



**Public Meetings**  
**City Council**  
 Monday, June 25, 7 p.m.  
 Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
 Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Planning Commission**  
 Monday, June 18, 7 p.m.  
 Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
 Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Design Review**  
 Monday, June 25, 7 p.m.  
 Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
 Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**School Board Meetings**  
**Acalanes Union High School District**  
 Wednesday, June 27, 7 p.m.  
 AUHSD Board Room  
 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
 www.acalanes.k12.ca.us  
**Lafayette School District**  
 Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m.  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 District Office Board Room  
 3477 School St., Lafayette  
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## Back to the drawing board on Deer Hill Road, as voters reject Measure L

By Pippa Fisher



Those opposing Measure L made their point about traffic and air pollution outside Acalanes High School prior to the vote. Photo provided

Although uncertainty due to uncounted last-minute absentee ballots swirled in the air in the day or two following the June 5 vote on measure L to determine the fate of the development of Deer Hill Road, by the following Friday evening it seemed certain that the “No’s” had won.

As of June 8 those in favor of Measure L – the proposition which would rezone the area on Deer Hill Road to allow the development of 44 homes, a dog

park, a sports field and parking, along with walkways – had received 45.5 percent of the vote compared to those opposing the rezoning and the proposed development, who had 54.4 percent of the vote. The result of this vote keeps the zoning to APO (administrative and professional offices).

The county has 30 days to certify the results, and the city council will not adopt a new zoning designation for the property until the election is certified; however,

the topic was added to the June 11 council meeting (after this edition of the Lamorinda Weekly went to print) for discussion and public input.

Lafayette resident and No supporter Scott Sommer likened the campaign to a David and Goliath situation, noting that the Yes campaign received ten times the monetary and nonmonetary contributions as the No campaign. “It was a real team effort involving people with different exper-

tizes,” said Sommer. “The Yes campaign was organized by slick professionals who disregarded traffic and air quality issues.”

No supporter, Lafayette resident Susan Candell, explained that the No campaign spent all its time reacting to comments from the Yes supporters, saying that they had to get people over the “fear factor” of the 315 apartments that had been proposed under the APO zoning.

However, Dave Baker, contractor and spokesperson for the developer O’Brien Homes said in an email after the vote, that the Yes on L campaign was clear with the voters. “The results are not yet final, but if Measure L fails, we will resume the affordable apartments project immediately.”

Save Lafayette President Michael Griffith would not discuss further steps at this point until the results were certified although he did say that Save Lafayette was happy with the outcome.

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