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The Warriors honored Klay Thompson during a pregame ceremony on his first trip back to the Bay Area as they played the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday at Chase Center in San Francisco.

San Mateo sheriff called on to resign

Corpus calls allegations of abuse of power, intimidation 'slander'

By Annie Vainshtein

San Mateo County supervisors called for the immediate resignation of Sheriff Christina Corpus — and the firing of her chief of staff, with whom she is accused of having an inappropriate relationship — following the release of a report Tuesday that alleged abuse of power, retaliation and intimidation under her leadership.

At a news conference Tuesday afternoon, Supervisors Noelia Corzo and Ray Mueller said the findings of the nearly 400-page report — independently conducted by retired Santa Clara Superior Court Judge LaDoris Cordell — were “extremely concerning” and “unprecedented” in the history of San Mateo County government. Among the allegations were that Corpus had used racial and homophobic slurs to degrade colleagues.

“It’s clear we have a sheriff that we cannot trust,” Corzo said.

Corpus vehemently denied the allegations, vowing to stay in her job and fight her opponents.

“I am shocked by the outright slander by two members of the Board of Supervisors this afternoon. No one will call me a racist or a homophobe. ... Anyone who knows me knows I would not use racist words. I am not capable of that,” she said

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Warriors take hats off to Klay

Fans, ex-teammates, staff make S.F. homecoming unique

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At the end of the emotional night, Stephen Curry shook his head.

“I couldn’t imagine,” he said, “a better night all the way around.”

Klay Thompson and the Dallas Mavericks would probably beg to differ. But for the Bay Area, for Golden State Warriors fans and for a national audience, what took place at Chase Center on Tuesday night was highly entertaining and wildly satisfying.

The beloved Thompson, who spent 13 seasons with the Warriors and was instrumental in four championships, soaked up all the emotion of the night. On the court, he was fantastic, with six 3-pointers, including one that prompted him to do what was — according to Draymond Green — a “terrible” Curryesque



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Warriors employees welcome back “Captain Klay” as he arrives to face his former team of 13 years.

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shimmy. But it was Curry who led his team to a comeback victory with 37 points, including scoring the Warriors’ final 12.

Before heading to San Francisco, before returning to the team he helped turn into a dynasty, before stepping back into the

basketball palace he was, in part, responsible for constructing, Thompson had tried to be low-key about the reunion.

“Just,” he insisted, “another regular season game in November.”

Um, not exactly. “I hope y’all didn’t be-

lieve him,” Curry said.

No, everyone knew that Thompson was simply trying to undersell the importance of the night and control his emotions about a game that was so unusual. There’s never been a return like this one. Even Joe Montana never came back to play in San Francisco.

“I don’t know if there’s another example like this,” Curry said. “A guy playing at a high level, with the history we have.”

The emotion of the night fueled the crowd and the players, and the resulting atmosphere was anything but a bland November outing. It felt like a Game 7, as the crowd stood and roared in the final moments, as Curry drained a three and did a (slightly premature) “night night” at midcourt before leaping with his teammates, popping his jersey and screaming into the

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Fighting Trump will increase Bonta’s profile

By Sophia Bollag

Two days after Donald Trump’s election as president, California Attorney General Rob Bonta, who typically addresses reporters from under the fluorescent lights of government buildings, held a news conference in a San Francisco park with a clear political message.

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“I’m here today to assure you that in California, progress will prevail,” he told reporters as he stood in front of the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Area’s rolling hills and vowed to fight any Trump attacks on the state’s policies.

One day earlier, Bonta told the Chronicle he had not made up his mind about whether to run for governor in 2026. But a candidate for California’s highest office could not have picked a more iconic spot to campaign for the job.

“In the days and months and years to come, all

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When local politicians can’t afford to live here

By Connor Letourneau

Mike Bucci was supposed to be preparing for a run at his dream job: mayor of Newark, the East Bay city he has called home almost his entire life.

Instead, Bucci, 47, is packing boxes. Unable to buy a house in his hometown and weary of spending money on rent, he resigned this past summer from his longtime post on Newark’s City Council. Next stop: Ventura County, where Bucci plans to move into a family-owned, two-bedroom condominium with his wife and daughter.

“It’s devastating,” he said, fighting back tears. “Our whole lives are here. Just because we can’t afford a million-dollar house, we have to give it all up and start over.”

Stories like Bucci’s are in-



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Mike Bucci was seen as a shoo-in to become Newark’s next mayor; instead, he’s moving as his hometown became unaffordable.

creasingly common among Bay Area politicians. What makes their plight different from the

numerous other residents forced to find housing they can afford elsewhere is a cruel irony: As lo-

cal elected officials, they are often the policymakers trying to ensure their communities have enough housing.

The big question now is what departures like Bucci’s mean for local governments. The more housing advocates who are priced out of public office, the worse the Bay Area’s affordability crisis might become.

Like many other local politicians, Bucci was not highly paid, receiving a modest monthly stipend for his part-time position on Newark’s City Council. Even in a big city such as Oakland, where homes regularly sell for well into the seven figures, full-time council members earn less than \$109,000 a year.

To make things work financially, aspiring Bay Area politicians must often fit one of three

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