No parcel tax on June ballot

By Pippa Fisher

following a 4 to 1 vote against it.

School Board President Te- tax measure. resa Gerringer says, "While there is unanimous agreement about the a substantial funding gap isn't goneed to identify a sustainable, long- ing away. term funding source, there was not a clear path to success for a mea- located to school districts as part of sure that would adequately bridge Gov. Brown's January budget, the the gap in state funding."

dent Rachel Zinn said in a letter to the community that the vote came after a lengthy and thoughtful discussion about running such a mea-

Zinn points to the high degree like Lafayette is made a priority. of uncertainty that exists including the "unknowns of the new federal tax law, the election of a new governor, the selection of a new superintendent, and changes to the current Lafayette School Board with four seats up for election in November."

end of last year showed a high de- to make difficult decisions as we gree of community support for the work to maintain our outstanding schools but Zinn says the amount educational programs," says Zinn. that was favorable to voters was She encourages people to contact not sufficient to balance the budget. her for additional information. She says that, thanks to a small al- Budget information can also be location of one-time monies and found on the district website.

he Lafayette School Board degap funding that districts will recided at their Feb. 21 meeting ceive from the state in 2018-19, the not to move forward with the parcel district will be granted a reprieve tax measure on the June 2018 ballot for one year giving the board time for consideration of a future parcel

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Zinn says that the need to close

"Even with slight increases al-Lafayette School District will need LAFSD Schools Superinten- to continue to identify sustainable ways to significantly enhance revenues," she says, adding that strong advocacy at the state level is needed if the funding model is to change and adequate funding for districts

> Zinn says that money raised by Lafayette Partners in Education becomes even more critical at this

"I cannot emphasize how important it is to build a base of understanding about the district's budget and the challenges we face, Formal polling conducted at the all which could require us to have

Citizen of the Year exemplifies 'service above self'

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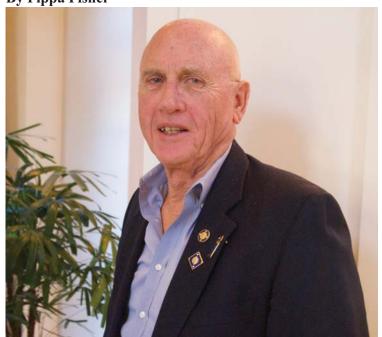


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talented pool of nominees.

roles in so many organizations over als. the years it is hard to keep track of them all. He says it all started soon the Lafayette Community Foundaafter he graduated, with the Junior Chamber of Commerce - an organization for the young in business the Lafayette Library and Learning - and their efforts on a project to Center. get seat belts in all cars.

Danville, Jenkins, the son of a naval chaplain, spent some time in Rhode Island where he graduated from high school before returning to California, graduating from UC Berkeley in 1963 and marrying his wife Linda (Becky) the same year. Linda, a nurse, is no slouch herself with much of her volunteer work done overseas.

I am," Jenkins says.

The couple moved to Lafayette in 1970, and have two daughters, involved in the early stages of proj-Renee and Diana, who attended Acalanes High School. Jenkins ing team that made the California coached soccer, "despite not knowing any of the rules," he says. He reality, and is a member of the Sunalso coached softball and baseball for his daughters through their junior year. He and Linda now have advisor to the Rotary Foundation. three grandchildren.

Lafayette Square Insurance Services until he retired three years ago. He received the Business Person of the Year award in 1996 and was the Chamber of Commerce President He epitomizes the Rotary motto in 1995.

Jenkins served on the Mt. Diablo Estate Planners Coun-

This year's Citizen of the Year cil and Planned Giving Council does not sit still and let life of Northern California and has come to him; he makes things hap- helped countless people find what pen. Don Jenkins was given the they want to make as their legacy, honor this year in a unanimous through foundations. He says by vote, selected from an extremely sharing his financial expertise he is able to act as an intermediary be-Jenkins has taken on leadership tween organizations and individu-

He was a founding member of tion in 1999, which led to involvement with the financial planning for

LCF Board President Cheryl Born in Berkeley and raised in Noll says that Jenkins gets more accomplished in one day volunteering than most people do in a month or even a year.

"The Lafayette community has been so fortunate to be on the receiving end of his generosity and spirit. Part of Don's energy has been funneled into the Lafayette Community Foundation, where he was an integral part of raising mon-"She's as much a part of this as ey for the Lafayette Library and Learning Center," comments Noll.

Jenkins says he enjoys being ects. He was part of the fundrais-Shakespeare Festival in Orinda a rise Rotarians, where he served as both Rotary president and national

Last year's Citizens of the Jenkins owned and operated Year, Dick and Robin Holt say the community is the better for his accomplishments. "Don has given so much to our community over many decades.

of service over self," says fellow-Rotarian Dick Holt.

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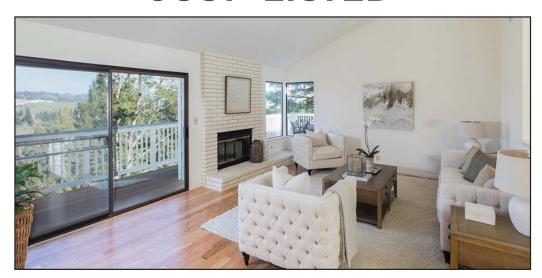
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