



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Greetings Foothill,

The results are in: the three education initiatives on the California ballot have passed. Trustee **Laura Casas** has been re-elected, and **Peter Landsberger** and **Gilbert Wong** were voted in to replace retiring trustees Joan Barram and Betsy Bechtel.

This U.S. Presidential Election has been an unprecedented one, with a first-woman presidential nominee of a major party, the role of social media, and a significant shift of the electoral map — to name a few.

This morning, I spoke with my children about the election results. I thanked them for being engaged in the political dialogue and staying informed about the candidates.

No matter which candidate we supported, it is clear from the election results that the country is deeply divided, with half the country ecstatic while the other half is in pain.

As former Secretary Hillary Clinton said this morning, we need to give the new president, Mr. Donald Trump, the benefit of "an open mind and a chance to lead." This is the essence of our democracy — that is, respect for our voting process and peaceful transition of power. We do not need to go far, with many countries represented at Foothill, to know the preservation of democracy requires vigilance.

Foothill College will remain committed to inclusion and equity, and make good on our promise in our Student Equity Plan. Our college continues to be a safe place for our students no matter their ethnicity/religious identity, with or without documentation.

Thankfully, we work at a place that allows us to come together to discuss differing points of view in a peaceful and collegial manner. What are your thoughts about the elections? The Political Science and Sociology Departments are hosting a post-election panel.

Post Election Panel

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Hearthside Lounge (Room 2203)

We will also have a gathering at *First and Main* restaurant (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM tomorrow, Thursday) before the *Our Town* show so join me as I would love to hear your thoughts on the election and what it means for Foothill and our communities here.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thuy', written in a cursive style.

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