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Lafayette leaders request temporary relaxation of planning, development deadlines during SIP

By Pippa Fisher

The Lafayette city council at its April 13 city council meeting threw its support behind a letter from the mayor to California State Gov. Gavin Newsom requesting “relief from statutory deadlines governing land use applications.”

Mayor Mike Anderson is requesting suspension of certain state-required processing deadlines during the COVID-19 pandemic while the city remains under a shelter-in-place order

prohibiting public meetings in their usual format.

The letter explains, “to meet the current project processing deadlines, while grappling with the realities of the extended shelter-in-place order, we have had to use teleconferencing to hold our public hearings which severely limits the ability of our residents to fully participate.”

“This action,” says Anderson of a potential suspension, “would reconfirm the State’s interest in the full participation of its resi-

dents in those local community issues so important to the well-being of their communities.”

The letter follows a similar request by the League of California Cities dated March 22.

Anderson commented, “It’s a very broad shot, but it is trying to get the governor to pay attention to the fact that public participation is suffering in a big way and it’s not good for us or for the public.”

Currently public comment on any subject must

be sent in by email ahead of the meeting. Comments can be provided during the meeting by sending an email to cityhall@love-lafayette.org for city staff to read into the record (the usual three-minute time limit still applies). However many members of the public and the city staff agree this method is a far cry from full face-to-face public participation.

While this would affect all projects in the city, many residents are keeping their eyes specifically on

the controversial Terraces project, which is due to come before the Planning Commission on May 18, rescheduled from April 27 “to allow the city’s consultant and staff to complete the addendum and staff report,” according to the city. The addendum to the certified environmental impact report will be published on the city’s website on May 4.

The council supported the mayor’s letter unanimously, with one city council member absent for the vote.

Residents keep distance during Earth Day off-ramp cleanup



Photo provided

Lafayette residents Wei-Tai Kwok, Violet Kwok, Sharon Richard, Steve Richard, Nolan Richard, Michael Dawson, and Gina Dawson celebrated Earth Day April 22 by collecting 13 bags of trash by the central

Lafayette Highway 24 off-ramp (pictured) and by the Hwy 24 on-ramp, all while sticking to family groups and maintaining at least 6-foot distance. -- P. Fisher

Pink flamingos have sprung up on lawns during pandemic



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Lafayette realtor Kristina McCann is helping local children celebrate by delivering a flock of flamingos to their lawns the night before their quarantined birthday. Word has spread and the flamingo-wrangler is now up to almost 100 families. McCann is providing the services for free but encourages those who wish to make a donation to support local schools. -- P. Fisher

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