

An Update from Grace

Hello supporters!

Thank you for visiting my website. The March 3 election is quickly approaching, which makes the next few days vital to giving the Alamo incorporation effort and myself as a candidate the best possible chance of succeeding. This letter will update you on what you can do in the final days to help.

The incorporation campaign is going well. The pre-election weekend was kicked off with a delicious pasta dinner at the Rancho Romero School Multi-Purpose Room, filled with happy diner families who listened with interest to a short presentation about Alamo incorporation. Walking door to door in Alamo, trying to skirt the rain, I meet residents who are still undecided. I always interrupt my walk to talk to them about incorporation issues as long as they have questions. They are always very gracious and on occasion have even invited me in for a glass of wine! But I can't do this alone.

First, we would greatly appreciate any volunteers who wish to help out publicizing the incorporation movement. We need trucks to be loaned that we can decorate with pro-incorporation movement signs and banners that will be parked in select downtown locations. We would also appreciate volunteers for short shifts anytime this weekend holding signs or handing out literature. If you can help us out with any of these services, please contact the coordinator, Steve Goodman, at 837-0403, or the backup coordinator, Sharon Burke, at sburke96@hotmail.com. And if you know anyone else who would be interested, please forward this information on to them.

On Sunday (weather permitting), there will be a fun parade of classic/show cars rendezvousing in the Safeway Plaza. For information on that, please contact my husband, Smitty, at 784-9686.

If you would like pro-incorporation literature and signs to help get the word out, please contact Steve Goodman above. I have written a letter dispelling some incorporation myths that I encourage you to forward on or use in your own conversations with skeptics.

As for my campaign for Alamo Town Council, I am happy to say that on February 17, I was endorsed by the Contra Costa Times/San Ramon Valley Times newspapers! This is a wonderful boost, but I still need your help in making my candidacy a success.

The best thing you can do at this point is spread the word! Talk to people about incorporation and why it's important, and mention how I will bring to the job a record of advocacy for Alamo, an acute understanding of and experience with local government, and a keen interest in preserving Alamo's character. Engage skeptics and help them to see why this is such an important moment for the town we love. Have conversations, send e-mails, and direct them to my website, www.graceforalamo.org. I would sincerely appreciate any help you can give.

If you would like Grace for Alamo materials - yard signs, brochures, etc. - please contact me at grace@graceforalamo.org or call (925) 831-0666.

I have always loved to walk, and now I am walking with a purpose – ringing doorbells, meeting people, and answering their questions about incorporation. There is no more pleasant walking than in Alamo, from home to home with carefully tended, imaginatively landscaped gardens, and backdrops of open space and wilderness area. There is nothing of this environment that any of us would ever want to change.

Stay tuned for more updates in the next few days, and thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

Grace Schmidt