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**SURVEY OF ALAMEDA VOTERS FINDS BRINGING NEW JOBS TO ALAMEDA, CITY SPENDING, AND WASTED TAXPAYER DOLLARS AS TOP ELECTION ISSUES**

**Gilmore and DeHaan Tied for Mayor, 18% to 17%**

**Louisville, CO--September 27, 2010**– Magellan Data and Mapping Strategies today released survey results of 383 interviews with likely general election voters in the City of Alameda. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.98% at the 95% confidence interval. The survey was fielded on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

To capture the full range of issue priorities, we asked voters an open-ended issue priority question. The top two open-ended issue priorities were: education/education funding and Alameda Point development.

Another section of the survey listed voter priority issues for respondents to choose from. The top three listed responses were: bringing new jobs to Alameda, city spending and wasting taxpayer dollars. These responses point to voter concerns around the management of taxpayer dollars, either through education funding or through frivolous spending of taxpayer dollars.

Survey results also revealed where the Alameda mayoral election stands. Alameda likely voters were asked about their current preference for Alameda mayor and were able to choose their preference from a list of all candidates. For mayor, the survey found Gilmore and DeHaan in position one and two, at 18% and 17% respectively.

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**Alameda Open Ended Issue Priority Responses**

*“In your own words, tell was issue or problem that you think is the top priority that that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most.”*

Education/Education Funding/Schools.....	37%
Alameda Point .....	30%
Single issues/other .....	13%
City Budget/City Spending.....	9%
Management of City .....	3%
Congestion/Traffic.....	3%
Taxes.....	3%
Crime .....	2%

Aggregating the open ended issue responses we find that that education, education funding and schools is the biggest priority among likely Alameda voters. Voters feel that something needs to be done to address school closings, school funding and how it relates to the overall budget. The development of Alameda Point is the second issue priority among all voters. The verbatim responses reveal a frustration with the lack of progress regarding development of Alameda Point, going back 13 years since the base closed. The third priority among voters is the management of the city budget, both long and short term. Responses include references to the sustainability of pensions, city services and school funding. The verbatim responses regarding education, the budget and Alameda Point are included in this release.

**Alameda “Listed” Issue Priority Responses**

When asked to choose from a list of issue priorities, 34% of respondents ranked “bringing new jobs to Alameda” as the top issue the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most. The second priority was “city spending” among 22% of voters, and the third most common response was “wasting taxpayer dollars” among 9% of voters.

When aggregating the three top issue priorities, the survey finds an electorate that is concerned about job creation, city spending and mismanagement of funds at City Hall. The following table shows the rank order of three issue responses among all voters.

*“Among the following list of issues, which do you think should be the top priority that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most?” “And what would be the second most important issue?.....And what would be the third most important issue?” (Once an issues was named it was removed from the following question)*

Issue	Combined 3 Choices	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Bringing new jobs to Alameda	22%	34%	16%	15%
City spending	19%	22%	21%	13%
Wasting taxpayer dollars	12%	9%	13%	14%



Issue	Combined 3 Choices	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Poor City Management	12%	8%	15%	14%
Government transparency	11%	7%	12%	15%
Other	9%	7%	9%	11%
Corruption in City Hall	7%	5%	8%	7%
The city email retention policy	1%	0%	1%	2%
Don't Know/Refused	7%	8%	5%	9%

**City of Alameda Mayor Ballot Test**

The Alameda race for Mayor is currently a statistical tie between City Councilmember Marie Gilmore and Vice Mayor Doug Dehaan with 18% and 17% respectively. Councilmember Frank Matarrese is third with 10%, Tony Daysog is fourth with 8%, Kenneth Kahn has 2% of the vote and 42% are undecided. The following shows the responses to the Alameda Mayor ballot test.

*“If the election for Alameda Mayor was being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were Tony Daysog, Doug Dehaan, Marie Gilmore, Kenneth Kahn, or Frank Matarrese?”*

Marie Gilmore ..... 18%  
 Doug DeHaan ..... 17%  
 Frank Matarrese ..... 10%  
 Tony Daysog ..... 8%  
 Kenneth Kahn ..... 2%  
 Undecided/Don't Know ..... 42%  
 Refused ..... 3%

**Download Survey Toplines and Verbatim Responses**

The survey topline results and the issue verbatim responses can be downloaded at [www.MagellanStrategies.com](http://www.MagellanStrategies.com). This survey was paid for by a private client.

**Survey Methodology**

The survey was conducted September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of 2010. The sample for the survey was randomly drawn from a list of Alameda registered voters among households containing at least one registered voter. The survey results were weighted based upon past Alameda voter turnout demographics from the 2008, 2006, 2004 and 2002 general election cycles.





**September 27, 2010**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**FR: DAVID FLAHERTY**  
**MAGELLAN DATA AND MAPPING STRATEGIES**  
**RE: ALAMEDA, CA SURVEY TOPLINE RESULTS**

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Magellan Data and Mapping Strategies are pleased to present the topline results of a survey of 383n likely general election voters in the City of Alameda, California. The interviews were conducted September 20<sup>th</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.98% at the 95 percent confidence interval.

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TA. Are you registered to vote at this address?

Yes.....100%

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TC. How likely are you to vote in the November election for US Senate, Governor and Alameda City Council?

Extremely Likely..... 66%  
Very Likely ..... 28%  
Somewhat Likely ..... 6%

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Thinking now about issues facing the City of Alameda.....

T1. In your own words, tell me what issue or problem that you think is the top priority that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most?

\*Verbatim responses are in a separate document.

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T2. And among the following list of issues, which do you think should be the top priority that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most?

Bringing new jobs to Alameda.....	34%
City spending.....	22%
Wasting tax payer dollars.....	9%
Poor city management.....	8%
Government transparency .....	7%
Other.....	7%
Corruption in City Hall.....	5%
The city email retention policy .....	0%
Don't know/Refused.....	8%

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T3. And what do you think is the second most important issue that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most? (RESPONSE FROM T2 REMOVED)

City spending.....	21%
Bringing new jobs to Alameda.....	16%
Poor city management.....	15%
Wasting tax payer dollars.....	13%
Government transparency .....	12%
Other.....	9%
Corruption in City Hall.....	8%
The city email retention policy .....	1%
Don't know/Refused.....	5%

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T4. And what do you think is the third most important issue that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most? (RESPONSE FROM T2 AND T3 REMOVED)

Government transparency .....	15%
Bringing new jobs to Alameda.....	15%
Wasting tax payer dollars.....	14%
Poor city management.....	14%
City spending.....	13%
Other.....	11%
Corruption in City Hall.....	7%
The city email retention policy .....	2%
Don't know/Refused.....	9%

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COMBINED TOP 3 ISSUE PREFERENCE RESPONSES AMONG ALL VOTERS

Bringing new jobs to Alameda.....	22%
City spending.....	19%
Wasting tax payer dollars.....	12%
Poor city management.....	12%
Government transparency.....	11%
Other.....	9%
Corruption in City Hall.....	7%
The city email retention policy.....	1%
Don't know/Refused.....	7%

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Thinking now about the upcoming November election.....

T5. If the election for Mayor of Alameda was being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were Tony Daysog, Doug Dehaan, Marie Gilmore, Kenneth Kahn, or Frank Matarrese?

Marie Gilmore.....	18%
Doug Dehaan.....	17%
Frank Matarrese.....	10%
Tony Daysog.....	8%
Kenneth Kahn.....	2%
Undecided/don't know.....	42%
Refused.....	3%

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D1. AGE

18-34.....	9%
35-44.....	16%
45-54.....	23%
55-64.....	23%
65+.....	26%
Refused.....	3%

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D2. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent voter, or are you registered with another party?

Democrat .....	60%
Republican.....	20%
Independent/Other .....	17%
Don't know/Refused.....	3%

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D3. Again for statistical purposes only, what is your race? Are you white, Hispanic or Latino, black or African American, or another ethnic group?

White .....	59%
Hispanic.....	11%
Asian .....	11%
Another ethnic group .....	11%
Black.....	7%
Don't know/Refused.....	1%

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D4. Gender

Female.....	56%
Male.....	44%

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**City of Alameda, California Issue Preference Verbatims**

**"In your own words, tell me what issue or problem that you think is the top priority that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most?"**

**Education Responses**

T1	The schools should be their top priority. I wonder why do they do the little kids like that. They need more schools instead of jails.
T1	The focus should be on the schools and education system.
T1	It would be education.
T1	The schools need more funding.
T1	Schools and education are first, then they should work on a strong fire department and sheriff office because there isn't one, and we need to have a strong enforcement to help the city.
T1	It would be public education. I would like them to hire more teachers and lower class sizes.
T1	It would be the school district. They have a crappy program.
T1	It would be education. We have a problem with the budget for our education. There is not enough money to provide a good quality of education.
T1	I don't know if the city of Alameda is directly responsible or not, but I think the quality of education should be the most important. It would be education funding. The school district has plans to close some schools and consolidate them. I would like to see a different plan.
T1	It would be education and the prices of schooling.
T1	They should address public education and the lack of support for the whole program.
T1	It is the education system. We need more funding for schools.
T1	The quality of education should be their top priority.
T1	It is the school budget.
T1	They should address the education structure. I have no idea why they are broke. They shouldn't be closing schools.
T1	They should look at financing for schools and see what can be done.
T1	They should address the public school funding.
T1	It would be education such as the school system.
T1	We need to have more money for schools.
T1	It would be education.
T1	I hope that the schools are better, and that children would learn more.
T1	I would say education. Education outweighs all other priorities.
T1	It would be what is going to happen to the schools.
T1	It is to help work out the school problem. Its funding needs to be better.
T1	It would be school funding.
T1	It would be schools. Education is going downhill. It is a lot worse than it was when we were kids. That is very sad. A healthy school system means that there is a healthy community, and that kids and parents are happier and smarter. It just makes everything work out just fine. It is really important.
T1	Probably, it is education.
T1	It would be education and the salaries of teachers.

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**Education Responses**

T1	They should address the state of our schools in Alameda and the worry that the schools will close down.
T1	I would have to say the schools. They need money for the schools because without the schools, there is no education, and that makes no jobs. If there are no jobs, there is no life.
T1	The schools is the primary issue. If the children aren't in the right direction of getting a good education, we will have a lot of grown up idiots. We need better teachers. The government must not be loose with the money. They need to be wiser.
T1	Education should be their top priority.
T1	We need funding for the schools. We just lost an election and proposition e. It was the funding for additional tax.
T1	They should address education and the funding for education.
T1	The schools are a problem. They lack funding.
T1	It would be the schools and the funding for the schools.
T1	I suppose it is education.
T1	In the town of Alameda, our schools are doing so terribly, and there are so many taxes on property and other things. They need to figure out how mismanaged the town's money really is.
T1	It would be the school system. Underfunded schools are a big issue also.
T1	They should prioritize the schools because they are talking about closing a lot of the schools.
T1	It would be schools and their funding. There is no funding, and we might have to start closing some of the schools down.
T1	It would be education and everything in regard to that.
T1	The schools are a big thing.
T1	They should address the spending for schools.
T1	That would be education in public schools.
T1	It would be the schools and accessibility for advanced placement for all students.
T1	It is the school system. They need more funding.
T1	It is the funding for schools. They should increase the funding for the schools.
T1	It would be the Alameda schools. That is the number one issue. The second issue would be the navy base.
T1	They should address the issue of schools. They are thinking about closing some elementary schools and getting rid of some programs for kids who are in special education classes. I don't want them to get rid of programs for kids who are disabled or who have special needs.
T1	The closing of our schools and firing of our teachers are the biggest issues here.
T1	They should be addressing the schools spending and come up with ways to clean up the older house.
T1	We have problems with the money for education and funding for the schools.
T1	They have to address the problems with schools and the problems with the city council. They should stop getting political and let the people develop.
T1	It is school funding. Schools are in the process of closing down. Class sizes are going to increase.
T1	It is schools. They are going to be closing and changing them. They need to think about the future of the kids in Alameda.
T1	Alameda needs a lot more funding for schools.
T1	It should be the schools. It's very important. They are overcrowding. There is a lot of chaos for students and teachers.

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**Education Responses**

T1	That would be budget issues on education.
T1	They should address the school that they are closing.
T1	I have no other idea but schools.
T1	I would say the school. I would like them to work on the budget deficit for schools and pass a partial tax.
T1	We need more funding for our schools.
T1	The school district funding is the first priority.
T1	I want to know what is going to happen to the schools.
T1	It would be the budget and schools. With the budget, there is too much spending, and the schools are lacking in funding.
T1	That would be the schools educating our children.
T1	They should find a way to take care of the education system without taxing more. They always throw it on the homeowners. The main issues are schools and employment. They need to stop doing these partial taxes.
T1	Education is the most important issue.
T1	Education is my primary concern and nothing else.
T1	Those would be the schools, lack of funding and impact that the property taxes are having on our ability to fund schools.
T1	It would be keeping schools from closing.
T1	Public education is a top priority.
T1	The city council should work on schools.
T1	It would be the schools. The city council needs to support the teachers and students.
T1	The schools should be their top priority.
T1	They should focus on the schools, and the police and fire departments.
T1	The schools are the biggest issue with the fact that we are so far short on the budget to run the schools.
T1	It would be the schools.
T1	It would be the school district, the overall spending of funds, Alameda point, and the reconstruction of the old naval base.
T1	It would be schools and problems with bond issues. We don't want schools closed. There are also problems with the abandonment of the naval air station that has been closed for 10 years.
T1	The schools and beaches need to be kept up. The parks and recreation department needs to address the care of the coast line. It is important that it stays in good condition. We need more affordable senior housing.
T1	It would be the schools in Alameda point. I do not like the new curriculum going into the school district. I think it should be addressed.
T1	They should address the schools in Alameda and the development of Alameda.
T1	That would be schools and the development of the point.
T1	The most important issues are school sustainability and the Alameda point redevelopment.
T1	I would say the schools. The public school funding is an issue. If the city council has no control over the school funding, then it should be the underused Alameda point.
T1	It would be the situation with the school and budget in Alameda point.
T1	The measurement scale on the school tax is closing the schools. It is a major problem.

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### Education Responses

T1	It would be the school district and how they finance the school district.
T1	There should be more funding for schools, fire department, and the police.
T1	Probably, it is the school system and the lack of money. There should be finances for schools.
T1	There are no more funding for schools.
T1	I would say the school budget.
	I am worried about how to keep schools open in order to save money, avoid crime with having children on the streets, and teachers losing jobs.
	That would be getting the funding to the schools and also having the system of keeping the best teachers and the ones with the longest seniority.
T1	It would be the schools and their curriculum and funding.
T1	It would be the funding for public education.
T1	The funding for schools is the only issue.
T1	It would be the lack of funding for schools, and possibly, their closure.
T1	They bypass the funding for education therefore creating problems in education. They claim that the budget is shot. Education should get finances in order to stop school closure. They don't have it together for things that are needed to take care of the navy base and the golf course.
T1	They could address the issue of schools and school funding.
T1	That would be the schools and the lack of money for the schooling system.
T1	It would have to be education and the funding. That is the lack thereof and crisis that is happening regarding the funding for education.
	It would be the funding for schools. We need to raise more money for the teachers, so we need more money for the schools to be open.
T1	The teachers are losing their jobs because we cannot pay them.
T1	The schools' funding is my only issue.
T1	It would be schools and the lack of funding.
T1	It would be schools. They need more funding.
T1	The school systems need more funding. They need to clean up the navy base and build the homes that they want to build.
T1	The plans for the schools are terrible. The schools have no money.
T1	They should be addressing the school funding.
T1	They should work on the schools and not cut the programs from the schools.
	We need school funding and better people who run the schools. My kids have had a lot of issues with racism with the people running and teaching in schools. It shouldn't be that way. There should be better monitoring with who they hire.
	It would be the funding for schools. There was supposed to be a tax passed to be used as a partial tax to fund schools and stop the closures of schools on the island. Since that didn't pass, schools are going to close now. They should also look into Alameda point and what to do about the land on Alameda point. I wonder if they are going to build on it and who is going to clean it up.
T1	It should be the school funding because the last bond issue failed. Developing the bay area is another one because it is essential for the development of the city. Those are the main things right now.
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**Education Responses**

T1	Education, growth and more businesses are needed.
T1	There is not enough money for schools and jobs.
T1	That would be schools, employees, and the police.
T1	My first one is education. My second choice would be public services.
T1	They should address education, traffic, and school funding.

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**Alameda Point Responses**

T1	I would like to see the development of Alameda point.
T1	They should address Alameda point and the issues with Alameda point.
T1	In 1997, they closed Ame point, an army base, and nobody is looking into it.
T1	The Alameda land view point should be the main focus.
T1	It is probably the development of the naval base. It is a major issue to help shape the form of the town.
T1	We have the naval base over here, but nobody knows what to do with it. They should build a shopping complex there.
T1	They should be dealing with the development of the former naval air base that has been up and down.
T1	It would be the expansion on the western end and the development of the old naval base.
T1	Get the base development going as soon as possible.
T1	We have big problems at the navy and communities to be developed in Alameda point.
T1	Stop wasting the open space. Develop the point.
T1	It would be the Alameda point, the conversion of the base.
T1	It would be developing the point.
T1	Place the master contractor for the base and help the business.
T1	It would be the development of the west. The west end is an old navy base.
T1	It would be the development of the Alameda NAS.
	It would be the redevelopment of the formal naval air station. They need to figure out a plan. Also, they should generate business for
T1	small businesses.
T1	It would be education and the Alameda point.
T1	It would be developing the point.
T1	The navy base is the top priority.
T1	I would like to see a Wall-mart or Kmart built here.
T1	I would say the Alameda point redevelopment.
T1	Probably, it is the base. It has been a big issue.
T1	They need to focus on the Alameda base. They need to be nicer to businesses. They are chasing businesses out of town because they think of themselves first as opposed to thinking of everyone else. It is a tiny island community.
T1	It would be the development of the new navy base.
T1	They should be working on the base and get the west side development done.
T1	They should address the empty naval air station. It has been empty for years, and they need to do something about it.
T1	What they are going to do with Alameda point should be their top priority.
T1	They should be dealing with the Alameda point issue. The issue has been going on since 1997, and something has to be figured out.
T1	It is the development. The Alameda point needs work, as well as the housing, transportation, and the schools.
T1	It is the Alameda point development. There are various things to get developed, but they are not doing them.
T1	It is the development of Alameda point.
T1	The naval air station property, the budget, fire chief, and public schools are the main issues.

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**Alameda Point Responses**

T1	It would be the development of the former naval base and what they are going to do with the property.
T1	Alameda point needs addressing.
T1	It is about Alameda point. They plan to shut down houses.
T1	It would be the old navy base. I like the military here. People lost jobs because they left, even mine.
T1	It would be the development of the naval base.
T1	It would be the point, the naval base in Alameda.
T1	They could prioritize cleaning the nuclear base the navy left behind.
T1	The biggest issue would have to be Alameda point. Nothing has been done for 13 to 14 years in terms of settling on the long-term plan. They cannot make up their mind about the navy and air station. That could be a beautiful area for restaurants or a park, we got nothing. They need to do something to develop it, like make it into a boardwalk or something. Nothing is over there.
T1	They should not be addressing the Alameda point. We do not need it.
T1	It would be Alameda point.
T1	They need to build up our naval base.
T1	They could address the development of Alameda point.
T1	The old navy base is the only issue.
T1	The biggest issue would be the point. They need to come up with a game plan.
T1	The city council should focus on the Alameda point, the naval base, and the Alameda budget.
T1	They need to develop our navy base.
T1	That would be what to do with the naval base that has been abandoned.
T1	It would be the Alameda point.
T1	I would like to see the development of Alameda point. It is an air station that was closed 15 years ago. The city does not know what to do with it yet, and I think they should decide.
T1	It would be the naval air base. I'm curious to find out what is going to be happening with the base.
T1	That would be redevelopment. We have a navy base that has been closed down for 10 years, and it has hazardous waste. It is only sitting there, not being used.
T1	That is with the use of the navy base. They could find a better use for it.
T1	It is probably the development of the Alameda point.
T1	I would say schools and the Alameda point.
T1	The biggest issue is figuring out what to do with Alameda point. It has been sitting for 10 years now.
T1	That would be redeveloping Alameda point. They need to get their act together and get it done.
T1	It would be the development of Alameda point.
T1	The old navy base property is abandoned. It is called the point, and something needs to be done about it
T1	It would be the development of the naval base.
T1	It would be the development of Alameda point. I want it to happen and to start the plans and get it going.

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### Alameda Point Responses

	It is the naval air station. They should get on with redevelopment. It is not halfway finished, and for 15 years, they have been working on it due to arguments with the developers. The naval air station finally closed and the third developer just moved out. No property taxes or income are being generated, but it is the best view in the bay area.
T1	The naval base Alameda point is very important. This land should not be wasted on stupid ideas.
T1	They should address the use of the base and the unfunded liability of detention funds for the city employees.
T1	It should be the formal naval base.
T1	It would be the development of Alameda point.
T1	The Alameda point issue is ongoing year after year.
T1	The Alameda city council should work on development and revenue versus city services.
T1	It would be the development.
T1	That would probably be the naval base.
T1	The biggest issue would be the use of the old navy station, Alameda point.
T1	I would say the base and the future of the base.
T1	The redevelopment of the military base is an issue. It needs to get done.
T1	It would be the development of the navy base.
T1	It is the Alameda point. They have to do something about it and get something down.
T1	They should get a grip on the navy base.
T1	They should address the budget and do something about Alameda point.
T1	It would be the use of the naval air base and fiscal responsibility.
	They should address the development of the old naval base or Alameda point. It is an empty space on the island. I think the proper infrastructure needs to be placed before they start developing the island. Whatever they do, they need to make sure it doesn't clog the arteries into the city. They also need to help the school district.
T1	It would be the land use. We have an old navy base that we have shut down. Development of that would be my first choice, and my second would be schools.
T1	They need to focus on the development of the naval air base and the transportation issues that come with more people.
T1	They should address the naval base and school funding. Those are the only issues that concern me.
T1	That would be development and education. They should figure out what to do with the old navy yard on west end.
T1	That would be developing Alameda point and having more funding for schools.
T1	It would be the development of the point and the schools.
T1	The naval base needs to be cleaned. They should provide jobs. They have to take all the contamination out and rebuild new offices there.
T1	They should address the school situation and the development of the naval station.
T1	I really feel they should look over the budget carefully and seriously consider developing the base to bring revenue to the city.
T1	They should address what is going on with Alameda point and the west side development. Parking and traffic are other issues.

## City of Alameda, California Issue Preference Verbatims

**"In your own words, tell me what issue or problem that you think is the top priority that the Alameda City Council should be addressing the most?"**

### Budget Responses

T1	They should address the budget and do something about Alameda point.
T1	It would be the use of the naval air base and fiscal responsibility.
T1	They have to prioritize balancing the budget.
T1	They need to focus on the budget. I think the parts they need to focus on is to fully fund all the programs, like police, fire, parks and recreation.
T1	It would be budget.
T1	It is the city's budget.
T1	The budget is an issue. They should be able to balance the budget and being able to keep police and fireman services available.
T1	It would be the city council budget.
T1	They should address the budget, public safety, and the condition of the streets and the city.
T1	It would be the revenue.
T1	I think they should be balancing the budget. They are almost bankrupt.
T1	They need to generate more money that is coming into the city and think of new ways to generate more funds. We need money
T1	The budget is the biggest thing.
T1	It would be the balancing of the city budget. They need to look at the state employee's pension and retirement benefits
T1	The budget is the biggest issue facing Alameda. There is also the long-term sustainability of pension and other related costs.
T1	It would be the budget. We need to have enough police, fire protection, and schools. They should run the city in an efficient manner.
T1	It would be the city finances on stabilizing and managing the budgets. Another one would be keeping developers out of Alameda.
T1	They should be monitoring their expenses. Also, the rehabilitation of the naval base should be addressed.
T1	They need to address the budget and Alameda point.
T1	They should address the economy, school closures, and the general finances of the city.
T1	It would be the deficit and education.
T1	It would be the budget and schools. With the budget, there is too much spending, and the schools are lacking in funding.
T1	The city budget and schools are the main issues. The city council is dealing with the base closer to Alameda point. They need to address the noise and light issues. How are they going to best deal with the school closure.
T1	It would be budget and the schools.
T1	It is hard to pick just one because we have so many problems. Fiscal responsibility would be the top issue. That includes doing whatever they can to facilitate fiscal responsibility in the schools as well. I am concerned for our schools.
T1	There are budget issues, like building up the schools.