

OUSD board excited about new cameras in classrooms ... teachers not so much

... continued from Page A7

Teacher Allie Bingham, said that, while she appreciates the board looking for solutions, she has concerns about privacy. "It feels like an invasion," she said. "Imagine having a Zoom going while you are teaching a live class," she added, and wondered if the cameras will remain after COVID-19.

Parents, however, seemed to like the idea of the cameras

very much. Juana Rudani thought that the camera looked amazing, and she has no concerns about her child's privacy. "You can mute him the whole time," if desired, she said. Sasheel Daswani agreed that the teachers brought up good points, including privacy, but added that "this is a world where there are trade-offs." He felt that teachers would be relieved of the duty to teach the same material twice, but

could see that there are issues about coordination. "Nothing will be as good as before the pandemic," he concluded.

The board members expressed sympathy with the concerns of the teachers, while also being enthusiastic about the potential uses of the cameras. Hoxie said, "I respect all of our teachers so much; I understand teachers feeling that they are on display, even on Zoom." Liz Daoust explained that the

camera discussion stemmed from concern about the workload of teachers in the hybrid mode, dealing with two sets of kids per day, and cleaning the school.

Shannon said that while teachers have really stepped up with the technology, and have shown an openness to trying new things, they have concerns. In his 32nd year of teaching, Shannon said, "there are things that happen that you don't want other

parents to hear." He also complained that teachers asked for air purifiers and were told that money was an issue. Hoxie explained that air purifiers and cameras are not an "either/or proposition." "We don't have the money for either," she said, "it means asking our parents."

Orinda is still asking, when is it safe to return to school?

... continued from Page A7

One study found that the majority of school outbreaks are staff to staff or staff to pupil, and according to CBS, Sacramento, California has seen no links between schools re-opening and the spread of COVID. However the largest COVID-19 contact tracing study to date found children to be key to the spread of COVID, with evidence of superspreaders, according to the Princeton Environmental

Institute.

In order for children to return to school, several precautions are considered necessary, including COVID testing and a social contract, designed to ensure that family behavior outside of school, such as agreeing to keep kids home who have any symptoms, avoiding travel outside the community or, if travel does occur, quarantining after returning to the community. Other crucial elements to a return to school include

masking, reduced class size, desk spacing, cleaning protocols and proactive plans for when students or staff test positive.

According to Seaton, the community compact, which is being drafted by Weiner and Daoust, is one tool in the toolbelt for returning to in-school learning. "We want something our community is willing to sign; we're not a police state," Weiner said. The draft compact will be presented at the next board meeting and

Kaune suggested that the board invite community feedback on the draft compact.

The board also ratified an agreement with Frontline Education to provide OUSD with its School Health Management System with COVID-19 screening and contact tracing. In addition, the board is exploring a partnership with Agile Force, a company that is helping San Rafael and other school districts with on-site COVID-19 testing. The com-

pany is based in Los Angeles County and is reportedly helping to ensure that casinos are safe. The district plans to pilot COVID-19 testing with Agile Force next month and if all goes well, testing would probably be scheduled once every two weeks. Under the CARES act, all Americans are entitled to free weekly testing, to be covered by insurance. Agile Force will conduct the testing and will bill insurance companies, so no cost would be borne by OUSD.

Letters to the editor

... continued from Page A12

Open letter to Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

I was profoundly dismayed to find a reference to the Holocaust in your campaign flyers. The death of nearly 6 million European Jews, each with a face, a name, a life story, 6 million of my brothers and sisters annihilated in a planned program of total extermination is not a political prop. One need not be a second generation survivor, like I am, raised on stories of, murder, hunger, exile, disease, death, loss of loved ones to recognize that the memory of such horrific crimes and such immense losses ought not to be

used for political purposes.

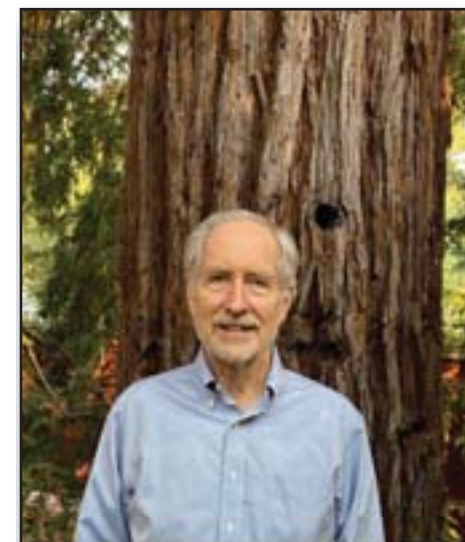
I would have let it go, were it not for two facts. The reference to the Holocaust was used to buttress your stand against "the Trump Administration's assault on civil liberties". Are you aware that Pres. Trump is the first president who recognized that Jews remain a vulnerable minority and extended the protections of title VI to Jewish students? Despite years of the well reported rise in antisemitism on university campuses, our previous president remained oblivious or unwilling to take action. It took Pres.

Trump to protect the civil rights of those who once again have become the most hated minority.

It was even more dispiriting to discover that you signed AB 331, the bill which would have institutionalized a mandated high school curriculum in ethnic studies in which Jews were declared "white", denigrated as oppressors and white supremacists. The history expulsions, persecution, exclusion, genocide of this vulnerable minority was not included in this curriculum. With your vote this curriculum would have been a graduation requirement for every high

school student in California, were it not for 86 Jewish organizations who appealed to Gov. Newsom to veto the bill. The Democrat governor vetoed a bill signed by all Democrats! I don't think that you can proudly say that you were on the right moral side of this issue. Chances are that you will be re-elected, even without my vote. I can only plead and hope that in the next term you will make more informed, more courageous and less partisan choices.

Rachelle Halpern MD
Orinda



Carl Anduri Lafayette City Council

"Carl and I served together on our City Council. He cares deeply about our community and its future. I know Lafayette will be in good hands with Carl's proven leadership."

- Mike Anderson, Mayor, Lafayette

"We need Carl's proven experience, judgment and vision on the Council. He will be, once again, a great Councilmember for our entire community."

- Anne Grodin, Former Mayor and Lafayette Citizen of the Year

PROVEN EXPERIENCE
to deal with our most pressing challenges:

- ▶ Proactively manage the development of our downtown corridor, including affordable housing
- ▶ Protect our hillsides, ridgelines and open space
- ▶ Deal with the causes and effects of climate change, including planning for wildfire evacuation
- ▶ Promote inclusiveness and equity
- ▶ Revitalize our downtown in the wake of the pandemic
- ▶ Improve traffic flow and parking
- ▶ Prudently manage our City's limited resources

ELECTED/APPOINTED LEADERS

Candace Andersen, Contra Costa County Supervisor, District 2
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, State Assemblymember, 16th Assembly District
John Coleman, Board Member, East Bay Municipal Utility District

Mike Anderson, Mayor
Steven Bliss, Councilmember
Cam Burks, Councilmember
Teresa Gerringer, Councilmember

Brandt Andersson, Former Mayor
Carol Federighi, Former Mayor
Judy Garvens, Former Mayor
Anne Grodin, Former Mayor
Erling Horn, Former Mayor
Don Tatzin, Former Mayor
Avon Wilson, Former Mayor

Kristina Sturm, Chair, Planning Commission
Geoff Bellenger, Chair, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission
Terry Ann Black, Chair, Senior Services Commission
Carl DiGiorgio, Chair, Transportation and Circulation Commission
Anne Wondolowski, Chair, Community Center Foundation

Gary Huisingsh, Planning Commissioner
Karen Maggio, Planning Commissioner
Greg Mason, Planning Commissioner
Anna Radonich, Planning Commissioner
Tom Chastain, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Patricia Curtin, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Rick Humann, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Will Lovitt, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Jamie Harris, Former Planning Commissioner
Joe Dougherty, Vice Chair, Parks Trails and Recreation Commission
Alison Hill, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Mark Poole, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Peter Read, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Carol Singer, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Abigail Fateman, Former Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Richard Craig, Transportation and Circulation Commissioner
Gayle Taylor, Transportation and Circulation Commissioner
Carol Yates, Emergency Preparedness Commissioner
Jeff Gilman, Vice Chair, Creeks Committee
David Clark, Member, Creeks Committee
Ronald Huff, Member, Creeks Committee
Susan Price Callister, Board Member, Community Center Foundation
Sue Cross, Board Member, Community Center Foundation
Nancy Hu, Vice Chair, Environmental Task Force
Linda Staaf, Former Member, Environmental Task Force
Mary-Jane Wood, Former Member, Environmental Task Force
Susan Dannenfeler, Former Member, Public Art Committee
Rob Sturm, Member, Lafayette School Board
Ann Appert, Former Member, Lafayette School Board
Roger Falcone, Former Member, Lafayette School Board
Jan McHale, Former Member, Lafayette School Board
Tom Mulvaney, Former Member, Alcalanes UHSD Board

ORGANIZATION LEADERS

John McCormick, President, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
Bill Bucher, President, Lafayette Homeowners Council
Mary McCosker, President, Lafayette Historical Society, and Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Ruth McCahan, Founder, Lamorinda Village, and Senior Services Commissioner
Bart Carr, Co-Founder, Sustainable Lafayette, and Member, Environmental Task Force
Steve Richard, Co-Founder, Sustainable Lafayette, and Former Member, Environmental Task Force
Janet Thomas, Co-Founder, Lafayette Community Garden, and Former Member, Environmental Task Force
Jeremy Levine, Co-Founder, Inclusive Lafayette
James Rockafellow, President, Lafayette Orchards Homeowners Asso.
George Burt, Past President, Alcalanes Valley Homeowners Asso.
Dennis Garrison, Executive Committee, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
Chris Lane, Director, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
Kathy Merchant, Executive Committee, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
Matt Pease, Director, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
Caesar Perales, Executive Committee, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
Jesse Wellen, Director, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
Danielle Gallagher, Past President, Springhill Parent Faculty Club

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Janet and Rick Cronk, Lafayette Citizens of the Year
Marechal Duncan, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Lynn Hiden, Lafayette Citizen of the Year and Transportation and Circulation Commissioner
Robin and Dick Holt, Lafayette Citizens of the Year
Don Jenkins, Lafayette Citizen of the Year and Senior Services Commissioner
Budd Mackenzie, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Karen Mulvaney, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Larry Blodgett, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Steve Cortese, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Jennifer Perlmutter, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Bob Athayde
Patty Battersby
Joe and Lucy Beck
Marc Brenner and Johanna Gladieux
Tracy Brog
Bill and Betty Brown
Jeff Black
Karen Blodgett
Lorinda Carson
Jim Cervantes
Donald Chaiken and Fran Greenberg
Larry Challacombe
Michele Chalmers
Dianne and Jim Chandler
Phil Chernin
Sereta Churchill
Kathy Daly
Francine Donner
Ann Drevno
Tom Duckworth
Jeff Eyet
Pat Falcone
Beth Ferree and John Eaton
Jim Fitzsimmons and Kris Torske
Sean Gallagher
Danielle Gogo-Gallagher
David Gold
Katherine and Chuck Greenberg
Marshall Grodin
Sheila Guess
John Hall
Martha Harris
Dave Hiden
Jeanie and Jimmy Hill

Mary Ann Hoisington
Barbara Hollenbach and Bill Abbott
Patricia Horn
Linda Jenkins
Cody Keller
Liz and Matt Keyser
John Khayami
John Kiefer
Kristin and Ken Kisner
Wei-Tai Kwok and Violet Hsu
Todd and Betty LaPorte
Bill and Ana Lau
Gwenn and John Lennox
Mei Sun Li
Jay Lifson
Sharon Lingane
Lynn MacMichael and Howard Weamer
Michael Marchetti
Bruce Marlowe
Kathleen and Richard Marshall
Byrne and Oystein Mathisen
Daryl McCosker
Mike Merchant
Gordon and Nancy Mills
Suzanne Muraki
Carol Murota and Neil Zelin
Courtney Murpree
Terry Neifing and Doug Sterne
Earl Piermattei
Kristine Rasmussen
Ellen Reintjes
Maria Rivera
Annette and Wil Roberge
Jennifer Rosen
Bob Russell
Jeane and Roger Samuelsen
Katrina and Rick Silvani
Beryl and Ivor Silver
Dave Smith
Karen and Pete Smyth
Richard Staaf
Dale and Carol Statley
Alice and Gary Stern
Martha Strock
Tony Suh
Ramsay Thomas
Frank Tinley
Tracy and Donn Walklet
Joan West
Barbara and Mark Wille
Avon and George Wilson
Diane and Fred Wilt
Hugh and Mary Anne Winig

Partial list. Titles for identification only.

"There is a reason people who served with and worked with Carl are supporting him -- they know his experience and leadership will make Lafayette a better place to live for all of us."

- Teresa Gerringer, Councilmember, Lafayette

Learn more about the issues at:

www.anduri2020.com

Paid for by Anduri for Lafayette City Council 2020 FPPC #1430748

- Lafayette City Council: Councilmember, 2002-2012; Mayor, 2005 and 2011
- Lafayette Planning Commission: Commissioner, 1997-2002; Chair, 2001 and 2002
- Served on numerous Lafayette task forces and committees, including the Hillside Task Force, the Open Space Task Force, the Environmental Task Force (Co-Chair), the Senior Housing Task Force (Co-Chair), the Park Theater Task Force and the Roads Task Force (Co-Chair)