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State Sen. Aisha Wahab, D-Fremont, has been a critic of Israel's occupation of Palestine. **JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO — STAFF**



BART Board President Melissa Hernandez, running for outgoing U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's open District 14 seat, looks on from City Hall in Dublin on Jan. 21. **RAY CHAVEZ — STAFF**

Israel-affiliated group spending big in the Hernandez-Wahab contest

By Kyle Martin and Grace Hase
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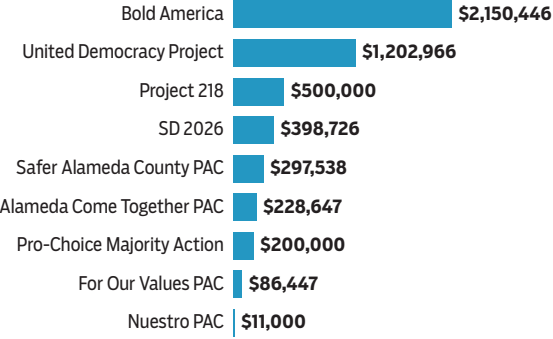
Following a spending spree in congressional primaries across the country, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee is turning to its latest fight: the congressional seat previously held by embattled ex-Rep. Eric Swalwell.

The United Democracy Project, a super PAC associated with the pro-Israel group, spent \$1.2 million on new ads supporting BART

MILLIONS POUR INTO EAST BAY HOUSE RACE

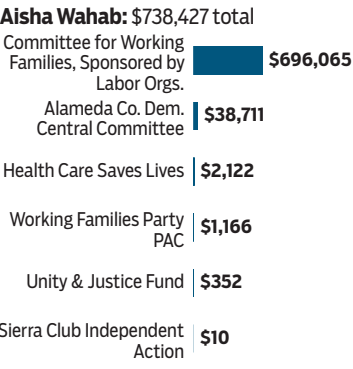
Political action committees have spent more than \$5 million for BART Board President Melissa Hernandez in a runoff election between her and State Sen. Aisha Wahab to replace former Rep. Eric Swalwell for House Dist. 14.

Independent expenditures in support of:
Melissa Hernandez: \$5,075,770 total*



*Includes expenditures opposing Aisha Wahab. Source: Federal Election Commission

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ANTISEMITISM INVESTIGATION

DOE to examine S.J., S.F. colleges

Civil rights inquiry alleges that universities haven't handled Jewish student harassment

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The U.S. Department of Education has opened civil rights investigations into complaints of antisemitism at San Jose State and San Francisco State, alleging that the universities have perpetuated harassment and fostered hostile environments for Jewish students on campus.

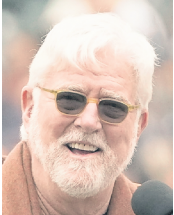
The DOE's Office for Civil Rights is investigating whether the schools, both part of the California State University system, violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits institutions receiving federal funding from discriminating on the basis of race, color or national origin, according to a

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36-YEAR RUN COMING TO A CLOSE

Iconic S.F. Giants broadcaster to leave the booth

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Krukow

Longtime Giants color commentator and former All-Star pitcher Mike Krukow announced on Thursday that this season will be his last in the booth, the final chapter of a legendary 36-year run alongside broadcast partner Duane Kuiper.

"I just want to let everyone know that I will be retiring at the end of the season," Krukow said in a statement released by the Giants. "I want to take this time to thank you for your incredible support."

On Sept. 27, the Giants will celebrate the 74-year-old Krukow's career during their final game of the regular season against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Kuiper, the other half of the Giants' beloved "Kruk & Kuip" broadcast team since 1994, confirmed to

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UP TO \$25,000 PER HOUSEHOLD

More than 60 years later, Russell City residents to get their due

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James Knowles knows he's getting old. And he wasn't sure if he would ever live to see the day that Alameda County would pay its debt to Russell City residents like him after his community was systematically dismantled by authorities decades ago.

On Tuesday, Knowles witnessed the Alameda County Board of Supervisors authorize \$1.3 million for the first round of redress

payments to former Russell City residents, with up to \$25,000 per household available in the first round of funding.

"What's important is that they have a sense of hope now to get some shred of payback, or restitution, or reparation or something like that that they can tangibly hold onto," Knowles said. "Moving forward, we still got a lot of work to do."

In the mid-20th century, Russell City was a bustling, multiracial community teeming with juke joints hosting artists like Ray Charles, Big

Mama Thornton and John Lee Hooker. As restrictive racial covenants to limit who could own property spread over the East Bay, more than 1,400 Black and Latino residents found a haven on the other side of the Union Pacific railroad tracks west of downtown Hayward.

In the 1960s, Alameda County and the city of Hayward declared the community "blighted" and utilized eminent domain to forcibly relocate roughly 700 households for industrial redevelopment. Russell City residents received an aver-

age of \$2,000 in compensation from the county for their homes — some received as little as \$250.

While the families dispersed across the Bay Area, often to East Oakland and the unincorporated community Fairview, they returned to gather each year at Kennedy Park in Hayward, former Russell City residents said. That was all the community had to cling to for decades.

"The annual picnic that we do helped maintain that bond

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James Knowles, 75, who lived in Russell City until he was 11 years old, is seen Thursday where his father's auto shop was in Hayward. Displaced residents are to be paid up to \$25,000 by Alameda County. **DAI SUGANO — STAFF**

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