

# 300 protest Trump at City Hall

## After Sessions is fired, protections urged for Mueller

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About 300 protesters marched from Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's office to Palo Alto City Hall yesterday evening in a demonstration against President Trump's replacement of Attorney General Jeff Sessions.



SESSIONS



MUELLER

Trump has since appointed Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker, who protesters claim is a Trump "loyalist" who will stifle the U.S. Department of Justice's investigation into possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

They are calling for a "rapid response" to protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who is overseeing the investigation, and they are organizing in hundreds of U.S. cities as well as Amsterdam, Rome and Toronto.

The 5 p.m. protest was coordinated with other rallies in Mountain View,



ANTI-TRUMP PROTESTERS gather in front of Palo Alto City Hall yesterday. Photo by Allison Levitsky.

San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Richmond and Monterey.

### 'Correct this injustice'

The rallies were organized by the Nobody Is Above the Law network, a group demanding that Whitaker "im-

mediately commit not to assume supervision of the investigation."

"Our hundreds of response events are being launched to demonstrate the public demand for action to correct this injustice," the group said in a statement.

Other groups, including the Raging Grannies and the Peninsula Peace

and Justice Center, were present at the 90-minute rally. Other activists came alone.

"I was disappointed in the removal of Attorney General Sessions," protester Benjamin McCann told the Post while holding a "checks and balances" sign. "I don't think that we can be removing high-ranking officials simply for recusing themselves from matters in which they have a conflict of interest."

### 'Tired of everything he's doing'

Beth Fairman expressed a more general weariness with Trump's presidency. "I'm just tired of everything he's doing," Fairman said. "It's one thing after another."

"I was deeply disturbed that (Trump) fired Sessions so fast," Bonnie Hensels-Luntz said. "I'm also really afraid that this new person, Whitaker, that through Whitaker he's going to stop the Mueller investigation... it has to be reported what happened."

Activist John Bauer admitted that protests in California probably won't change Trump's mind.

"I think the more people who can protest, the more it'll show everyone that we oppose Trump," Bauer said. "Of course, I don't think Trump will care at all, but perhaps there will be some members of Congress who notice this and do something about it."

# Hickey ousted, campaigned against district

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Jack Hickey has been voted out of office after 16 years on the Sequoia Healthcare District board, which he was also trying to dissolve.



HICKEY

Hickey, who received 37% of the vote, lost to San Carlos physician Aaron Nayfack, who got 63%.

Hickey, a Libertarian, was first elected to the board in 2002 with the promise to get other people onto the board who would also want to dissolve the district.

He also promised to halt the property tax that the district collects.

## Pro-district candidates also beat 2 on his slate

The district was formed by voters in 1948 to fund Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City with property taxes. In 1996, the hospital was sold to Catholic Healthcare West (now Dignity Health), but the district continued to collect its tax. The district's board now hands out those tax dollars (about \$9 million each year) to nonprofits that provide health services.



NAYFACK

Hickey had long been looking for a slate of candidates to run to help him dissolve the health care district, and this

year he ran as a slate with Art Kiesel and Harland Harrison. However, each member of the slate had to run against a "pro-district" candidate because the board switched to district elections. The three districts were: Zone E (which consists of the district west of I-280), Zone A (the district east of Highway 101) and Zone C (San Carlos and Emerald Hills).

Harrison ran in Zone E and lost to incumbent Jerry Shefren, while Kiesel ran in Zone A and lost to incumbent Art Faro. Hickey and Nayfack faced off in Zone C.

Nayfack said he was victorious over

the incumbent because "(Hickey's) views were not representative of the zone."

Nayfack also said it's "finally" time to put to bed the idea of dissolving the district, because the loss by Hickey and his slate shows that dissolution is not something sought by a large amount of district residents.

Hickey, on the other hand, blamed his loss largely on an unflattering editorial on a news site and Nayfack's securing of some "good" endorsements.

And whether Hickey will be leaving the district for good is yet to be seen, but he said that it's likely he will be keeping a watch on it from the outside.

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