RIGHT Choice for San Diego

BY CHRISTINE DIXON
RESIDENT ANTAGONIST

After the November 19th election, 43.6 percent of voting San Diegans thought Kevin Faulconer would be the best replacement to former Mayor Bob Filner. Filner resigned from office less than nine months into his four-year term after nearly 20 women publicly identified themselves as victims of his unwanted advances. Unfortunately, 43.6 percent of the San Diego electorate was not enough to elevate Faulconer from City Council member to Mayor of San Diego. In special elections, such as this, a candidate must have a majority of the votes in order to avoid a runoff. Now Faulconer is going head to head against David Alvarez in early 2014.

Faulconer currently holds a position as a member of the San Diego City Council representing District 2. He has represented this district for the past seven years and he also serves as the chair of the City Council's Audit Committee, vice chair of the Rules and Economic Development Committee, and a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. During his tenure in City Council, Faulconer has focused on financial stability, transparency, and accountability. Faulconer is committed to delivering results for the citizens of San Diego.

In 2008, Faulconer was instrumental in the drafting and supporting of Proposition C, which ensured that money generated in Mission Bay Park would be invested there and at other city parks; Proposition C eventually passed with 67 per cent of the vote. In 2010, he led a campaign against the sales tax hike and it was ultimately rejected by an overwhelming number of voters. Faulconer, as a co-author of Proposition B, Comprehensive Pension Reform, continues to be an advocate for fully implementing the reform in an effort that will save San Diego taxpayers close to \$1 billion.

As Mayor of San Diego, Faulconer would be focused on increasing transparency, jobs, infrastructure, our neighborhoods and protecting taxpayer dollars, to name a few of his platform issues. Government accountability has always been at the top of Faulconer's priority list. Ever since he joined the City Council, Faulconer has worked to ensure the citizens of San Diego will have a City government that works efficiently and with integrity. He has worked closely

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Zag's Advice for Finals Sucess

WHEN I WAS A 1L, MANY PEOPLE GAVE ME ADVICE ON HOW TO SUCCEED IN LAW SCHOOL. THE BEST OUT OF ALL OF THEM WAS THIS, "DO NOT LISTEN TO ANYONE." YOU HAVE COME THIS FAR, AND YOU KNOW WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU – DO THAT.

INSIDE COVER

LETTERS FROM THE EDITORS



SAMI HADDAD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ah, the smell of finals tension and nerves are in the air, as we scramble to grasp concepts that we should have known for some time now. Finals season happens to come around in December, when malls and grocery stores seem to play holiday favorites such as the “It’s the most wonderful time of the Year,” on repeat, which may be the ultimate coincidence. Most students despise finals, they’re stressful, nerve-racking, and deprive us of everything else in our lives. They remove all of the fun that law school and our internships

haven’t already taken from our lives.

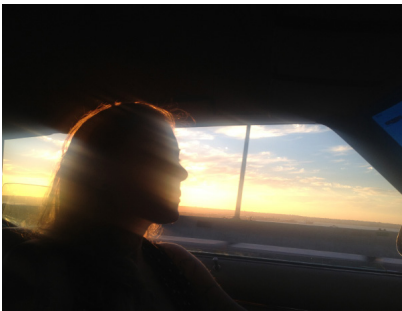
Fortunately, the majority of readers of this issue will have completed their finals already. 3Ls will be one semester from graduating, excited to conclude their law school careers. Energy will be high after a long Christmas break, and 1Ls will grace the campus halls, anxious to receive their grades after a first semester in law school. My advice to 1Ls awaiting their grades is this; don’t be nervous about them. You have already done everything you could to earn your grade, and worrying about it isn’t going to help. Expectations are notoriously high, and the harsh truth is that a large majority of students will get a reality check in the near future. Regardless of what you score, do not let your first semester grades change your personality. If you do well, don’t be pretentious or feel entitled. If you don’t do well, work harder, use it as motivation.

I’d like to conclude by thanking Design Editor Leah Schaak for all of her hard work this semester. The Commentary would have been nothing this semester without her, and we are all going to miss her dearly as she receives her degree from CWSL and prepares to take the Bar Exam in February. I have gotten to know Leah very well in the last few months, and she has such a great perspective on life. I also spent this semester in a clinical internship seminar with Leah, and hearing her perspective on the law and helping others was truly a touching and genuine experience. I look forward to practicing law with her in the future.

I hope my fellow students enjoy their time off. You have certainly earned it. I hope you come back refreshed and ready for another semester in the trenches. And to my fellow 3Ls who graduate this semester, CONGRATULATIONS. You did it! I hope your degree takes you as far as your dreams take you.

To the 3Ls with one semester left, I’d like to say that I hope we enjoy the next year. It’s going to be quite the roller coaster ride. Classes until April, graduation in May, the bar in July, and results in Thansgiving. It’s going to be a whirlwind, and it will fly by. Take a few breaths once in a while, and enjoy this experince.

Warm Regards,
Sami Haddad



Cruising out of here.

LEAH L. SCHAAK
DESIGN EDITOR

received the lowest LSAT score California Western would accept. I obtained average grades in my first year and continued to receive average grades in almost every recommended and required class thereafter. I even failed 2 bar classes. According to Professor Jan Stiglitz, based on the aforementioned, my chances at passing the bar exam the first time are extremely, despairingly low. You may be thinking, “Why are you sharing this? Why would someone profess such self-incriminating-law-school-career-suicide truths?” Because I know there are others, like myself, who are too ashamed to confess to such foolish truths. Yes, foolish; but perhaps brave. At least, every morning when I look at myself in the mirror, constructing the courage to face yet another day working toward a career I envisioned would fulfill the Kantian imperfect duty I feel bound to, that is what I tell myself.

I am a non-traditional student that chose to work toward a new future career path after the first one I chose turned out to be powerless in accomplishing policy influence. Law school, as I naively envisaged, would be the education most likely to assist me in influencing policy change to help those who have not the ability nor the power to do so themselves because priviledge (in my case, good credit) was not on their side. After learning the practice of lawyers, and not the scholarship of law and policy, I now think journalism may be a better means to accomplish my goals. And that is the foolishness in my school loan predicament.

I believed the debt heavy sacrifice of law school would pay off in the grand scheme, but unless I am able to practice as a private firm lawyer, and get lucky in the job market, it likely will not. As a result, loan sharks will follow me through all my career choices and investments for the rest of my life, all in the name of duty, or a dutiful dream. You may be thinking, “How naively idealistic, Leah.” And I would have to agree, but there are many of us out there. Those idealists that think we can beat the poverty cycle, protect people from harm, and provide methods for justice. Unfortunately, rather than help me find ways to change the system, law school turned out to be a technical training school for the modern professional. The California Western education provided a small foundation of what the law is, and a guide to passing the bar exam, but the cost of that small foundation may well turn out to be too high. I feel a bit deflated, but by no means am I giving up and I do not believe anyone should. The burden of this debt is heavy, and it scares me to look at my future, but I know that this debt is not solely mine; it is partially the debt of a broken education system, banking system, and system of justice. For these reasons, I feel encouraged to keep moving toward my idealistic dreams and finding a way to, in some small part, change our broken systems.

So, at the end of this road, I have the deepest of gratitude to *The Commentary*, for giving me a few months experience in journalism while in law school. Also, thank you to those Professors at California Western who encourage students to fight for justice, despite the confines of illegitimate laws and a system controlled by greed. In February, I will take the bar exam. I do not have a post-bar job offer and I am out of time to apply for one. But that’s okay because I still believe in the power and payoff of doing good. I encourage each of you to find a good that you are willing to fight for, and pursue that good when you are practicing law. And please, always keep in mind that not everyone has had the privilege you have, and when your clients’ requests or actions seem stupid to you, remember where they are coming from. Lastly, please support Sami Haddad in keeping *The Commentary* passionate, compelling, and alive. Keep in touch and good luck.

Sincerely,
Leah L. Schaak

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AROUND CAMPUS

BY **MATTHEW LAB**
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MEET THE CAREER SERVICES TEAM

The Career and Professional Development Office is here to assist you as you make the transition from law student to professional. We want to partner with each of you to ensure that you are not making this jump alone! Everyone in the Career and Professional Development Office is dedicated to giving full effort to assist you on your way to a highly rewarding and satisfying career in the law. Get to know us! Don't be a stranger! The more we know of you, the better we will be able to help you. To help you get to know us, we thought that we should provide you with some off-beat information about us that you won't necessarily find in our official website bios:

Courtney Miklusak, Esq., Assistant Dean. A graduate of California Western, Courtney practiced both civil litigation and transactional law in San Diego. As the Assistant Dean of the Career and Professional Development Office and overall manager of the office, among many other things, Courtney works to develop and strengthen relationships between the Career and Professional Development Office and legal employers and to create job opportunities for law students and graduates. Courtney is a proud UCSB Gaucho and is our department's resident restaurant critic. If she or her husband Clark, a fellow Gaucho (and Qualcomm engineer to boot), haven't eaten there, they know someone who has! She and her family just relocated to Escondido, in north San Diego County.

Jocelyn Salvatori, Esq., Assistant Director. After graduating from UC Davis Law School, Jocelyn practiced in private law firms representing small and large corporations in business litigation, labor and employment litigation and product defect litigation. She counsels students, and coordinates our judicial externship and clerkship programs. Jocelyn is also our go-to person for part-time students, students who are in law school pursuing a second career, and alumni who are re-entering law practice after taking time off from the practice. Jocelyn and her family just relocated to a new home in Rancho Bernardo, in north San Diego County.

Matthew Lab, Esq., Assistant Director. I counsel first through third year students and recent graduates as well as implement many career development programs throughout the year. I spent my years of full-time practice in law firms and in-house in the areas of business, real estate litigation and transactions. A former chef, I just had to go to law school (UC Hastings) in the greatest culinary city in the West, San Francisco; where I left behind (not my heart, but) my chef's toque, long hair and earrings. These days, my partner Lisa and our three boys enjoy anything outdoors that involves two wheels, preferably off-road, and tending to our micro farm and vineyard. With fingers crossed, we plan to bottle our first wine vintage in June, 2014.

Jill Blatchley, Esq., Career Advisor, Pro Bono & Public Service Program Coordinator. A graduate of USD Law School, Jill has broad legal experience in private law firms, in government agencies and in the courts. Jill regularly counsels students and also coordinates and develops our Pro Bono Program and Public Service Program, through which many students gain their first law clerking experiences. Jill enjoys her yearly trips to Maui with her husband Bill and her weekend walks to and from Ocean Beach, occasionally accompanied by her son's short haired Chiweenie dog, Huckleberry. She is glad to be living on terra firma after spending the last 16 years living on her 82 foot boat, which they sold this past year.

Robin Lake, Esq., Part-time Career Advisor. Since graduating from the USD Law School, Robin has amassed over twenty years of transactional law experience in San Diego with firms of all sizes. She counsels students of all levels and is responsible for our Alumni Mentor Program and social media. She is the proud parent of two hippies, one an artist and the other a musician, one of whom have longer hair than she does! She enjoys weekends with her husband at their cabin in Big Bear.

Asha Wilbun, Esq., Part-time Graduate Career Advisor. Since graduating from California Western, she has spent most of her time as a prosecutor at the San Diego City Attorney's Offices. Asha is excited to be back at her alma mater helping 3L students and graduates smoothly transition to their next phase of life. She enjoys sharing with us some of the scary experiences that her husband has encountered as a firefighter in Los Angeles. Yikes. She and her growing family recently relocated into a new home in Encinitas, in north San Diego County.

Noelle Dorman, Assistant Director for Projects & Support. Noelle is our office "rock". She graduated from Cal State Fullerton with her B.A. in Political Science, and she received an M.S. in Child Development from SDSU. She is our office vegetarian, animal rights advocate, Pittsburg Steelers/Pirates fan and resident authority on all things related to big-hair metal bands! Wanda Harvey-Amoke, Administrative Assistant. Wanda has been with our office for five years, and is the first face you will see upon entering our office! With her, you always know that you will get a smile, but you can never anticipate her hairdo because it changes daily!

Karla Barnfield, Evening Administrative Assistant. Karla's recently left her day job with the Loews Resort, Coronado, where she organized special events to pursue culinary training in the "kitchen brigade" at Leroy's Farm to Table, where works closely with the Chef, who she informs us is not French and has neither long hair nor earrings.

WHAT IS LA RAZA?

A Brief Q&A with One of CWSL's Largest (and most misunderstood) Student Organizations

Question: Do you have to be Mexican to be a member?

Answer: Of course not. In fact, you don't even have to be Latino.

Q: Okay, so what is your org all about?

A: More than anything, we see La Raza as a support group. You would be amazed at how supportive the members are of one another. Whether it is a book, outline, ride, or simply someone to vent to, members are incredibly quick to respond when somebody needs something. Our mission is a bit more direct. We seek to raise awareness about issues pertinent to the underserved and underrepresented segments of the Latino community. We aim to enhance the social and cultural environment of the law school and enhance its spirit of diversity. We look to spur an active debate over the need for social justice and system-wide reform through our service and advocacy.

Q: How do you do that?

A: We do that in a number of ways. Two examples can be found in programs we put into place this semester.

The first is an academic support program for 1Ls. Throughout the term we've held meetings led by one of our members who is a member of CWSL's Law Review. The meetings are open to all students and are meant to be a proactive measure to help students not only survive, but excel, throughout their first year. Topics covered included outlining, how to take practice exams, approaching office hours, dealing with the stress of finals, and we even dispelled some of the myths that are commonly passed around amongst 1Ls. The 1Ls that have attended have raved about the program and we are looking forward to having even more attendees in the spring.

We are also very excited about a partnership we are developing with Monarch School. Monarch is dedicated to educating students impacted by homelessness and seeks to provide them with the necessary skills and experiences for personal success. Our first visit to the school involved two of our members making presentations and leading discussions with 10th and 12th grade Social Studies students.

Q: How do I get involved? How much are your dues?

A: Getting involved is as simple as coming to our next meeting, which will be held in mid-January (and will undoubtedly include some delicious food). At that meeting we will discuss plans for the spring term and find out who is interested in participating in our various programs. As for dues, we do not have a set fee. We ask members pay what they feel is a fair amount for what the organization has provided them.

All students are welcome to participate in all La Raza Law Students Association activities. Multiple meetings are held each term and we encourage you to keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

ALUMNI AFFAIRS-WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW

BY: **LORI BOYLE**, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS
AND **LIELAH MINOO**, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

As a student, you don't need to wait until after you graduate to get involved with the office of Alumni Affairs! In an effort to strengthen our alumni program we will soon implement new avenues of connectivity, involvement and engagement for alumni and students. Over the next few years you will see a variety of new programs, events, and services. Current California Western students can participate in a variety of activities hosted by the California Western Alumni Association throughout the school year! Some of these activities are: the Annual Alumni vs. Student Softball Game, the Annual Golf Tournament, bar prep events, student/alumni board events, and our upcoming local and regional Volunteer Day of Service. Feel free to visit our office located on the second floor of the 350 building behind Donna's Coffee Cart. We welcome the opportunity to meet you!

3 PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS HOLIDAY EDITION

BY
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Mr. Potato Head The San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade.

1 For those of you who love taking in the splendor of twinkling Christmas lights, the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is for you!! Over 80 boats decorated in beautiful lights will take to the water on December 9 and 16. Watch from Seaport Village, Coronado, or anywhere along the bay. For more information visit www.sd-paradeoflights.org.

2 What would a holiday season be without a few Sugarplum fairies? The San Diego City Ballet is performing The Nutcracker from December 13 through December 22. Tickets range from \$29 to \$39. For more information visit www.cityballet.org.

3 If you like balloons, specifically massive balloons, check out the Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade in Downtown San Diego. On December 9, 2013 join in the fun with family and friends. The parade will include marching bands, floats, and really really big balloons. The route starts on Harbor Drive and ends at Seaport Village. For more information visit www.holidaybowl.com.

CAMPUS CRITIQUES

U.S. RAPE CULTURE: IT’S BARBARIC

Rape. As law students, we learn about it in our Criminal Law and Evidence courses. Each state has its own definition, but most states adhere to the general requirements that rape must be some sort of forced, nonconsensual sexual contact. Before the 1970s, rape could only be perpetrated by a man against a victim woman, and the two could not be married or else consent was implied. In 1993, all states outlawed marital rape, but some states’ laws (like South Carolina) still allow for discrimination of spousal rape by limiting reporting requirements to 30 days rather than the generally accepted statute of limitations of usually several years. Now, as a result of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), initially passed in 1994, we have legal protections for rape victims whether or not he or she is married to the perpetrator, has a deviant sexual history, or lacks physical or verbal signs of refusal. As a result of the most recent re-authorization VAWA, LGBT and Native Americans also receive protections and social services when raped by an intimate partner. Despite these laws, a cultural understanding of rape in the United States has progressed very little, often accepting that it is okay to blame the victim for the crime, allowing the perpetrator to pay little or no penance.

Recent examples of U.S. rape culture, each occurring in 2012, are the Steubenville, Ohio case, the Tallahassee, Florida case, and the Maryville, Missouri case. Two of these cases would not be public knowledge if it weren’t for the group Anonymous leaking films online and bringing attention to the case. The Ohio and Florida cases involved local football stars that were not formally charged for months. The football stars received avid local community and school

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support despite online videos showing the attackers sadistic actions. All 3 rape victims were outcast, forced to drop out of school or leave their home town. Their communities were writhing victim-blaming insults such as “ho” and “slut” on social media sites and in local newspapers.

Some journalists have postured that the cases cannot be compared because of minute factual differences, such as the extent of social media attention to one or the other, or the burning down of the Maryville victim’s house. But these cases are comparable and should be a warning flag to all of the United States, women and men alike. Though legal progress may be positive, the lack of cultural progress can undermine the laws attempt for good. This is a common phenomenon, not just in western developed countries, but in countries like Mexico where some of the most radical LGBT rights laws were first introduced yet LGBT are at risk of murder, persecution, torture, and rape even in known homosexual communities. It is a sort of tug of war between culture and the law and we need to be extremely cognizant that rape is prevalent, violent, and redress is not common because the legal system, however modern, lacks cultural awareness.

For California Western students, I urge you to become culturally sensitive to rape and its consequences yourself. Look around you and note that based on World Health Organization statistics released in 2013, 1 in 3 women you see will experience, or have experienced, physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Most importantly, don’t be judgmental. If someone tells you they were raped, urge them to go to the police immediately and call the rape hotline number to receive help.

National Rape
Hotline:
1-800-656-
HOPE

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grade given to a San Diego politician. Alvarez’s initiatives are noted in his “Blueprint for San Diego’s future.” His focus is on reinvesting in community revitalization, growing jobs and working more closely with schools.

Alvarez has a plan to pursue bonds while interests are low and to relocate surplus tax revenue to address the growing backlog of infrastructure improvement projects needed by the city’s neighborhoods. Alvarez also wants to prioritize safety by increasing pay for police and providing better equipment for fire and emergency personnel.

Former Assembly Member Nathan Fletcher, who came in three points behind Alvarez, has already endorsed Alvarez. This, combined with Alvarez’s endorsements from the local Democratic Party, the Sierra Club, The Labor Council and four of the five members of the San Diego School Board show that Alvarez has a strong group of allies bolstering his candidacy.

Alvarez faces an uphill battle going in to the February 2014 general election. But if you note the most recent unofficial ballot numbers, the top three Democrats in the race earned 55.79 percent of the vote compared to Faulconer’s 42.17 percent—the only major Republican on the ballot. In a low-turnout election which tends to favor Republicans, Democrats overall outperformed Republicans by a pretty wide margin.

Looking at previous elections, there seems to be a trend where first place primary election winners lose in the general election. Because Faulconer received 42.17 percent of the vote, it is fair to say that 57.83 percent of voters did not vote for Faulconer. There were many other Democrats on the ballot, which split the vote. Alvarez’s job will be to consolidate those voters and make sure they turn out again in February.

Alvarez would be an historic choice for mayor as our first Latino mayor. He’s lived experiences give his candidacy and policy context you can’t learn from just speaking to voters. Early next year, voters will have a chance to decide on what future they envision for our city. I hope they believe in the humble idealism of a kid who grew up in the Barrio with limited means, but still believed he could make a difference.

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with the City Auditor to find ways to cut costs and eliminate waste, leading to a savings of millions of taxpayer dollars due to his leadership in reforming the inefficiencies of the City government.

Keeping the citizens of San Diego safe is high on Faulconer’s priority list. He has supported the funding to update the Police Department’s outdated communication systems; he helped pass the Safe Beaches initiative in order to create a safer beach environment for families; and he made recommendations to the Fire Department that reduced Fire-Rescue response times by up to 45 seconds. Faulconer will also work to grow San Diego’s economy by streamlining regulations, allowing businesses to flourish and creating an environment that encourages innovation. As a Councilmember, Faulconer has fought tax increases and supported changes to the municipal code to lower permit costs as means to encourage businesses to remain in San Diego and create jobs.

Faulconer is a candidate that has the big picture view of what is best for San Diego. He will work to maintain an environment of accountability and integrity in City Hall and lead our City away from the chaos that has enveloped it over the fallout of Filner’s sexual harassment scandal. San Diego needs a Mayor with strong leadership abilities who is not afraid to fight for its citizens. Kevin Faulconer is the man for the job.

ID BADGES ON CAMPUS, A PRETENTIOUS MOVE OR AN UNITENTIONAL ACT?

BY TOMER GUTMAN
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

This is half public announcement, half public warning. Some of us have an identification badge from our internships and it gets us in through security. We get it; many of us have internships with name badges too. But why do so many students wear it on campus? Is it necessary? We think not.



Asuitharfits.com

Would these guys ever wear an ID badge with their suits? Doubtful

I understand, many students spend some part of their days at work, and some part in class. But it is really too much of a hassle for students to take their badges off before they get to school? I know I’m not the only one who thinks students are being pretentious when they wear their badges around school.

Students really do look ridiculous and childish when they wear id tags and badges on campus, a facility where students have access to anywhere they want to go and are known by most. When students wear their badges out of context, it makes them seem very self-absorbed, so please spare you fellow classmates from the ridiculousness of your actions, and remove your badge when you are on campus. We thank you in advance for your full cooperation.

Sincerely,
The Entire Student Body

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With it being the last major student organization activity I will participate in before graduating in December, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported the various causes that have sought help during my time at CWSL. I chose to attend this school because of an impression that the school and students were committed to making a difference. I leave convinced my initial impression was correct and proud to have been a part of such a great community.

Thank you for making the past two years fun and rewarding. And a very big thank you to the following organizations that assisted La Raza Law Students Association in hosting the event:

American Constitution Society	Maritime Law Society
Amnesty International CWSL	Middle Eastern Law Students Association
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	Native American Law Students Association
Black Law Student Association	PRIDE
Christian Law Students	South Asian Law Students Association
Federalist Society	Students for Disability Rights
Hawaiian Law Students Association	Women’s Law Caucus
Jewish Student Union	