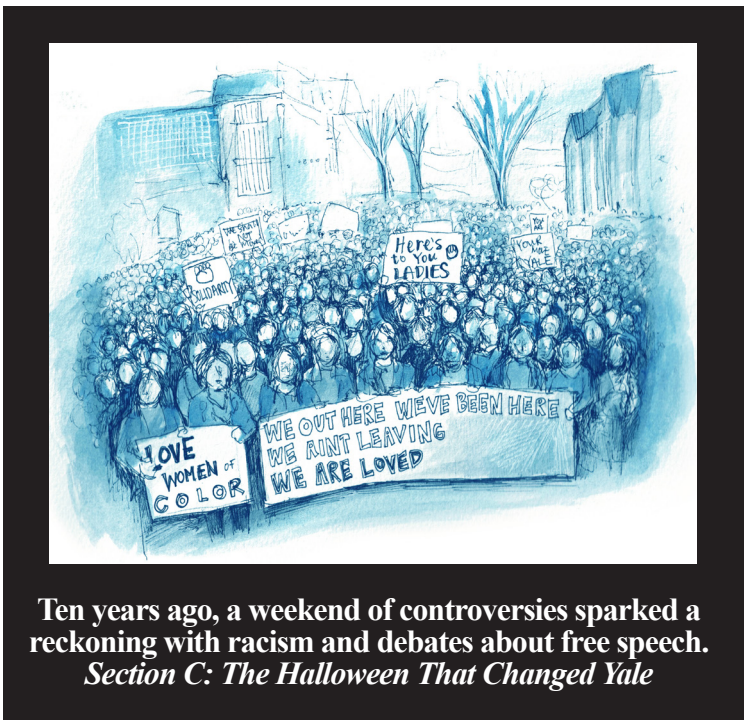


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## Elicker, Democrats sweep elections

BY ELIJAH HUREWITZ-RAVITCH  
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In a resounding victory, Mayor Justin Elicker won reelection to his fourth term, while his fellow Democrats swept every one of New Haven's municipal elections Tuesday night.

"I feel great," Elicker said in an interview at his campaign's Tuesday night celebration. "It was the overwhelming support across the city, and that's not easy in a city like New Haven, where we have a lot of challenges."

Elicker won 12,002 votes, or 84.5 percent of the votes cast for mayor, according to election night returns aggregated by the New Haven Independent, which do not include absentee ballots. Elicker's challenger, Republican candidate Steve Orosco, won 2,185 votes. In 2023, Elicker's Republican opponent, Tom Goldenberg, won 2,322 votes.

Orosco said in a phone interview that he was "very surprised" and called the decrease in the Republican vote share relative to the 2023 election "disheartening."

"I always said, going into this election, the chances of winning are very slim," Orosco said. He added that if he had received around 5,000 votes, roughly half of Elicker's 2023 total, "that's definitely a good indicator to fight again in 2027."

"To me, if the needle wasn't moved even a little bit, something is off," he added.

Elicker faced Orosco in this election. But in his victory speech, the only Republican he mentioned was President Donald Trump.

Speaking to a crowd of dozens gathered at Da Legna at Nolo for his victory party, Elicker was exuberant. He attributed the wide margin



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## After Mamdani win: hope, uncertainty

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At 9:34 p.m. on Tuesday night, AP News declared that Zohran Mamdani — a democratic socialist state lawmaker from Queens — will be the next mayor of New York.

Defeating former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who ran as an independent candidate, and underdog Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa, Mamdani's campaign focused on mobilizing voters through social media and reducing costs of living.

For 10 students interviewed by the News, Mamdani's win represents a powerful shift away from the political status quo, for better or for worse.

"I voted for Zohran Mamdani, who is the only major political candidate in my lifetime who seems to acknowledge genuine issues and be looking for solutions to them. It's the first time I felt like I voted for someone with genuine values who will try to improve things instead of maintaining a failing status quo," Dash Beber-Turkel '26 wrote in an email.

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## Independent challengers fall short

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New Haven's fledgling Independent Party backed five candidates in alder races across the city this election.

Despite their efforts to disrupt the status quo, all five lost. Come 2026, the Board of Alders will be composed exclusively of Democrats, as it has been since 2012.

"I thought this was a year of change because I thought we had a shot," Anthony Acri, who ran on the Independent and Republican lines for

alder in East Shore's Ward 18, said in a phone interview.

Jason Bartlett, a longtime local political organizer and the Independent Party's founder and executive director, said he was unsurprised by Tuesday's results.

"I didn't have a high expectation that we were going to win," he said in a phone interview. "It's a new party and part of the strategy is just to start."

Independent candidates around the Elm City performed unevenly at the polls.

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## Policy bars sharing misconduct files

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The University office that responds to reports of harassment and discrimination published an expanded set of procedures in August, explaining how the office responds to reports of misconduct, investigates complaints and issues findings.

In an Aug. 1 email to the Yale community, Elizabeth Conklin, the associate vice president for institutional equity and accessibility, wrote that the revised procedures for the Office of Institutional Equity and Accessibility, or OIEA, would "offer greater clarity on investigation processes, timelines, alternative resolutions, supportive measures, and confidentiality."

A confidentiality policy included in the new procedures enables Yale to discipline staff, students or faculty

who share documents related to their engagement with the OIEA, raising questions about how the office and University leaders can be held accountable if they fail to adequately address complaints.

In a statement to the News, OIEA Interim Director Nancy Myers stressed that the confidentiality policy applies only to OIEA documents and does not prohibit speaking about interactions with the office.

The revised OIEA procedures come after an investigation by the News last October revealed that a senior director of Yale Hospitality remained employed by Yale even after multiple complaints to the OIEA and a finding by the office that the director had committed "severe" sexual misconduct.

"It's so disappointing," said Vanesa Suarez, a former Yale Hos-

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Yale Athletics

MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Bulldogs on quest for Ivy three-peat

BY BRODY GILKISON AND WALTER ROYAL  
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After winning two consecutive Ivy League championships and earning bids to March Madness in back-to-back seasons, the Yale men's basketball team will be looking for new players to step up this year.

A season ago, Mbeng was named the Ivy League Player of the Year. Townsend, who, while averaging 15 points per game and seven rebounds per game while shooting nearly 50 percent from downtown, made a late run of his own to be in the conversa-

tion for winning player of the year. While he did not win the award, he was named First Team All-Ivy and is a preseason favorite to win player of the year this season. Additionally, Townsend has been named to several watchlists as one of the best mid-major players of the season.

"Like a lot of the past years, there are a lot of new pieces after we lost some really good ones," Townsend told CT Insider. "It's been fun to try to figure out what our potential could be. I feel like this program has done

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## McInnis speaks in Charleston

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President Maurie McInnis took the stage Wednesday evening in Charleston, S.C. for a talk hosted by the Gibbes Museum of Art.

According to the event's description, McInnis' 6 p.m. talk is part of the 14th annual Gibbes Museum of Art Distinguished Lecture Series and explored how her background in art history prepared her for university leadership.

McInnis is regarded by many art history professors as a distinguished art historian. Her work has often involved the American South. In 2005, she published "The Politics of Taste in Antebellum Charleston," which, according to the book's description on Amazon.com, "explores the social, political, and material culture of the city to learn how — and at what human cost — Charleston came to be regarded as one of the most refined cities in antebellum America."

McInnis has consistently referenced artworks in her formal addresses to students.

For the class of 2028's opening assembly, McInnis referenced Edward Hopper's "Sunlight in a Cafeteria," which she said captures the subjects' "sense of isolation and loneliness." McInnis pointed to John Trumbull's painting "The Battle of Bunker's Hill" as a depiction of "an unexpected demonstration of com-

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Alum and current White House policy advisor Daniel Wasaserman '19 spoke at Yale about the president's compact offer to universities.

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