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Statement from Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas On Results of Oakland Mayoral Recall

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As President of the Oakland City Council, my priority and commitment is caring for Oakland in a time of transition. While thousands of ballots remain to be counted and that process must be respected, it appears the voters have spoken. My duty is to ensure a transparent, responsible and orderly transition of leadership that is beyond reproach. I am working closely with our City Attorney to plan a smooth transition and process of selecting Oakland's next leadership.

First, the Registrar of Voters must certify the election results within 30 days of the election, i.e., by December 5th. Then the City Council would declare the election results no later than its next regular meeting, which would be December 17th. Once the Council declares the results, if the voters' decision is to recall the Mayor, the Office of Mayor becomes vacant and the Council President serves as Mayor until the vacancy is filled in a special election that is within 120 days of the vacancy.

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