anxiously awaited the results of the elections. "It’s good for college students, workers, families and young people," Romney said, seeking to convince voters to give him four more years.

The economy had mounted just enough of a comeback since World War II, Obama won 26 states and the District of Columbia, sweeping the Northeast and West Coast states and winning most of the Rust Belt battlegrounds, including Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Romney won 23 states, largely Republican-controlled districts across the Midwest and large "red states" like Texas and the Great Plains. Only Florida remained undecided.

Both candidates had about 49 percent, with 81 percent of precincts reporting. Romney conceded before a subdued crowd in Boston. "This is a time of great challenges for America, but I say that the president will be successful in guiding our nation," the former governor said.

Obama then took the stage in Chicago, entering as the song "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" played and a huge crowd cheered. "Tonight, more than 200 years after a former colony won the right to determine its own destiny, the task of perfecting a republic moves forward because of you."

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"I know a lot of people had some concerns," said Michelle Obama, standing beside her husband. "I don’t have the power to change the law. But I do have the power to make sure people other than college students and young people. Romney, seeking to be the first Mexican to win the presidency, was able to win only two states: Obama had won last time, Indiana and North Carolina.

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Homegrown initiative likely to improve SJ wages

By Sage Curtis

Students and community members celebrated Tuesday night as the results came in for Prop 30: Ballot Initiative Tax Revenue and Education Protection Act. The measure, born in an SJSU classroom and developed by students, will raise the minimum wage in the city of San Jose from $8 to $10. As results stole in, students, faculty and community members involved with the measure congratulated each other as the measure crossed the 50 percent line during the South Bay Labor Council election night event.

“We expected to possibly beat a bit of this point at this because of more conservative alumna vote,” said Scott Myers-Lipton, leader of the Measure D group and SJSU professor. “We feel very confident we’re going to win this thing.”

At time of press, Measure D was winning by 54 percent, giving the supporters something to celebrate.

“It feels very good to be close right now,” said Elisha St. Laurent, a senior behavioral science and sociology major. “We’ve worked so hard for this really tough campaign.”

St. Laurent does not only count this as a victory for her political career, but also said she learned more about her life personally.

“I’m a student and a single mother,” she said. “Because of this measure, I’ll be able to afford better food and new shoes for my son. These are things that I can’t afford always on $8 an hour pay.”

What started as a call for change from SJSU alumni and former Olympic runner John Carlos’ emotional reaction to hungering children whose parents make minimum wage jobs has sparked a community-wide rally for reform, according to Myers-Lipton. “Olympian John Carlos said to the students while he was on campus, ‘You saw wrong and decided to right, and that’s what this is about,” Myers-Lipton said.

CAFE J, the group of students who developed and campaigned for the measure, was present at the event to celebrate along with the community.

“It’s a step in the right direction,” said Albert Perez, CAFE J member and SJSU alumna. “The group’s permission is to amend the economic bill of rights for the benefit of our community. SJ has a legacy of political change that has failed. We’re bringing it back tonight.”

Myers-Lipton cited the legacies of labor leader Cesar Chavez and community co-founder Marisela Chavez’s emotional change from SJSU alumna to city of San Jose council woman, according to Myers-Lipton. “It’s a step in the right direction.”

In an address to the crowd of celebrity community members, St. Laurent said that working on the measure has given her a purpose and a sense of accomplishment.

“My voice is affecting people in our community,” she said. “We are just an example of coming together and creating change. One person can make a difference and it can be you.”

The measure will give 50,000 people a raise in the city of San Jose, according to Cindy Chavez, Bray School of Public Policy Council executive officer. Brian Li, a CAFE J member and SJSU alumna, said that the process of writing the measure and pushing it through the community has been a lot of work, but the victory makes it worth it.

“We see a problem and put in a lot of hours to change it,” he said. “I’ve been with it since the beginning. It’s been a process, but one that will make a difference in the long run.”

The measure faced opposition from the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, which argued that the measure would cost small businesses money and negatively affect the economy, according to a statement it made earlier in the campaign.

“Working on this campaign has taught me not to back down when facing tough opposition,” St. Laurent said. “When I’m a congressman in the future, I will work for the underprivileged and underrepresented.”

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SJSU reacts: Final thoughts on the 2012 Election

Quotes compiled by Spartan Daily staff

I voted for Obama, mainly because of his social stance ... Economically, I lean more conservative than I do liberal, but I think Obama concentrates on how we live every day as opposed to long term.  
Andrew Gonzalez, finance major

Feel like (Obama is) really supportive of our middle class and education, and as students we are leaning toward the middle class with us trying to get work or jobs and I feel that Romney was not trying to provide those things for us. 
Danielle Ball, finance major

I was not surprised at all. I expected this because I believed and there was no doubt that he would win. 
Angelica Orozco, child and adolescent development major

I voted for Mitt Romney because I think that the state of America has not been going well with Obama in charge ... (Romney's) views on how we should handle the economy (and) the deficit are what I agree with more than Obama whom I think is going toward more of a socialist country. I don’t like that. 
Danielle Case, animation / illustration major

I’m very excited (and) it’s very important to me. I actually went to the inauguration in 2008 so I was more excited then, but just to see him still pushing and still encouraging the Black community and other people that believe in him, it’s powerful you know? 
Shannon Perez, communication studies major

Everyone invested so much time for one man and for one reason: To get him elected for another four years so that we can flip the country on the right path 
Jakes Pranen, political science major

It’s progress. Things have been turning around for some time. We just have to keep marching forward. We are in the darkness right now, but we are starting to see the light, just don’t turn around. 
Bayo Fagbamila Jr., health science major

People don’t vote because they think their voice doesn’t matter. Together we are more than one person and after a while that adds up. People have to live with the results of who they vote for. 
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Obama: Four additional years for the 44th president

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Republicans hold House, defy Democrats’ election challenge

By Richard Simon and Lisa Mascaro

WASHINGTON — Democrats retained a narrow majority in the Senate, but Republicans kept control of the House, hanging on by a thread. Senate races were too close to call as votes trickled in, with most networks and the Associated Press reporting that the contest would go to a runoff.

In California, theballoting, combined with changes to state laws, "will end the era of corruption," said the Assembly’s main opposition leader, Democrat Kevin de León.

The election could create the first House Democratic majority in 14 years, said Dave House, executive director of the National Democratic Institute. "In a normal election year, the Democrats would have won 25 seats. But Republicans have only held onto the House by 12 seats."

"That’s the sort of sad state of affairs you’re not going to see in Congress again," said John F. Cogan, a political science professor at the University of Georgia, who has researched decades of congressional voting patterns. "That’s really a recipe for confrontation after the election."

Responding to the election outcome, President Obama said, "Tonight we’ve seen that a majority of Americans want progress, not gridlock."

"But no matter who wins, I still believe we have enough common ground to actually make progress on behalf of all Americans."

Obama’s victory could mean a new direction for the Democratic Party, which has been struggling to attract young voters. "The Democrats have a lot of work to do," said Michael Malbin, a political science professor at the University of Georgia. "They need to get back to basics and focus on the issues that matter to voters."
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By David Bermudez

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Top 5 actor portrayals of U.S. presidents

1.) “Frost/Nixon” (2008)

- Description: A历史 drama film directed by Ron Howard.
- Storyline: Centered around the 1960s Watergate Scandal, the film is set in the wake of former President Richard Nixon's resignation.
- Cast: Kevin Spacey as President Richard Nixon and Michael Sheen as journalist David Frost.
- Reception: The film was praised for its realistic depictions and was nominated for several awards.

2.) “Thirteen Days” (2000)

- Description: A historical film about the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.
- Storyline: The film focuses on the three days from October 14 to October 16, 1962, when there was a potential nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union.
- Cast: Kevin Costner as President John F. Kennedy.
- Reception: The film was critically acclaimed and was nominated for multiple awards.

3.) “The Butler” (2013)

- Description: A historical drama film directed by Lee Daniels.
- Storyline: The film tells the story of butler Eugene Allen, who served in the White House during the administrations of eight U.S. presidents.
- Cast: Forest Whitaker as Eugene Allen.
- Reception: The film was praised for its powerful performances and was nominated for several awards.

4.) “The Ides of March” (2011)

- Description: A political thriller film directed by George Clooney.
- Storyline: The film is set in the summer of 2008 and follows the political machinations behind the scenes of the U.S. presidential campaign.
- Cast: George Clooney as Senator Mike Gravelne.
- Reception: The film was critically acclaimed and was nominated for several awards.

5.) “The State We’re In” (2012)

- Description: A documentary film about the American political system.
- Cast: Various political figures.
- Reception: The film was praised for its investigative reporting and was nominated for several awards.
It means that women will remain in control of our bodies and reproductive rights.

The fact that we had a man running for the presi- dency of the United States who, while very close to claim- ed he would not cut govern- ment costs by eliminat- ing Planned Parenthood funding and repeatedly sup- ported other Republican candidates who made between- terms claims about repeas enough to spark fear within my stomach. “The actions I’ll take im- mediately are to remove Planned Paren- thood,” Romney told voters. “It will not be part of my budget.”

After weeks of polls showing Obama and Romney neck-and-neck despite gender-oppressive conser- vative commentary, I stared blankly in disbelief.

But by this time my hope for gender equality faltered. Obama and Americans ne- gotiately spoke up in defi- ance.

“Aren’t we going to al- low women to go back to a time when politicians in Washingon are telling women how to make health care decisions?” Obama vowed.

Well, we did not allow politicians to enter posi- tions in which they could regulate women’s bodies, and that is beyond my joyous feeling. What does Obama have in store for women and men, but we now have se- creted a presidencia in office who believe making it a reality.

“But equal pay is no more just a women’s issue — it’s a family issue,” Obama said.

It is also relieving to know that Obama, which provides affordable health care to Americans, is not only in it out of the shopping block.

Every presidential elec- tion brings a mix of hope, upset and uncertainty. De- pending on how you’re feeling hope or disappoint- ment, it’s too bad we can’t clear what our future holds. And now it’s to have a glimpse of what the next four years will look like, and there’s no way to know if women’s rights will have improved.

However, I’m hopeful for our nation’s future and I’m confident in President Obama leadership.

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The article mentioned a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center that states that 80% of the nation’s people are excited to vote, but is it enough? We can’t answer that question of if you should vote or not.

All Things D, a website that covers all things tech- nology, the Internet and media, posted an ar- ticle that I believe you should vote for a specific candidate on social media.

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San Jose State University community reacts to 2012 election

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Donna Singleton cheers for President Obama’s re-election at his 2012 campaign headquarters in San Jose. Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily

San José State University sociology professor Scott Myers-Lipton speaks during the South Bay Labor Council event yesterday night. Photo by Sage Curtis / Spartan Daily

Students celebrate President Obama’s re-election in the Campus Village quad yesterday night. Photo by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily

Senior justice studies major Dejohn Muhammad (left) and senior major health sciences Bayo Fagbamila Jr. scream an “Obama!” chant in celebration of President Barack Obama’s re-election in the Campus Village quad after election night on Tuesday. Photo by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily

Students gather in the Campus Village quad to celebrate President Obama’s re-election yesterday night. Photo by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily