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Controversies over new therapeutic homes in Lafayette

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Cities and counties can restrict the location of facilities housing seven or more clients by requiring use permits, adopting special parking and other standards for these homes, or prohibiting large facilities in certain zoning districts. Lafayette city attorney Mala Subramanian spoke during closed session on July 13 about anticipated litigation, with the summary provided noting that she spoke with Patricia Curtin, legal counsel for Monte Nido. During this call, Curtin informed the Lafayette counsel that if the city at-

tempts to place restrictions on the Monte Nido project her client will sue the city. Curtin asserted that these facilities are supportive housing and must be treated the same as a single-family residential use.

At the end of the June 22 council meeting Mayor Mike Anderson asked that the topic be brought back to council for discussion. Lafayette staff did not respond to questions about how and when this topic would be addressed, indicating that "due to the sensitivity of this matter, (staff is) unable to comment at this time."

Not to be missed

ART

2020 LAA Member Show "Summer Musings" at aRt Cottage. Lamorinda Arts Alliance is pleased to invite members to the closing reception for our member show, "Summer Musings." The reception will take place at aRt Cottage on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 7-9 p.m. This event is open to the public with refreshments and live music. If you have not had a chance to see this show, here is your chance since the show ends that evening. The aRt Cottage is a cool little art

gallery just off the square in downtown Concord. This intimate venue provides a comfortable environment for artists and art aficionados to enjoy the show.

The Moraga Art Gallery art exhibit, "Dark and Light, A Delicate Balance," runs through Sept. 12. The gallery is located at 432 Center Street, Rheem Shopping Center, in Moraga. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. The gallery may need to change its hours if there are new health directives, so call

Not to be missed

MUSIC

first to confirm that it is open.

Harpist Anna Maria Mendieta performs online from Walnut Creek at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 in an online broadcast from 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek. Optional donation upon ticketing/registration: average \$20; students \$10 (all are welcome regardless of donation).

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