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DRAYMAN WINS, AND WEAVER TAGS ALONG!

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Don't ask me how. Don't ask me why. But Glendale councilman Dave Weaver has managed to pull another term out of his backside, and incumbent Rafi Manoukian will be involuntarily stepping down when his current term ends.

The other big change for today's municipal election has seen see Montrose businessman and challenger of the status quo John Drayman elected to Glendale's city council.

Manoukian's loss is that much more astonishing when one considers he was closely aligned with Drayman. The two supported one another and contributed to one another's campaigns. Still, Drayman topped the field of 8 candidates by capturing 23.3% of the total, with 8,576 votes. Weaver came in a distant second, at 19.9% and with 6,582 votes. But Manoukian closed even further behind at 16% of the total, with 5,906 votes.

Manoukian smashed local campaign finance records this year, and just last week he told me he thought he might be approaching the \$250,000 mark when everything is sorted out after election day.



Councilman Rafi Manoukian. Headed out the door...probably stunned.



Councilman Dave Weaver. Reelected....should be stunned

School board member Greg Krikorian was long perceived as a serious contender, but in the end he simply managed to avoid a face-saving crash. He won 15.6% of the ballots cast, for a total of 5,754 votes.

Almost as surprising to me was the poor showing of a former council appointee, Lenore Solis. She finished in the back of the pack, garnering just 2.4% of the total, and 892 votes. But that surprise for me was perhaps just another example of my forgetting that voters don't see the candidates as often as I do.

I thought Solis was an excellent speaker and an impressive candidate, but she never had the base of support and the cash to make herself as well known as any of the others. Once again, I saw someone do a fantastic job at a forum, then forgot that perhaps 150 at most were in the room at the time. Another 6,000 or 8,000 had only literature, signs and what their neighbors said to go by.

Actually, I do have some speculation as to how Weaver pulled out his fourth election win, and why Manoukian suffered an unexpected loss. I'll be back with all that and more on the race, which has been much quieter than today's results might indicate. But for now, just [FOLLOW THIS LINK](#) to the Glendale City Clerk's final results page for a run down on how all the candidates for city council, Glendale's school board and the Glendale Community College Board of Trustees fared.
