

## Lafayette Parcel Tax Passes

By Cathy Tyson

The voters have spoken. Measure J, a seven-year \$313 per parcel tax on Lafayette homeowners, resoundingly passed, garnering nearly 73% approval. The tax includes an exemption for homeowners 65 years and older, so they might opt-out, in addition, to keep up with inflation, the tax will increase 3% per year.

Lafayette Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frank Tom couldn't be happier. "On behalf of the school district, I would like to thank the Lafayette voters for their exemplary support of Measure J. As stated in the campaign, the revenue generated from the parcel tax will continue to maintain small class sizes, support critical educational pro-

grams, retain and attract qualified teachers and staff, update our technology infrastructure, eliminate our budget deficit and provide a stable base for district funding."




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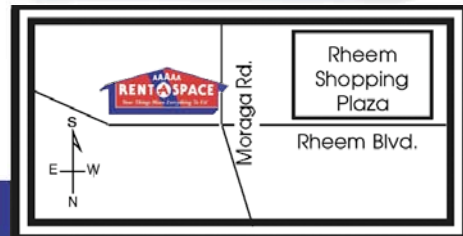


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