

# Letters to the Editor

## Support for Paul Graves

I'm writing as a Lafayette resident to urge you to vote for Paul Graves for Contra Costa County District Attorney. I've been Paul's colleague in the District Attorney's Office for his entire 22 year career in the District Attorney's Office. It is vital that we elect a District Attorney who appreciates the importance of helping victims of crime and keeping public safety a priority.

Paul is a Senior Deputy District Attorney in our County who has given his entire career to the protection of the people of Contra Costa County. In the 22 years Paul has spent as a prosecutor here, he has prosecuted cases in nearly every criminal division and in nearly every community in the county. He has been involved in prosecuting some of the toughest cases, from homicides to sexual assaults, to gang violence.

Paul also has extensive management experience within the District Attorney's office, having led and supervised various internal prosecuting units including the homicide team. He currently serves as the Senior Deputy District Attorney in charge of Family Violence. In that role, Paul directly oversees the Sexual Assault Unit including Human Trafficking, the Domestic Violence Unit, and the Elder Abuse Unit.

Paul is endorsed by every single Law Enforcement agency in Contra Costa County as well as the Deputy District Attorneys' Association, Firefighters, and the East Bay Times. Victim Advocate Marc Klaas is also supporting Paul in recognition of Paul's dedication to victims as well as countless others in our Criminal Justice System who trust Paul to do the right thing for the right reasons time and time again.

Here is Paul's website: [www.PaulGravesforDA.com](http://www.PaulGravesforDA.com)  
Please spread the word to vote for Paul Graves for District Attorney on June 5th, 2018.

Sincerely,

Steven Bolen  
Lafayette

### Lafayette Sports Field at Deer Hill – YES!

More sports fields are needed in Lafayette and the proposed Deer Hill site is the best chance of adding recre-

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ational field space in Lafayette. The City Council and Parks Commission have evaluated over 100 sites in Lafayette, with barely a handful meeting the community needs, while most owners are unwilling to engage in discussions about creating this public amenity. Deer Hill is one of those sites, and the owner has worked with Lafayette to develop this much needed public space.

The Deer Hill project amenities would be incremental to the City's recreational space, and the first North of Hwy 24. The city uses developer fees to acquiring new Recreational space and develop existing space. We all know the cost of land in Lafayette, and the opportunity for the City to own this 11 Acres of developed Recreational space is a great opportunity, that may not be available again.

Many Lafayette parents are forced to drive their children to practices out of town (Wilder or Walnut Creek), or even across town (Community Park, Buckeye Fields or Burton Valley school). These are the same families who would use Deer Hill – driving less, not new traffic. The Sports Field traffic (16%) is the lowest element of the traffic at the Homes at Deer Hill. The Peak mid-week 68 Trips for the Sports Field is a marginal piece of the Total Traffic in the area (8K – 30K) for the same time frame.

Many alternative sites have been repeatedly suggested, reviewed, and deemed unfeasible over the years for various reasons – Ecological, Terrain/Topography, Active/Passive, Land owner, Acquisition cost, etc... This includes adding to the Community Center Park and using School property. If there is no Homes at Deer Hill, would the Lafayette School Board offer the White Pony school site to the City at a similar proposal as Deer Hill?

The Homes at Deer Hill is the best option for the site, and people of Lafayette. Gladly welcome 44 new families to Lafayette, and 11 acres of City owned park space.

Joe Dougherty  
Lafayette

### Measure L

The Yes on Lafayette Measure L campaign claims there would be no significant risk to children using the play area and sport field at Deer Hill from the adjacent Hwy24/Pleasant Hill Rd/Deer Hill Rd traffic corridor, citing an

April 2018 report made for the developer. It was criticized on May 19 by an epidemiologist with international credentials, Devra Davis, MPH PhD.

The areas where we and the consultant agree:

- No measurements were done on-site, only simulations were used
- No ultrafine particulates were included
- Our regional regulatory agency BAAQMD was never consulted

If BAAQMD had been consulted, they would have been directed to the 'Planning Healthy Places' website and found that the play area proposed is one of the 'communities and places throughout the region that are estimated to have elevated levels of fine particulates and/or toxic air contaminants.'

The BAAQMD recommends against placing sensitive uses (children) in busy traffic corridors; our California SB 352, Education Code 17213, restricts public school districts from placing new facilities (includes "playgrounds and athletic fields" under Ed. Code 17609(f)) within 500 feet of busy traffic corridors. The Deer Hill play area is 160 feet from PHR, the sport field 50 feet from Deer Hill Road and 200 feet from PHR, both are about 400 feet from the freeway onramp.

Dr. Davis told the Lafayette City Council on May 19: "Proximity to high traffic areas has been demonstrated in human epidemiologic studies to be associated with a host of serious health problems... Toxic exposures that take place to the young brain can have permanent effects on intelligence, behavior, and chronic illness..."

Dr. Davis concluded by stating:

"The idea that you would put a field for children to play in an area where the adjacent residences are required to have filters for the air inside the house, and warnings to residents of exposure to particulate matter if the windows are opened, is one of the most foolish instances of urban planning I have ever encountered."

The City should not spend \$3M for this site without comprehensive analysis, and voters should vote NO on this project as presented.

Susan Candell  
Lafayette

# Orinda emergency evacuation planning

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Registrants should retain a copy for their records.

Registration is free and voluntary. Registrants are encouraged to complete the entire form, answering all questions regarding medical and transportation requirements and providing correct contact information, including telephone number and address. Information provided will be used solely by public health and safety agencies who will

assist during an emergency. Registrants should note that filing the form does not imply or guarantee any other services.

The form can be downloaded from the department's website, at [www.cityoforinda.org/367/Emergency-Evacuation-Planning](http://www.cityoforinda.org/367/Emergency-Evacuation-Planning), or may be obtained by mail by calling the OPD at (925) 254-6820. Once completed, the form

should be returned by mail to:

Orinda Police Department  
Attn: Emergency & Evacuation Planning  
22 Orinda Way  
Orinda, CA 94563

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Orinda Police Department at (925) 254-6820.



# Who is Yes on L?

People you can trust...  
Lafayette residents and organizations, current and former community leaders, YOUR neighbors!

- Don Tatzin, Mayor
- Cameron Burks, Vice Mayor
- Mike Anderson, City Councilmember
- Mark Mitchell, City Councilmember
- Anne Grodin, Former Mayor
- Brandt Andersson, Former Mayor
- Carol Federighi, Former Mayor
- Erling Horn, Former Mayor
- Teresa Gerringer, President, Lafayette School Board
- Meredith Meade, Lafayette School Board
- Carol Singer, Chair, Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission
- Joe Dougherty, Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission and Volunteer Coach, LMYA
- Mark Poole, Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission
- Geoffrey Bellenger, Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission
- Alison Hill, Parks, Trails, and Rec Commission
- Fred Lothrop, Chair, Emergency Preparedness Commission
- Rees Morgan, Chair, Crime Prevention Commission
- Dan Horowitz, Crime Prevention Commission
- Denise Brown, Crime Prevention Commission
- Dr. Joe Beck, Senior Services Commission
- Patricia Curtin, former Planning Commissioner
- Will Lovitt, former Planning Commissioner

- Karen Maggio, former Planning Commissioner and former Board, Sustainable Lafayette
- Dino Riggio, Former Chair, Circulation Commission
- Amanda Walters, Board, Sustainable Lafayette
- Jenny Kallio, President, Lafayette Homeowners Council
- Susan Callister, Board, Lafayette Community Center Foundation
- Donn Walklet, Vice Chair, Lafayette Open Space
- Janet Thomas, Board of Directors, Lafayette Community Garden and former member, Lafayette Environmental Task Force
- Dan Ventrelle, President, Lafayette Little League
- Doug Pearson, President, Lamorinda Rugby
- Dave DiFranco, President, Lamorinda Lightning Lacrosse
- Kathy Merchant, President, Lafayette Chamber
- Don Jenkins, 2018 Citizen of the Year
- Lafayette Chamber
- Lafayette Homeowners Council
- David Abrahams
- Julia Ackley
- Don Anderson
- Jonathan Andron
- Brian Baker
- Diana Barbera
- Lucy Beck
- Gil Berkeley
- Karen Blodgett
- Larry Blodgett
- Dudley Braun
- Arne Brock-Utne
- Michelle Burton
- Bart Carr

- Larry Challacombe
- Sereta Churchill
- Randy Churchill
- Steve Cortese
- Tom Courtright
- Janet Cronk
- Rick Cronk
- Linda Delaplaine
- Bob Evans
- Norma Evans
- John Fazel
- Doug Federighi
- Vincent Forte
- Peter Gillis
- Katherine Greenberg
- Brian Griggs
- Michael Heller
- Yolanda Heller
- Michael Henn
- Cory Higgins
- Tyler Higgins
- Palmer Hill
- Linda Jenkins
- Mike Kim
- Mo Levich
- Bonnie Macbride
- Cary McReynolds
- Katie Morgan
- Linda Murphy
- Ronald Nahas
- Trevor Page
- Matt Pease
- Chris Peatross
- Mindy Plotkin
- Jean Quigley
- Katie Ricklefs
- Terry Ring
- Mark Rurka
- Bob Shusta
- Ann Silverberg
- Alan Swimmer
- Sara Swimmer
- Mary Lou Till
- Jim Urick
- Charles Vogel
- Doug Warrick
- Al Webster
- Jesse Wellen
- Maurice Williams
- Todd Williams
- John Winter
- Anne Ward
- Barry Woodruff
- Sheryl Woodruff

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[www.YesonL2018.org](http://www.YesonL2018.org)

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