

Letters to the editor

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Vote Yes on Measure R

Multiple studies have shown that people who plan ahead for disasters are in much better shape mentally after a disaster does happen. People who expect that nothing bad will happen are more affected by stress, depression, and PTSD.

We as a community can stay healthier and survive better if we plan for wildfires ahead of time. This includes clearing defensible space, hardening our homes, and ensuring evacuation routes are clear. Measure R on the November ballot, a half-cent sales tax increase, will help us prepare, and now is the time. Let's make Orinda safer. It's up to us! Susan Anacker
Firewise Committee Chair -Orindawoods

Continued support for Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

I had high hopes for Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan when I voted for her in 2018 and she has absolutely delivered – 150%. I voted for Bauer-Kahan in 2018 because she promised to fight for a cleaner environment, champion new gun sense laws, and provide better access to healthcare. Within her first 100 days, she delivered on those promises, introducing a package of legislation that did precisely that. In her second year in office, she authored new bills to clean our air and water, preserve our open spaces, and protect our children from harmful vaping. An elected official who has the integrity to keep her promises? [That's the real deal.] She gets my vote, again. Stephanie L. Sandberg
Lafayette

Anduri for Council

Please vote for Carl Anduri for Lafayette City Council. He is the candidate with the most experience that can lead our community. We need someone with knowledge about our city and one who has shown investment in our community by serving on countless committees, the planning commission and previously the city council.

I am 25 years old and was raised in Lafayette and went to Lafayette schools. Because of the housing policies backed by Mr. Anduri, I am now able to live in Lafayette and be a part of the community

I was raised in. Thank you Mr. Anduri! I ask that you vote for him so more young people and especially my friends I grew up with can afford to live in our community.

Frank M. Tinley
Lafayette

Vote for Carl Anduri!

Please join me in supporting the selection of Carl Anduri for Lafayette City Council. Carl previously served on the City Council and was Mayor for several years. He provided a calm demeanor and level-headed approach when working with residents, City Council Members and City staff. He has a great understanding of the issues facing our city and he would be a welcome addition to our City Council.

Please vote for Carl!
Bill Bucher
Lafayette Resident

Vote for Carl Anduri, Lafayette City Council

The City of Lafayette and its citizens have faced many challenges over the past decade with more challenges to come in the coming years. The pressures from Sacramento, especially when it comes to growth, has driven a wedge in our community. It is critical to have a council member who has the historical perspective and served our City during an unprecedented time of planned growth as a council member & planning commissioner, the obvious choice is Carl Anduri.

With the departure of council member Mike Anderson, Lafayette's senior most Council Member, Lafayette will lose the historical perspective which Carl can provide serving on the Council.

As a long-time Lafayette resident, Carl has seen the evolution of our City as a Planning Commissioner from 1997-2002 and Council Member from 2002-2012. Carl has the historical perspective our City needs to lead us through the complex land-use and fiscal challenges our City faces now and into the future.

I strongly support Carl Anduri for Lafayette City Council.
Larry Blodgett
Lafayette

Outside influences

The outside influences driving divisiveness in politics has reached the most local levels; the Acalanes School Board elections. One candidate, Christopher Groves, has accepted \$16,000 from "Leadership for Education Equity" (according to filings with the Contra Costa elections commission), a Washington, DC-based candidate factory. LEE's stated mission is "inspiring & supporting a network of civic leaders to end the injustice of educational inequity."

With this backing, Mr. Groves' comments in various candidate forums show his support of teachers and their unions, coordinating keeping our children out of school for political gains. Unions vote democratic, California politicians are majority democratic, and it's an opportunity to rally their base against Trump, who favors in-person education.

For a candidate running on an agenda of diversity, equity, and inclusion, supported by LEE, which espouses that "every child in every community across the nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education," Mr. Groves fails to acknowledge that the position of Acalanes' teachers' union creates a more significant disparity between the "haves" and "have nots" than distance learning.
Jeff Eyet
Lafayette

Sos for Council

In anticipation of the upcoming elections, I'm encouraged by the prospects for the future – not just nationally, but locally for the town of Moraga as well – and felt inspired to share my insight.

This fall, not only do we have the opportunity to vote for a president who will determine the direction and character of our country, but we will also elect 3/5 of our Town Council, which like the Presidential election, will likely impact us locally for more than just the next four years, but possibly for decades and generations to come.

That is why I believe it is so crucial to make sure Renata Sos will be elected to represent us. I have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing Renata for 17 years, since our family first moved to Moraga and our daughters went to Pre-

School together. Over the years, I have witnessed Renata's commitment to her family, her friends, to our schools, and to our community.

In the time I've known Renata, I've seen her dedication to whatever endeavor she's involved in, spending countless hours to ensure optimal results. I'm convinced her devotion to Moraga's future make her an indispensable candidate that we must elect to the next Town Council. So, if you haven't already, I strongly encourage everyone to make sure Renata Sos is one of your selections on the ballot.

Dave Parker
Co-Owner, Parkmon Vineyards
Founder, Lamorinda Winegrowers' Association

This teacher does her homework before voting

Although a retired school teacher, I continue to be connected with students, teachers, and parents. Quality public education is my passion and I only support those who share the same focus. I voted for Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan in 2018, in part, because our schools were a top priority. She delivered by passing a law to bring California's spending up to the national per pupil average or higher and remains committed to guaranteeing universal preschool. She is working to keep college affordable for every child, including passing a law removing income exclusions which penalize families on CalWORKs.

When Covid-19 forced school closures, she fought to direct millions from the state budget to the California Dept. of Education to close the digital divide for children statewide who are struggling to learn remotely. I heartily endorse the reelection of Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan. Our schools need her!
Linnéa Burnette

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VOTE FOR FARSCHAD FARZAN

Lafayette City Council

Fresh Ideas and Solutions

No Special Interests

Full Transparency

Community-Focused

Collaborative

Inclusive

Problem Solver

