

## **MAYOR PATTERSON'S POST-ELECTION EMAIL RESPONSE TO KQED NEWS**

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Big Oil and their union allies spent a lot of money to buy two council seats in Benicia. The perception - fairly or unfairly - is a heavy burden for Strawbridge and Largaespada to show their priorities are clean air and industrial safety for Benicians. Kari Birdseye's strong third place position, and spending slightly more than \$25,000 compared to \$207,000 by Big Oil and their union friends, is a clear statement that Benicians care about clean air and their safety from industrial failures regardless of the cause. My hope is that our council members-elect will look out for all Benicians as much as those who voted and supported them as for those who voted for Kari. I wish them well and will do everything I can to help them achieve this.