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Time for annual free concert at Lafayette Reservoir

By Pippa Fisher



Last year's concert

Photo Pippa Fisher

ith the gorgeous backdrop the traditional Concert at the Res is a lovely way to spend a spring day.

Once again the Lafayette Rotary Club is getting ready to host its May 12 concert and says this year available and residents can picnic the event will feature the awardwinning jazz combo from Acalanes High School, the Rossmoor Big Band/Generations in Jazz, the Bentley High Jazz Combo, and the Stanley Middle School Symphonic Orchestra who will be joined by the Westlake Middle School from Oakland. And, as in previous years, both Town Hall Education and Lamorinda Performance Academy students will be providing dance Rotary Club's public service projects and musical entertainment.

Now in its 24th year, the annual event has been hosted by the many local businesses and indi-Lafayette Rotarians to support lo- viduals in addition to the Lafayette cal school music programs and was Rotary Club. started by Lafayette resident, Rotarian and last year's Citizen of the Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 Year, Dick Holt.

Holt also largely spearheaded of the Lafayette Reservoir, the construction of the stage, raising money with help from the Lafayette Community Foundation several years ago.

> Food and beverages will be in the shady grounds next to the stage. The stage is located 150 feet along the paved trail from the parking lot to the east (left) near the children's playground. Golf cart transportation between the parking lot and the stage area will be available if needed.

> Raffle tickets will be available for purchase with great prizes including weekend getaways. Proceeds fund the and local school music programs.

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The free concert takes place on

Deer Hill Road - Pros and cons of Measure L debated

Discussion facilitated by Pippa Fisher

reasure L, on the ballot for a special election June 5 to determine the future of the Deer Hill Road property, is currently the subject of heated discussion throughout Lafayette. Lamorinda Weekly asked spokespeople from both the Yes on L Campaign (Brandt Andersson and Vice Mayor Cam Burks) and the No on L Campaign (Michael Griffiths and Scott Sommer) for their responses to several questions on the issues.

Q: Why is, or why isn't Measure L the best plan for Deer Hill?

Yes on L: Measure L is the city council-approved plan for the Deer Hill property. Your yes vote preserves over half the land as open space and community parklands while allowing a limited number of homes and providing many benefits to Lafayette residents. Putting this plan side by side with the original proposal of 315 apartments and no community amenities, we know that Measure L is the best choice for Deer Hill.

No on L: Several better solutions would reduce traffic and pollution. \$3 million of public money shouldn't go for a children's play area and field 160 and 200 feet from busy Pleasant Hill Road.

Q: Will the project make traffic congestion at Pleasant Hill Road and Deer Hill Road worse?

No on L: The EIR reports: Additional 1,224 vehicle trips/day. "Delay Index would increase... a "significant cumulative impact." Level of service "F" at Deer Hill/Pleasant Hill Road ("jammed conditions with excessive delays and long back-ups").

The roundabout on Deer Hill (12,200 daily trips) exceeds slope standards; construction would close the road for months.

Yes on L: Measure L improves student safety with a dedicated bus turnout, designated drop-off and pickup locations, and a pathway to Springhill Elementary. Any development will add vehicles to the area. However, Measure L ensures that the development is reduced from 315 multi-family units to 44 single-family homes. Measure L also includes over \$500,000 in improvements to that intersection for students, bicyclists, and pedestrians to reduce current traffic problems.

Q: What does Measure L include for the community?

Yes on L: The approval includes 11 acres of public parklands and trails, an all-weather multi-use athletic field, a 2.9-acre dog park, a park and playground, a 78-car parking lot across from Acalanes High School including a dedicated bus turnout and student drop-off and pickup zone, over \$500,000 in bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Pleasant Hill Road, and nearly \$400,000 in payments to our local schools.

No on L: The play area/field on the lower part of the site gave the developer an excuse to put units higher on the ridgeline. According to a letter to the city dated April 23 from a member of the City School Board Fields Committee, the Deer Hill site was determined "not viable." Two sites on city and school district land are proposed.

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