



HPS boardmember to employees: 'Nobody's forcing you to stay here'

Quick Hits Meet the candidates this Sunday

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's next city election is just a few weeks away.

The ballot features a race for three city council seats, three city charter changes, and another attempt by the Hamtramck Public School District to have a millage renewed for another 10 years.

In the council race, three incumbents, Mohammed Alsomiri, Nayeem Choudhurv and Mohammed Hassan, are facing three challengers. The challengers are:

Lynn Blasey, Muhtasin Sadman and Nasr Hussain.

At the beginning of the year, Hamtramck School Board Vice President Salah Hadwan told teachers and staff that, if they don't like it here, they could leave.

By Charles Sercombe

Apparently, a number of Hamtramck Public School teachers and staffmembers took him up on that offer, and resigned at the next meeting.

And, since January, there has been a steady exodus of teachers, department heads and staffmembers.

The latest high-profile resignation, according to sources, is Angela Parkman, the Director of Special Education. Parkman was just hired in August.

Many have said, either in resignation letters or privately, they resigned because of what they call a "toxic" work environment created by Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed, some of her appointees, and some of the board members. (You can read some of those letters on the website: firejaleelah.com.) Speaking last February about board decisions, Hamtramck president of the teachers' union, Toni Coral, said:



The Hamtramck Public School Board has come under criticism this year by some teachers and staffmembers over the work environment in the district. School Board Vice President Salah Hadwan has invited those employees to leave if they don't like working here.

the school board president and board allies essentially tell district employees that they, you, don't care about us?"

The resignations have left the district in a jam in filling vacant teaching positions. Earlier this year, staffmembers at Hamtramck High School said to stay here if you do students are getting what

\$15 an hour.

Boardmembers seemed to nod in agreement that their pay has to be increased.

At an April 26 meeting, Hadwan responded to recent threats of another wave of resignations.

"We want you guys' input," he said. "We want you to reach out if you feel like you want to reach out. Follow the chain of command, of course, but we're always open to hear your concerns, or questions, or comments. We "Nobody's forcing you want to make sure our

Russian TV network

By Charles Sercombe

Another week, another mayoral controversy.

Mayor Once again, Amer Ghalib found himself on the receiving end of criticism, this time for appearing on Russian RT television, a media source that the U.S. government considers to be a Kremlin propaganda outlet existing to create divisions among Americans.

Canada, Britain and the EU have all banned RT from being broadcast in their countries. RT is funded by the Russian government.

Ghalib posted three-minute excerpt of his interview with the Russian network on his Facebook page.

Ghalib trod familiar territory: the issue of displaying pride flags on public property.

Ghalib and the city council recently banned the display of those flags on public property, which caused a hailstorm of backlash from the LGBTQ communi-

In the August Primary Election, Hassan came in fourth behind Blasey, which might mean he faces a tough battle in the Nov. 7 General Election.

If Blasey is elected, she would be the only woman on the council.

The top three vote-getters in the November election will serve on council, starting in January, for the next four years.

A candidate forum will be held this Sunday, Oct. 8. at 5 p.m. at the Hamtramck Public Library.

It will feature a question-and-answer period. The forum runs until 6 p.m.

The public is invited to arrive early, from 4:30 p.m. on, for refreshments.

The forum is organized by a non-partisan committee. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

Can't make it to the forum? You can see it broadcast later on Hamtramck Public TV, Channel 19.

"When people leave because of hostile attitudes from elected officials, we will struggle to fill those vacancies. ... Why would that there were over 12 teaching positions to be filled, and in the meantime, some students had four classes being taught by substitute teachers.

Also compounding the situation is that a number of paraprofessionals, who assist teachers in the classrooms, have complained about not being paid enough. Para-pros, as they are commonly called, are paid about not want to be here for this district and for the students," Hadwan said. "The door is wide open. We are not going to stand here and continue to tolerate threats of mass exodus."

That comment is in stark contrast to what Hadwan said at a February meeting, when he welcomed input from teachers and staff about district operations.

they need and what they deserve."

At September's board meeting, Hadwan responded to the growing number of complaints by resigning staffmembers, saying that the reason for their leaving is not what it appears.

"People who are leaving are not leaving for the reasons we're being told, that they're leaving be-**Continued on page 2**

ty and their supporters.

In the interview, Ghalib was seen in half-screen in his city hall office, while the other half showed scenes of the city and of LGBTQ events that have happened in other cities.

Ghalib described Hamtramck as a place where "people are very peaceful."

As for the decision to ban the display of pride flags, Ghalib said:

"The city decided to stay neutral because we have different groups in the city; we have conservatives, we have liberals."

He went on to say that "we have groups on the opposite side of the spectrum," although it wasn't clear what he meant by that.

"We support everyone equally. We cannot side with anyone against another," he added

On the decision to ban pride flags, Ghalib said "nobody protested against, except the LGBTQ group because they thought it was tied to them."

The ban was also taken, he said, "so other groups, extremist groups, racist groups would not come and ask us to fly flags be-

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Art and music will be on full display in neighborhood arts festival



This Saturday, Oct. 7, is the 13th Annual Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival, which takes place all over town.

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's neighborhoods will be alive with art and music this Saturday.

That's when the 13th Annual Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival (HNAF) takes place.

The festival features about 100 artists, musicians, galleries, houses, front porch exhibits and performances, and all sorts of art happenings throughout the city, going on all day.

It's a free festival, and people are encouraged to walk or bike through the

city. Here's what organizers have to say about this

special day: "This isn't your typical festival; participating creators in the community host the audience in or on their home studios, front porches, parks, coffee shops, or galleries around the city. Traveling between these venues throughout Hamtramck, the audience curates their own experience.

"It's a community-organized festival that allows anyone in the city and **Continued on page 2**

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cause of admin (administration) blah, blah, blah," Hadwan said.

"We got people who are leaving for better opportunities that they found. Let's not take this narrative that they're leaving because of admin."

The departures come at a time when the state is experiencing a critical

shortage of teachers. The HPS district has been struggling for over a year to fill special education positions, and it's reached a point where some parents are complaining that their children are not getting the needed help they require (and as is required by federal guidelines).





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There are also other issues facing the district.

The board's first meeting of the year, in January, underscored a growing division among boardmembers.

What is usually a routine vote, taken in the beginning of each year, suddenly became a stumbling block. In January, Boardmember Regan Watson was once again voted as board treasurer.

But when it came to a vote on allowing the district's finance director, Sherry Lynem, (who retired in the summer) to make investments on her own, that then blew up Watson's nomination.

In past years, the board has unanimously voted to allow the finance director, Lynem, to make investments on her own.

This year, however, that became an issue for some board members, including new member Abdulmalik Algahaim.

Algahaim initially brought forth a resolution, in the same language that has been approved for a number of years, to allow the director to make investments.

However, he then had a change of mind and voted against his own resolution.

The matter didn't stop there.

Algahaim, whose term started in January, then proposed to remove Watson as treasurer and have himself take over the role. apparently because Watson voted, as she has in previous years, to support the investment resolution.

A majority agreed with him, but it turned out that vote didn't count because the board failed to follow their own policy on removing members from board officer positions.

The policy requires the removal to be based on "cause" - in other words. for a reason.

In an April 26 meeting, the board did a do-over removing Watson, on and appointing Algahaim as treasurer. The matter passed by a 4-3 majority.

Algahaim said that the reason he called for Watson to be replaced as treasurer was because of her support of the investment resolution.

He said it "wasn't supposed to be a one-time vote."

It was not clear what he meant by that.

The Review reached out a few months ago to Watson (via email) for comment, but she did not respond. Watson has also not been attending the last few board meetings.

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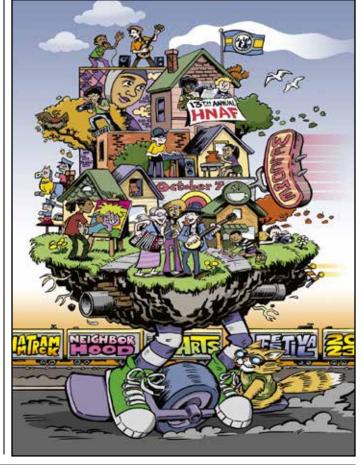
the surrounding neighborhood to contribute to or host an event. The HNAF embraces the idea that art is for everyone - all are welcome to participate, and all are welcome to tour the artists' workspaces and attend the day-long events."

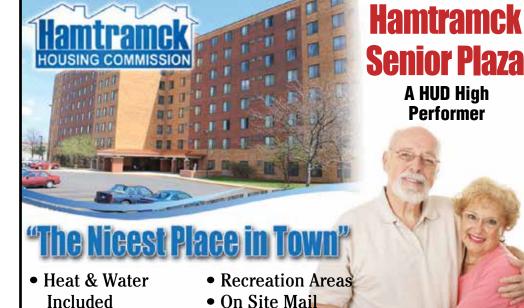
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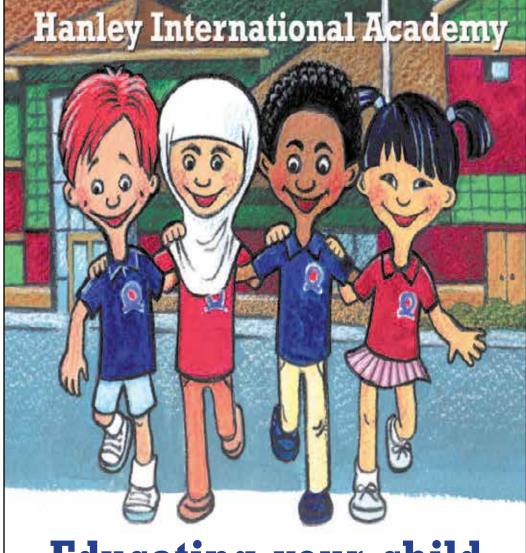
Also happening on Sat-

urday is a special sidewalk sale, on Jos. Campau, that is sponsored by the city's Downtown Development Authority.

For those coming in from out of town, plan on Saturday being on the cold side, with a chance of rain. If you need to rest your feet or take a break, the city has a number of restaurants, bars and coffee houses to recharge.







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Photographer Bruce Harkness: On October 20th the library will host Bruce Harkness who will present an evening program on Metro Detroit memories in pictures. Coupling images from his decades of local documentary work and a smattering of personal stories, it is sure to stoke our collective passion for our little corner of the Big Mitten.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Wednesday afternoon Story Time at 12 noon. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

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Check in the next weeks library column for starting time.

Spotlight on Fold 2: The Library of Michigan will be putting the spotlight on Fold 3 in its next ZOOM presentation. Learn how to navigate this resource which offers users access to military records, documented personal stories, photos and more. Premiering on Thursday, November 2nd, at 6:30 pm, please register for this event by visiting www.michigan.gov/ Impublicprograms and take a peek at the upcoming presentations.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Mayor Ghalib and the company he keeps

When Mayor Amer Ghalib ran for office, he promised he would be all about unity.

Well, it's been over a year now since he won the election, and there's been anything but unity here.

We won't go over the issues he's been tangled up in, other than to say that it's a little part of the bigger nationwide culture war raging across the land.

What we find curious is the company he's been keeping lately: far-right extremists who are also definitely not about bringing people together.

And now, as if he's doubling down, Ghalib did an interview on Russian RT television - a media outlet that our government deems as a propaganda tool for Putin with the goal of stirring up division

among Americans. His association with these folks now has some people seriously pondering whether Ghalib is a Russian asset, or an unwitting one, or is being groomed to become one.

Why Ghalib is aligning with these characters is unsettling, and perhaps speaks volumes about him. There's a saying, coined by author Maya

been known to "misread"

plates, which has lead to

Former councilmember

Carrie Beth Lasley said the

use of surveillance camer-

as has a "history" of "be-

the ACLU (American Civil

Later, an attorney for

false accusations.

Angelou about what people say and the actions they take, and it's fitting:

"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."

Ghalib's position is that he's the one being attacked and criticized, never mind the words he has spoken or the actions he has taken. Often, we find his explanations ending up in a confusing mass of verbal knots.

We sincerely want the mayor to succeed, but so far, he has a funny way of showing how to be a bridge-builder.

Odds & Ends

Warning... Mayor Amer Ghalib has a message to parents about the behavior of some youngsters in town, especially when it comes to vandalizing residents' pride flags being flown on their property.

That crime trend has been ongoing in recent weeks and seems to ve ramping up.

On his Facebook page, here's what Ghalib had to say, and we quote:

Dear Hamtramck parents:

Please teach your kids the following:

• Do not vandalize any private properties, such as removing flags from residents' houses. Freedom of speech can be expressed in many ways and it's protected by the constitution. American Vandalism is wrong and can have severe consequences.

Do not throw trash in streets or public parks and maintain your properties as clean and beautiful as it can be. Place trash in designated trash cans, this is common

· Avoid speeding and reckless driving to protect yourself and the lives of

The city will not tolerate any violations or violence against our residents, so please educate your children on what's right and what's wrong, so we all can all live in peace and harmony with each other.

New law... Michigan now no longer allows females under the age of 18 to be married.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer recently signed the final bill in a package of legislation to protect minors in Michigan by raising the minimum age of consent for marriage to 18 years old.

In a press release, Whitmer said:

"I am committed to keeping Michigandersespecially young women-safe and healthy, and today's bipartisan bill fully implements Michigan's ban on child marriage."

"As a county prosecutor, I went after those who used their power to prey on young people, and as governor, I have proudly signed legislation to keep young people safe and protect sexual assault survivors. Together, we can make Michigan a safe, welcoming place where everyone can en-

vision a bright future for themselves."

Polish month... October is Polish Heritage Month, and Hamtramck's Piast Institute has this to say:

"Several landmarks depict the major influence of Poles in Hamtramck: St. Florian Roman Catholic Church with Masses said in Polish, St. Ladislaus Chapel, the statue of St. John Paul II to the city, and the Kosciuszko Middle School perpetuate the legacy.

"The Hamtramck Historical Museum pays tribute to Polish heritage and culture with eye-catching exhibits of bygone eras, including a Polish Hamtramck-themed mural, created by muralist Dennis Orlowski, alongside those of other nationalities.

"To reflect the change in the city's demographics over the years, the city's motto has been transformed. From 'Hamtramck, A Touch of Europe in America,' the transition has been made to 'Hamtramck, The World in Two Square Miles.' Let's all celebrate."

City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 12, and all councilmembers were in attendance. The meeting ran for almost four hours.

A certificate of recognition in honor of Glafira Gordon was read into the record.

It said:

"Glafira has displayed an unwavering commitment to beautification, particularly in the transformation of Pope Park. Her tireless efforts and creative vision have breathed new life into this part of our city, making it a more vibrant and invit-

Liberties Union), Ramis Wadood, cautioned the city against installing the svstem. He said the cameras are known to "not operate perfectly."

ing racist."

"It will certainly lead to wrongful arrests," Wadood said.

allotted three minutes to address the council by remaining silent and holding up a sign that said:

"Hamtramck want to hear my voice."

It was apparently in protest to the council's new rule to limit public comment to 30 minutes at the beginning of the meetings and 15 minutes at the end, regardless whether citizens didn't get a chance to speak.

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State Sen. Stephanie and State Rep. Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck), both of whose districts include

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ing place for all residents and visitors to enjoy."

During public comment, a woman objected to a proposal to hire a company to install surveillance cameras to take photos of license plates.

The proposal calls for installing 15 cameras and the supporting technology for over \$53,000, with a yearly subscription cost of \$45,000.

In a note to council from the city administration, it was said:

"This technology includes license plate recognition, gathers objective evidence and facts about vehicles, not people, alerts police of wanted vehicles, is used to solve crimes and adheres to all state laws. This will not be used for traffic enforcement and does not involve facial recognition."

The woman said this technology will affect privacy issues. She added that systems like this have

He said the money it will cost to install the system would be better spent elsewhere.

Gracie Cadieux-Fae also opposed the surveillance cameras.

She said the council should be "engaging with citizens ... not sitting there spying."

Later in the meeting, the council decided against installing the cameras.

Continuing in public comment, Josh Hansknecht of the Hamtramck Queer Alliance spoke against a proposed ethnic intimidation ordinance being considered later in the meeting. Hansknecht said the council should not "tailor" ordinances based on the "convenience of council." On other issues, Hansknecht said public comment should not be limited at the council meetings. He said it's the council and mayor's job to listen to the public.

Hamtramck, gave an update on what's been happening in Lansing.

Aiyash spoke first, saying that the legislature and governor passed "one of the most progressive budgets in history."

He said that Hamtramck was one of the big winners in the new state budget. and is in line to receive \$15 million for water infrastructure improvements.

Also coming down the pike, Aiyash said, is a onetime-only 2-percent financial hike for public safety, and an increase over the next 10 years in state revenue sharing that will total \$10 million.

He credited this achievement to the all-Democratic Party control of the legislature and the governor's office - the first time Democrats have been in charge of all three branches of the state government since Ronald Reagan was president.

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By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 26-Oct. 2.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

A suspect was arrested on Norwalk for obstructing officers.

A complaint was made about a juvenile on Jos. Campau.

• A disorderly person was reported on Yemans.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

At about 1 a.m., a complaint was made about a disorderly group of people in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred on Caniff.

 An attempted theft from a vehicle was reported on Edwin.

• A hit-and-run accident happened on Holbrook.

· Retail fraud was reported at a business on Jos. Campau.

Thursday, Sept. 28

 At almost midnight, an assault was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.

An auto theft was • reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

• At about 1 a.m., a complaint was made about an intoxicated male, in the 2000 block of Caniff, who was being disorderly.

· A resident on McDougall reported that their property had been damaged.

Friday, Sept. 29

• At about 11 p.m., officers responded to a call about two females who were fighting in the 3500 block of Caniff.

 Two Ford F-150s were stolen from a lot in the 9600 block of Dequindre.

 A woman was arrested for domestic assault in the 3500 block of Caniff.

A complaint was made about disorder-

imal complaint was made on Danforth.

· An assault was reported in the 11600 block of Fleming.

 An incident of harassment was reported in the 2600 block of Commor.

 A reckless driver was reported in the area of Brombach and Holbrook.

• A theft was reported in the 2100 block of Trowbridge.

• A neighbor dispute was reported in the 12100 block of Moran.

Sunday, Oct. 1

 An attempted auto theft was reported in the 3000 block of Goodson.

· A carjacking was reported in the 3900 block of Belmont.

· A male was arrested for assault after striking a pedestrian with his vehicle. The assault occurred in the 2000 block of Edwin.

• At about 1:30 a.m., officers investigated a complaint about loud music in the 2300 block of Andrus.

· A male was arrested for a domestic assault that happened in the 11600 block of Klinger.

• At 3:30 a.m., a complaint was made about reckless drivers in the area of Conant and Holbrook.

A complaint was made, in the 2200 block of Danforth, about a person receiving harassing communications.

 A hit-and-run accident was reported on Yemans.

· A disorderly customer was reported at a business on Conant.

Monday, Oct. 2

 Officers responded to a break-in alarm at a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau. A person who was locked inside set off the alarm.

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 Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.

• At attempted robbery was reported at a business in the 12000 block of Conant.

Saturday, Sept. 30

• At almost midnight, a business on Conant was warned about loud music coming from their establishment.

A complaint was made about an animal on Jos. Campau. Another an-

• At 3:40 a.m., officers attempted to pull over the driver of a black Dodge Challenger, but the driver sped off.

 Officers investigating a report of an auto theft, in the 2000 block of Norwalk, determined that the owner had parked the vehicle down the street from their residence.

 A hit-and-run accident happened on Jos. Campau, near Holbrook. Another hit-and-run accident occurred on Casmere, near McDougall.

Coming Events

SATURDAY, Oct. 14, noon-3 p.m. - The Hamtramck Fire Department will hold an Open House where the public is invited to visit the fire station, 2625 Caniff, and tour the station, learn about fire prevention, view firefighting equipment and more. Refreshments will be available.

SATURDAY, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m. - Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

SATURDAY, Oct. 21, 4-6 p.m. - Drive-thru Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P. N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$13 Adult/\$6 Child 12 & under. Menu: Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 25, 5-6:30 p.m. – Stop by Zussman Park, 3401 Evaline, for the annual Hamtramck Public Safety Trunk or Treat, featuring activities and treats and view police and fire vehicles. Costumes are encouraged.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Fire Prevention Month focuses on safe cooking

By Matthew Wyszczelski escape from a house fire.

Hamtramck Fire Chief

October is Fire Prevention Month, and, to kick things off, the National Fire Protection Agency and the Hamtramck Fire Department will be teaming up to celebrate Fire Prevention Week from October 8 to October 14.

This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with You!"

Modern homes burn faster than ever; according to the NFPA, you may have as little as two minutes from the time the smoke alarm sounds to



Therefore, it is important to have working smoke alarms and have an escape plan.

It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

The Hamtramck Fire Department wants to share these key home fire escape planning tips:

Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

> বিজ্ঞপ্থি সাধারণ নির্বাচনের জন্য নিবন্ধন মঙ্গলবার, নভেম্বর ৭, ২০২৩

হ্যামট্রামিক , মিশিগানের যোগ্য ভোটারদের কাছে:

এতদ্বারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি দেওয়া হল যে, হ্যামট্রামক শহরে একটি সাধারণ নির্বাচন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে, মঙ্গলবার, নভেম্বর ৭, ২০২৩, সকাল ৭:00 টা থেকে রাত ৮:00 পর্যন্ত।

অনুগ্রহ করে লক্ষ্য করুন যে হ্যামট্রামক সিটির যেকোন যোগ্য নির্বাচক যিনি ইতিমধ্যে নিবন্ধিত নন, হ্যামট্র্যামক সিটি ক্লার্কের অফিসে ভোট দেওয়ার জন্য নিবন্ধন করতে পারেন; কাউন্টি ক্লার্কের অফিস; স্টেট শাখা সচিব অফিসে, বা অন্য মনোনীত রাষ্ট্রীয় সংস্থা। রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফর্মগুলি www.mi.gov/vote-এ পাওয়া যাবে এবং হ্যামট্রামক সিটি ক্লার্কের কাছে মেল করা যেতে পারে। ইতিমধ্যেই নিবন্ধিত ভোটাররা www.expressSOS.com-এ তাদের নিবন্ধন আপডেট করতে পারেন

হ্যামট্রামেক সিটি ক্লার্কের সাথে ব্যক্তিগতভাবে ব্যতীত অন্য যে কোনও উপায়ে নিবন্ধন করার শেষ দিন সোমবার, ২৩ অক্টোবর, ২০২৩.

এই তারিখের পরে, যে কেউ একজন নির্বাচক হিসাবে যোগ্যতা অর্জন করেন তিনি নিম্নলিম্বিত সময়ে ৩৪০১ এভালাইন , হ্যামট্রামিক মিশিগান ৪৮২১২-এ অবস্থিত হামট্রামিক সিটি ক্লার্ক অফিসে -এ বসবাসের প্রমাণ (এম সি এল ১৬৮.৪৯২) সহ ব্যক্তিগতভাবে ভোট দেওয়ার জন্য নিবন্ধন করতে পারেন:

নিয়মিত ব্যবসার সময়: সোমবার থেকে শুক্রবার, সকাল ৮:00 থেকে বিকাল ৪:00 পর্যন্ত

শনিবার, ৪ই নভেম্বর, ২০২৩, সকাল ৮:00 টা থেকে বিকাল ৪:00 পর্যন্ত

নির্বাচনের দিন, মঙ্গলবার, নভেম্বর ৭, ২০২৩, সকাল ৭:00 টা থেকে ৮:00 টা পর্যন্ত।

নির্বাচনটি ১-৭-এর সমস্ত ভোট কেন্দ্রে সমস্ত নিয়মিত স্থানে বা ডাকযোগে পরিচালিত হবে <u>https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication</u>

দয়া করে লক্ষ্য করুন যে হ্যামটামেক সিটির নির্বাচকরা হ্যামট্যামেক সিটি কাউন্সিলের প্রার্থীদের নির্বাচন করার জন্য ভোট দেবেন।

অতিরিক্তভাবে, হ্যামট্রামেক শহরের নির্বাচকরা নিম্নলিখিত প্রস্তাবে ভোট দেবেন:

হ্যামট্রামেক সিটি কাউন্সিলের প্রার্থীরা

- Lynn Blasey
- Naveem Chou

Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level

of your home. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily. Have an outside meet-

ing place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.

Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

To celebrate Fire Prevention Week, the Hamtramck Fire Department is hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 14, from noon until 3 p.m., at the fire station, located at 2625 Caniff.

There will be activities, refreshments, and demonstrations of firefighting equipment.



There are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms available, at no cost to Hamtramck residents. Simply contact the Hamtramck Fire Marshal at 313-305-4503 ext. 225 to schedule an installation today.

Phone (313) 874-2100



You should have a smoke alarm in every bedroom and a least one on every f<u>loor</u>

Larger homes may require more smoke alarms

You should test smoke alarms monthly

Smoke alarms should be replaced when they are ten years old

HAMTRAMCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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٢٠٢٣ إشعار التسجيل للانتخابات العامة يوم الثلاثاء ٧ نوفمبر

إلى ناخبى هامترامك ميتشجن المؤهلين :

بموجب هذا الاشعار، سيتم إجراء انتخابات أوليه في مدينة هامترامك يوم الثلاثاء ٧ نوفمبر ٢٠٢٣، من الساعة ٧:٠٠ صباحًا حتى الساعة ٨:٠٠ مساءً.

يرجى ملاحظة أنه يجوز لأي ناخب مؤهل لمدينة هامترامك غير مسجل ، التسجيل للتصويت في مكتب كاتب مدينة هامترامك ؛ مكتب كاتب المقاطعه ؛ مكتب فرعى للسيكرتري اوف ستايت ، أو وكاله حكوميه أخرى معينه. يمكن الحصول على استمارات التسجيل على www.mi.gov/vote وإرسالها بالبريد إلى كاتب مدينة هامترامك. ويمكن للناخبين المسجلين تحديث تسجيلهم على www.expressSOS.com.

آخر يوم للتسجيل بأي طريقه أخرى غير شخصي مع كاتب مدينة هامترامك هو الاثنين ٢٣ أكتوبر ٢٠٢٣.

بعد هذا التاريخ ، يجوز لأي شخص مؤهل كناخب التسجيل للتصويت شخصيًا مع إثبات الإقامه (168.492 MCL) في مكتب كاتب مدينة هامترامك ، الكائن في Hamtramck ، MI3401 ، 48212 Evaline في الأوقات التالية :

ساعات العمل العاديه: من الاثنين إلى الجمعه ، من ٨:٠٠ صباحًا إلى ٤:٠٠ مساءً.

السبت ٤ نوفمبر ٢٠٢٣ من ٨:٠٠ صباحًا حتى ٤:٠٠ مساء

يوم الانتخابات ، الثلاثاء ٧ نوفمبر ٢٠٢٣ ، من الساعه ٧:٠٠ صباحًا حتى الساعه ٨:٠٠ مساءً.

سيتم إجراء الانتخابات في جميع دوائر التصويت ١-٧ في جميع المواقع العاديه أو عن طريق البريد على https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication

يرجى ملاحظة أن ناخبي مدينة هامترامك سيصوتون لانتخاب المرشحين للمكاتب التاليه كما هو موضح ومدرج أدناه :

المرشحين لمجلس مدينة هامتر امك:

- Lynn Blasey
- Nayeem Choudhury
- Mahammed Hassan
- Nasr Saleh Hussain
- Muhtasin Rahman Sadman
- Mohammed Alsomiri

بالاضافه :سيتم التصويت على المقترحات التاليه:

- اأقتراح لتعديل قانون مدينة هامترامك رقم . ١

تتطلب الماده gection و 4-05 لو 4-50 المعمول بها حاليًا على أنه ما لم تنته الفتره الحاليه للمنصب : ١) أذا ار اد أحد أعضاء مجلس بلدية المدينه انتخابه عمده ، و ٢) أذا ار اد العمده الذي يسعى للانتخاب كعضو في المجلس عليه أن يتقدم بالأستقاله من منصبه الحالي على الأقل ٦٠ يومًا قبل الموعد النهائي لتقديم الترشيح ، على أن يتم ملء أي منصب شاغر بالانتخاب. يقترح حذف هذه الأقسام من القانون.

- Mahammed Hassan
- Nasr Saleh Hussain
- Muhtasin Rahman Sadman
- Mohammed Alsomiri

অতিরিক্তভাবে, হ্যামট্রামেক শহরের নির্বাচকরা নিম্নলিখিত প্রস্তাবগুলিতে ভোট দেবেন:

হ্যামট্র্যামেক চার্টার সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব নং ১:

ধারা 4-04 and 4-05 আদেশ করে যে তাদের বর্তমান মেয়াদ শেষ না হলে, 1) কাউন্সিলের একজন সদস্য যিনি মেয়র হিসাবে নির্বাচন করতে চান এবং 2) কাউন্সিল সদস্য হিসাবে নির্বাচন করতে চান এমন একজন মেয়র প্রার্থীতা জমা দেওয়ার সময়সীমার কমপক্ষে 60 দিন আগে তাদের বর্তমান অবস্থান থেকে পদত্যাগ করতে হবে, নির্বাচনের মাধ্যমে যে কোনও শূন্যপদ পুরণ করা হবে। এই ধারাগুলো সনদ থেকে মুছে ফেলার প্রস্তাব করা হয়েছে৷

এই প্রস্তাবিত সংশোধনী কি গৃহীত হবে?

হ্যাঁ____না____

হ্যামট্র্যামেক চার্টার সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব নং ২:

ধারা 7-01(a) এবং 9.03 এর অনুযায়ী, মেয়র, মেয়র প্রোটেম এবং কাউলিল সদস্যদের বার্ষিক বেতন গভর্নরের বেতনের শতাংশ হিসাবে সেট করা হয়। মেয়রের বেতন গভর্নরের বেতনের 4% থেকে 7%, মেয়র প্রো-টেম পদে বেতন গভর্নরের বেতনের 3% থেকে 6% এবং প্রতিটি কাউন্সিল সদস্যের বেতন গভর্নরের বেতনের 2% থেকে 5% বৃদ্ধির প্রস্তাব করা হয়েছে।

এই প্রস্তাবিত সংশোধনী কি গহীত হবে?

হ্যাঁ___ না___

হ্যামট্র্যামেক চার্টার সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব নং ৩:

ধারা 9-18(c) অনুযায়ী যে কোন ব্যক্তি যিনি কাউন্সিলের সদস্য বা মেয়র নির্বাচিত বা নিযুক্ত হয়েছেন, বা যিনি এই চাটার কার্যকর তারিখে কাউন্সিলের সদস্য বা মেয়র ছিলেন, তিনি সিটি ম্যানেজার বা ভারপ্রাপ্ত সিটি ম্যানেজার হিসাবে নিয়োগের জন্য যোগ্য হবেন না যতক্ষণ পর্যন্ত না তিনি যে মেয়াদের জন্য নির্বাচিত বা নিযুক্ত হয়েছেন তার মেয়াদ শেষ হওয়ার পর দুই বছর অতিবাহিত না হয়। এই ধারাটি চার্টার থেকে মুছে ফেলার প্রস্তাব করা হয়েছে।

এই প্রস্তাবিত সংশোধনী কি গৃহীত হবে?

হ্যাঁ____না____

হ্যামট্রামেক পাবলিক স্কুলস সিঙ্কিং ফান্ড ব্যালট প্রস্তাব

হ্যামট্রামেক শহরের স্কুল জেলা,ওয়েন কাউন্টি, মিশিগান,(যা করযোগ্য মূল্যায়নের জন্য \$১,০০০ প্রতি \$৩.০০ এর সমান) দশ (১০) বছরের জন্য স্কুল জেলার সমস্ত সম্পত্তির বিরুদ্ধে ৩ টি মিল ধার্য করে,২০২৪ থেকে ২০৩৩,অন্তর্ভুক্ত, স্কুল ভবন নির্মাণ বা মেরামতের জন্য ব্যবহৃত একটি ডুবন্ত তহবিলের জন্য প্রদান করা চালিয়ে যাওয়া,পাশাপাশি আইন দ্বারা অনুমোদিত অন্যান্য উদ্দেশ্য ? ২০২৪ সালে স্কুল ডিস্ট্রিক্ট যে রাজস্ব সংগ্রহ করবে আনুমানিক পরিমাণ যদি মিলেজ অনুমোদিত হয় এবং আরোপ করা হয় তা হবে \$৭৬০,০০০ প্রস্তাবিত মিলেজ হল মিলেজের পুননবীকরণ,পূর্বে ২০১৪ সালে ৪টি মিলের হারে অনুমোদিত, যা ২০২৩ ট্যাক্স ধার্যের সাথে মেয়াদ শেষ হবে।

ব্যালটের সম্পূর্ণ পাঠ্য এবং প্রস্তাব সিটি ক্লার্কের অফিস, ৩৪০১ ইভালাইন, হ্যামট্রামক,মিশিগান ৪৮২১২-এ পাওয়া যেতে পারে। একটি নমুনা ব্যালট এখানে দেখা যেতে পারে <u>https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index</u>

যেসব প্রতিবন্ধী ব্যক্তিদের বাসস্থানের প্রয়োজন তাদের হ্যামট্রামেক সিটি ক্লার্কের অফিসে ৩১৩-৮০০-৫২৩৩ এক্সটেন ৮২১-এ যোগাযোগ করা উচিত

রানা ফারাজ (Rana Faraj)

হ্যামট্রামক সিটি ক্লার্ক

هل توافق على التعديل المقترح ؟ نعم ____ لا ____

-٢ أقتر اح لتعديل قانون مدينة هامتر امك رقم . ٢

بموجب الماده section من 7 إلى 01 (A) و 9.03 ، يتم تحديد الراتب السنوي للعمده والعمده الحالي وأعضاء المجلس كنسبه مئوية من راتب حاكم الولايه . يقترح زيادة راتب العمده من ٤٪ إلى ٧٪ من راتب حاكم الولايه ، وزيادة راتب العمده الحالي من ٣٪ إلى ٦٪ من راتب حاكم الولايه ، وراتب كل عضو في المجلس زيادة من ٢٪ إلى ٥٪ من راتب حاكم الولايه.

هل توافق على التعديل المقترح؟ نعم ____ لا ____

٣ -اقتراح لتعديل قانون مدينة هامترامك رقم. ٣

تنص الماده 9-18 (c) على أنه لا يحق لأي شخص تم انتخابه أو تعيينه كعضو في المجلس أو عمدة المدينه ، أو كان عضوًا في المجلس أو عمدة المدينه في تاريخ سريان هذا القانون ، أن يكون مؤهلاً للتعيين على النحو التالي: مدير المدينه أو مدير المدينه بالإنابه حتى انقضاء عامين بعد انتهاء المده التي تم انتخابه أو تعيينه من أجلها. يقتر ح حذف هذا القسم من القانون.

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مقترح صندوق انقاذ لمدارس هامتر امك العامه

هل توافق أن تقرض الإدارة التعليمية بمدينة هامتر امك، مقاطعة واين، ميشيغان، ٣ ٪ من المعدل الضريبي الذي يتم تطبيقه على ضريبة العقارات السنوية بما يساوي ٣ دولار لكل ١٠٠٠ دولار وفق التقييم الضريبي ولمدة ١٠ سنوات من العام ٢٠٣٤ ؟ ٢٠٢٤ ولغاية العام

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المبلغ المقدر للإيرادات التي سيتم جمعه من قبل الإدارة التعليمية بمدينة هامترامك في العام ٢٠٢٤ هو ٧٦٠،٠٠٠ دولار إذا تم الموافقة على المقترح وتحصيل الإيرادات

هُذا المُقترح هو تجديد للمقترح المعتمدُ سابقًا في العام ٢٠١٤ والتي تمت المصادقة عليه بفرض ٤٪ من المعدل الضريبي الذي . ٢٠٢٣ يتم تطبيقه على ضريبة العقارات السنوية، والذي ينتهي هذا العام الضريبي

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كاتب مدينة هامتر امك

NOTICE OF **REGISTRATION FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF HAMTRAMCK - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN** Tuesday, November 7, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a City General Election will be held in the City of Hamtramck on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Hamtramck who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Hamtramck City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Hamtramck City Clerk is Monday, October 23, 2023.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office, located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212 at the following times:

Regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts 1-7 in all regular locations or by mail at https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Hamtramck electors will be voting on the following:

Candidates for the Hamtramck City Council

- Lynn Blasey
- Nayeem Choudhury
- Mahammed Hassan
- Nasr Saleh Hussain
- Muhtasin Rahman Sadman
- Mohammed Alsomiri

ADDITIONALLY, City of Hamtramck electors will vote on the following proposals:

HAMTRAMCK CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL No. 1

Sections 4-04 and 4-05 currently require that unless their current term is expiring: 1) a member of the council seeking election as the mayor, and 2) a mayor seeking election as a council member must resign from their current position at least 60 days before the candidacy filing deadline, with any vacancy being filled by election. It is proposed that these sections be deleted from the charter.

HAMTRAMCK CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL No. 2

Under Sections 7-01(a) and 9.03, the annual salary of the mayor, mayor pro tem, and council members are set as a percentage of the Governor's salary. It is proposed that the salary of the mayor be increased from 4% to 7% of the Governor's salary, the salary of the mayor pro tem be increased from 3% to 6% of the Governor's salary, and the salary of each council member be increased from 2% to 5% of the Governor's salary.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted? Yes ____ No ____

HAMTRAMCK CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL No. 3

Section 9-18(c) provides that no person who has been elected or appointed a member of the council or the mayor, or who was a member of the council or mayor at the effective date of this charter, shall be eligible for appointment as city manager or as acting city manager until two years have elapsed following the expiration of the term for which he was elected or appointed. It is proposed that this section shall be deleted from the charter.



Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted? Yes No

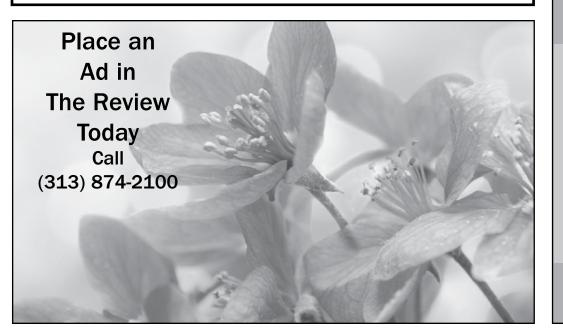
HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND BALLOT PROPOSITION

Shall the School District of the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, levy 3 mills (which is equal to \$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) against all property in the school district for a period of ten (10) years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund to be used for the construction or repair of school buildings, as well as other purposes authorized by law? The estimated amount of revenue that the school district will collect in the year 2024 if the millage is authorized and levied will be \$760,000. The proposed millage is a renewal of millage, previously authorized in 2014 at the rate of 4 mills, that will expire with the 2023 tax levy.

Full text of the ballot and proposals may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212. A sample ballot may be viewed at https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index

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Hamtramck Review Phone (313) 874-2100 Mayor on Russian TV network Cont. from front page

cause of the LGTBQ flag. So, you have to either fly all or none."

When the city did permit the display of pride flags on its flagpoles, there was never a request from the groups that Ghalib mentioned asking for their flags to be flown.

On his relationship with the LGBTQ community, Ghalib insisted that "it's not that we don't get along with them ... I don't have anything against them. We

may disagree on stuff, but that doesn't mean we hate each other."

However, Ghalib said, he has come under attack for his support of the flag ban, saying: "If we disagree, they call me homophobic,

bigot and, lately, terrorist," Ghalib was referring to a flyer that was found in a trash can that had a picture of Ghalib, with the word "terrorist" printed underneath.

A photo of that flyer was

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OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Open enrollment for the 2024-25 academic school year ends on 11/30/2023 at 5 pm. Applications can be obtained by contacting the school. Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be held via live stream on 12/4/2023 at 11 am.

Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO **STUDENTS**

National Heritage Academies does not discriminate against or limit the admission of any student on any unlawful basis, including on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, color, need for special education services, sex, gender, disability, intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, race, creed, gender, national origin, religion or ancestry. A school may not require any action by a student or family (such as an admissions test, interview, essay, attendance at an information session, etc.) in order for an applicant to either receive or submit an application for admission to that school.

posted by former Mayor Karen Majewski, who lost her re-election to Ghalib. Majewski said the flier was found by a resident. Soon after posting the photo on her Facebook page she deleted it, and apologized.

Ghalib also said that he's "been getting so many threatening messages, either by email or, some of them are even public comments on my Facebook page."

"I take it seriously, but it won't force me to back off or change my stance because I believe we're doing the right thing. We should treat people equally. We should not give preferential treatment to any group."

The pushback to Ghalib appearing on the Russian propaganda network was immediate.

Former Mayor Majewski, who has clashed with Ghalib on a number of issues, called his appearance on RT "despicable."

Former city councilmember, and a retiree from the U.S. State Department, Joe Strzalka, who had been stationed in a number of countries, said on a Hamtramck Facebook page:

"It cannot be understated how serious this is. RT is not a news organization, but rather a Russian state-funded media outlet that uses the guise of conventional international media outlets to provide disinformation and propaganda support for the Kremlin's foreign policy objectives."

Strzalka went on to say: "The United States has

Friday, October 6, 2023 determined RT must register as a foreign agent due to its ongoing disinformation campaign to undermine our core democratic institutions.

"By willingly submitting to an interview with a foreign agent whose goal is to undermine our democracy, Mayor Ghalib allowed himself to be used in Russia's disinformation campaign with the objective of undermining our constitution, the very same document all elected officials swore to uphold.

"What started out as a public debate on freedom of expression has now taken a sinister turn and is now being exploited by our foreign adversaries. The question will become, will our other elected officials step up and censure the mayor, or will they support him being used as a propaganda piece to undermine our democracy?"

A former city official, who requested not to be identified, said Ghalib's appearance on RT is "a win for the Kremlin."

In an exchange on his Facebook page, Ghalib defended his appearance, saying:

"Hamtramck is now open to the whole world and the former power structure totalitarianism era is gone. You now need to get used to listening to the opposite viewpoint and learn how to respect it even if you don't like it. I know it's painful but get used to it."

Ghalib's appearance on RT comes on the heels of a meeting he held recently

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On Saturday, October 14, 2023, from Noon until 3 PM, the Hamtramck Fire Department will host an open house at the fire station to celebrate Fire Prevention Week. We invite you to attend and learn about fire prevention and see what the Fire Department is all about. There will be refreshments and activities for the kids. We will also demonstrate using fire extinguishers, hose lines, and extrication equipment. We hope to see you there!





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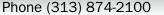
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on vehicles.

other people?"

saying that city officials

had been accused of doing

nothing about minority and

"We just want to stop it

from both sides," Ghalib

said, in reference to plac-

ing intimidating material

Ghalib said that what the

ACLU is saying is it's OK to

punish acts against the

LGBTQ community "but

leave it open for them (the

LGTBQ community) to do

any kind of vandalism to

Gracie Cadieux-Fae said

this ordinance came about

because of the council and

mayor supporting a ban on

displaying pride flags on

public property, and that

they were warned:

ethnic intimidation.

here."

She warned that if the political tables are ever turned, this law will be "weaponized against you."

As for the Muslim and "queer" communities. Cadieux-Fae said, "We can exist together but you have to stop being dicks."

Mayor Ghalib responded, saying: "Thank you for that threatening language."

He added that the city is not trying to prevent protests, but that "you have to compromise. You are the one causing all this tension, not us. ... You can't come and threaten us like that."

The council later approved the ordinance.

Mayor on Russian TV network Cont. from page 7

Yemen – a country that travel ban on.

Michael Flynn, Trump's for-

country since Trump pardoned him after being convicted of lying to the FBI about his involvement with Russians and their interference in the 2016 presidential election.

before he left office.

Flynn, a follower of the conspiracy group QAnon, has described Islam as a "cancer," and has openly been seeking to mandate a single national religion in the U.S. - that is, to make it a Christian nation.

Ghalib is both a Muslim

"If you choose to brand your hate as civic government, we would resist, we would protest you."

If the ordinance does meet the approval of the council and mayor (who votes on ordinances), Cadieux-Fae said she will "call on the queers of Hamtramck to paper the f- out of this city with stickers, with protests, with outright dissent to what you're doing."

Cadieux-Fae also warned that this law has the potential to "harm" the Muslim community.

"I'm here to say it: white people are not your friends, gentlemen. They're not here to support you. They don't like what you've built

and an immigrant from Trump once instituted a at a hall in town featuring

mer National Security Advisor. Flynn has been talking with various rightwing

conservatives across the

Trump pardoned Flynn

EQUALLY BANNED

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT'S OVATION FOR NAZI DR Mayor Amer Ghalib was recently interviewed on Russian RT television, a media network that is considered a propaganda outlet for the Russian government.

MAYOR, CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN

AMER GHALIB



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Sen. Chang mentioned that both she and Aiyash have an office on Jos. Campau that the public can visit, where they can talk with staff members about their concerns.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said he was hoping for more money to repave alleys "but you punished us for no reason."

Ghalib did not explain that comment.

He added: "Thank you, we still support you."

A public hearing was held on a proposed ordinance to combat ethnic intimidation.

The proposal reads as follows:

Section 130.010 - Minority or Ethnic Intimidation.

(1) A person is guilty of minority or ethnic intimidation if that person maliciously, and with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin, does any of the following:

(a) Causes physical contact with another person.

(b) Damages, destroys, or defaces any real or personal property of another person.

(i) This can include the placing of any objects upon the vehicle of another of any kind when done as a means of intimidation or with intent to harass.

act, to do an act described in subdivision (a) or (b), if there is reasonable cause to believe that an act described in subdivision (a) or (b) will occur.

(2) Minority or Ethnic intimidation is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days in jail, or by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(3) This offense shall be considered a separate offense from other crimes against persons or property under the laws of the City of Hamtramck and may be charged as an additional offense to such offense.

Council candidate Lvnn Blasey spoke, questioning whether those who commit property damage on purpose will now be double-charged by both a local and an existing state law regarding malicious destruction of property.

Blasey said that, instead of passing this ordinance, money and time would be better spent "on building bridges and creating activities across the city that bring people together."

The council and mayor, she said, should be "role models."

ACLU attorney Wadood said the ordinance is unneeded because it is "word-for-word, for the most part" identical to a state law.

As for the vandalism (c) Threatens, by word or of property, Wadood said there are already existing laws that address the issue.

"This ordinance really isn't doing much at all," Wadood said. "All the ordinance is accomplishing is expanding the power of the City of Hamtramck to criminalize its residents and its visitors for conduct that is already criminalized on the state level."

Wadood went on to sav that the ordinance "poses serious constitutional issues" by criminalizing "any threats by word or act." That, he said, violates the First Amendment right of the constitution.

Wadood said similar laws are used against protestors criticizing government.

"But time and time again, the courts have found the protestors' speech is protected."

Wadood added that he "serious concerns has how this ordinance came up in the first place."

He was referencing "the placing of any objects upon the vehicle of another of any kind when done as a means of intimidation or with intent to harass" part of the ordinance.

This apparently came about after Mayor Ghalib complained about an unpeeled sticker of a pride flag that was placed on his car.

"Turning a personal vendetta into a law that carries jail time is extremely inappropriate. ... This ordinance only further divides the city," Wadood said.

Mayor Ghalib responded,

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