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**City council throws support behind school funding measure**



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**Tom Mulvaney addresses the Lafayette City Council Feb. 10, seeking endorsement for Measure L.**

**By Pippa Fisher**

The Lafayette city council unanimously voted to endorse the Yes on L Campaign – Measure L, Lafayette School District's proposed parcel tax to secure additional funding for all district schools – at its Feb. 10 meeting.

LAFSD governing board President Meredith Meade introduced the campaign's co-chair Tom Mulvaney who told the council that the \$290 per year per parcel, or \$0.80 per day tax, is needed to attract and retain high quality teachers, and to prevent deep cuts to math, science, reading, lan-

guage arts, engineering, technology and robotics programs. It will be necessary, said Mulvaney, in order to maintain manageable class sizes, keep facilities safe, clean and well maintained, and to preserve the high quality programs currently offered in music, visual and performing arts.

Noting the "Green hills, great schools" slogan adopted by the city, Mulvaney pointed out the integral role excellent schools play in keeping Lafayette a desirable place to live and house values strong. He explained that Measure L would last only seven years and could not be extended without a new vote. All funds, he said, would stay local for Lafayette TK-8 schools. It would be monitored by a citizen's oversight committee and would have mandatory audits to ensure proper spending. Furthermore, he explained, there is a senior exemption option whereby homeowners aged 65 or older can opt out.

The district has slashed \$3 million over the past three years but even with these cuts the campaign chairs say the district does not receive adequate funding from the state to balance the budget. The campaign says that Measure L is needed to protect vital instructional programs and to avoid teacher layoffs.

According to a recent Stanford study, Getting Down to Facts, the cost of an "adequate level" annual per student spending is \$16,000, with New York providing \$24,000 per student annually. Lafayette's students receive just \$8,000 in funding from the state, supplemented by Lafayette Partners in Education to bring the total figure up to \$11,000 per student.

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**Introducing Rocco**



Photo Pippa Fisher

**Officer Kevin White and Rocco (center) pose with the police chief and city council Feb. 10.**

**By Pippa Fisher**

Residents got to meet the newest member of the Lafayette Police Department at the Feb. 10 city council meeting.


Rocco, a 2.5-year-old Belgian Malinois has already started working with Officer Kevin White, patrolling the streets. Rocco will be working as a dual-purpose dog, trained in tracking and apprehension, and firearms/explosives detection. He has already completed his patrol training and will be starting his eight-week firearms/explosives training program in April, in time to work the city's

summer events, noted Lafayette Police Chief Ben Alldritt.

Alldritt expressed his gratitude to the supportive community members who have funded the program to bring Rocco in through generous donations.

Alldritt explained that most police dogs are trained in German. He and White were surprised then to find out on meeting Rocco, that, "In all the cosmic workings," said Alldritt, "somehow we got the one dog that actually responds to French commands."

It seems like an appropriate nod to General Lafayette, even if Rocco's handler now has to learn French.

 <p><b>Lafayette Public Meetings</b></p>	<p><b>City Council</b>                  Monday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.                  Lafayette Library &amp; Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.</p>	<p><b>Planning Commission Meeting</b>                  Monday, March 2, 7 p.m.                  Lafayette Library &amp; Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.</p>	<p><b>Design Review</b>                  Monday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.                  Lafayette Library &amp; Learning Center, Arts &amp; Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.</p>	<p><b>School Board Meetings Acalanes Union High School District</b>                  Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.                  AUHSD Board Room                  1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Laf.                  www.acalanes.k12.ca.us</p>	<p><b>Lafayette School District</b>                  Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.                  Regular Board Meeting                  Stanley M.S. Library                  3477 School St., Lafayette                  www.lafsd.k12.ca.us</p>
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