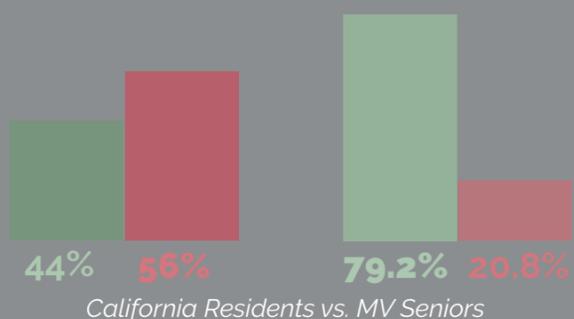


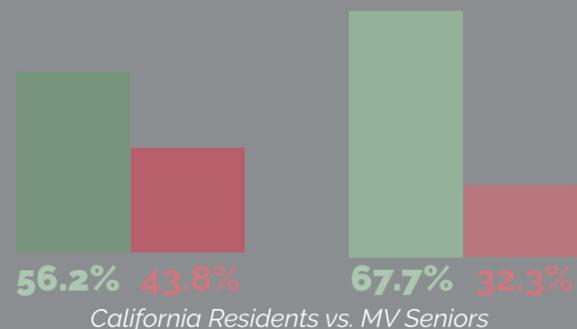
prop 18

17 year old Primary Voting Rights



prop 24

Amends Consumer Privacy Law



did you catch it?

A look into the various election signs scattered across neighborhoods

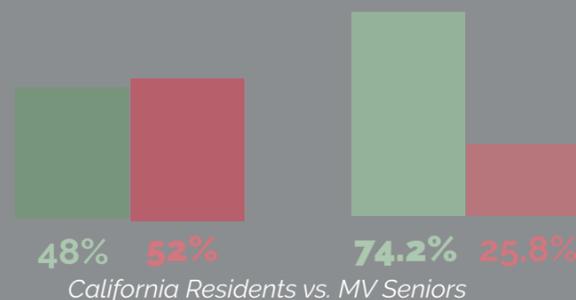


how did it go?

Examining the similarities and differences in the Proposition voting statistics between 96 MVHS Seniors and Californian voters

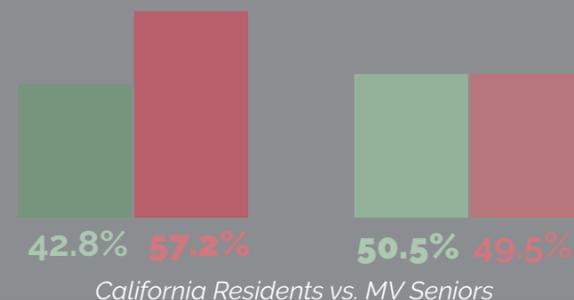
prop 15

Property Tax to Fund Schools & Government Services



prop 16

Affirmative Action in Government Decisions



agree to disagree

Taking a look at student opinions on this year's presidential election between Republican representative Donald Trump and Democratic representative Joe Biden.

How would you describe the election in only one to three words?

“Unbecoming but enlightening.” Messy.”

Which candidate or party did you favor during this election and why?

“Not to say that I support Joe Biden. I just feel that since Trump isn't really fit for office and Biden was the only other option for presidency and change outside of Trump.”

“I favored Biden, because I think the last four years have proven that Trump has not done a great job in office, and I don't think I expected him to do a good job in office back in 2016.”

How do you feel about the election results?

“With the current pandemic and all, I'm still pretty uncertain about what's to come. As I said before, both candidates have their ups and downs, and this is the one pairing that I have no idea what to feel about.”

“I don't really believe that any of the lawsuits or something like that would end up working — I thought that everything had already crossed that point, it's pretty much official that Biden has won, so that's a relief.”



SRIYA VENNAM (11)



TRISHA SREEDHAR (10)

city counseling

From her time at the Monta Vista community as a member of the Verdadera publication, to advising the Young American Policy Advocates, Cupertino City council member Hung Wei has continued to emphasize the importance of mental health with teenagers through policies and practice



HUNG WEI
FOR CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL
www.hungwei.org

Photo courtesy of Hung Wei

“I should have lost another five pounds.” These were the thoughts Cupertino city council member Hung Wei had on the day of her marriage. “I felt fat. I was not happy with myself, and the smile you see in this picture is only there because the photographers made me smile.”

As her students of the Verdadera magazine team begin to protest, asking her how the evident beauty captured in the photo hadn't been enough for her that day, Hung smiles and answers, “You see now? How can you say that you are not skinny enough or athletic enough, not artistic enough, not good enough?”

During her time as a school board member with the Fremont Union High School District from 2008 to 2018, Hung was the adviser of Verdadera, a student-run publication at Monta Vista, where every Sunday she would invite a group of students to her house to talk about issues teenagers face, such as mental health, with trained professionals. Each year's introduction starts off with a tour through her house to the master bedroom where she tells the story of her wedding photo. Hung emphasizes that taking the first step to initiate conversation about mental health is important to bridging the gaps between students and other individuals.

“Your parents, your peers, your teachers, don't know anything if you don't share with them,” Hung said. “Creating that avenue of sharing in a non threatening environment is very important to taking the first step towards your mental wellbeing.”

For the last two years, Hung served as an adviser for the Young American Policy Advocates, where for 10 consecutive weeks, she talked to teenagers about what policies they could propose to school districts, the city or even the state to help them tackle any mental health issues. Through this organization, Hung was able to help teens find a solution to the problems they faced and take advantage of the services that the city of Cupertino offered.

After being elected to City Council, Hung aims to build partnerships within the community, where students can benefit from support systems not just in schools but also from nonprofit organizations such as clubs that can give students the opportunity to find safety in themselves and explore their leadership and service skills.

In her time working with high school students, Hung says she has achieved a strong understanding of what it means to be a high school student in the Cupertino environment, but she also acknowledges that efforts to promote mental health awareness can also stem from working with parents.

“If we can create opportunities for parents to learn from other parents on how to balance the fine line between communicating that your child is always enough and constantly pushing your child to do better,” Hung said, “then teenagers would be more open with asking for help.”

—Evelyn Lai & Yu Fang Tseng