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Welcome to The Palo Alto Youth Council's interactive newsletter.

Each month, The Palo Altogether dissects a new political issue, covers local youthorganized initiatives, and offers ways to become civically engaged.

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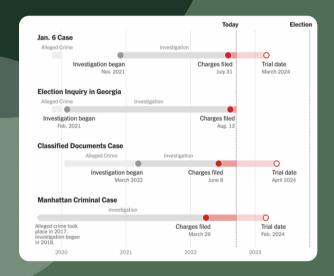
get involved locally

- Join Rep. Anna Eshoo's Student Advisory Board
- Preregister to vote
- Join The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto
- Join your school's debate or mock trial team
- Subscribe to nonpartisan or bipartisan news sources
- Write letters to your local official
- Submit an opinion piece to The Palo Alto-gether
- Attend City Council meetings
- Review City Council & Commission minutes
- Volunteer with the California Republican Party
- Volunteer with the California Democratic Party
- Read The Palo Alto Weekly & The Palo Alto Online
- Become a poll worker



September Issue

Trump's Indictment



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What are Trump's Charges?

1. Supreme Court, NY

Portraying "hush money" payments (to adult film stars Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal) as legal expenses.

2. District court, FL

Storing classified documents at The Mar-a-Lago Club after presidency.

3. District court, DC

Interference in peaceful transfer of power after the 2020 election.

4. Superior Court, GA

Thwarting proper certification of Georgia's 2020 election.

Could indictment impact Trump's 2024 run for presidency?

The Constitution, which establishes the criteria for the presidency, does not prohibit Donald Trump from running for or assuming presidency while facing criminal charges or serving a sentence.

The former president recently described being indicted as a "great badge of honor" that has publicized—and benefitted—his campaign. Trump continues to receive support through donations and mentions on influential conservative news sources.

Can Trump pardon himself?

- 1. Presidential pardons only apply to federal crimes (two of four indictments).
- 2. The Constitution bans presidents from pardoning themselves from impeachments. Conduct concerning impeachment wouldn't be eligible.
- 3. A pardon could result in a Supreme Court case. The court may not side with Trump, despite the conservative majority. A 1974 Justice Department memo stated, "under the fundamental rule that no one may be a judge in his own case, the president cannot pardon himself."

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