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Downtown housing in Lafayette

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We also highlight items of community interest like newly proposed projects in the downtown in the Weekly Roundup and social media."

Griffiths as a spokesperson for Save Lafayette says his comments are not aiming to zap city council members or the city planning department with a blitz of objections. Instead, the main point he makes is that residents interested in the design and direction of Lafayette need to make an investment of time and energy.

He suggests residents visit the Save

Lafayette website, examine the projects detailed on the city's Major Development Projects webpage, participate in the virtual Housing Element Walking Tour, and speak up at virtual city council meetings where city officials are prepared (and likely eager) to hear their comments.

For more information, visit:
<https://lafayette.icitywork.com/savelafayette.org>
www.planlafayette.org
Self-Guided and Virtual Walking Tour —
City of Lafayette General Plan Update

Proponents for local land use control

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The loss of local land use control erodes the ability of local communities to plan for future environmental and economic challenges and support the critical infrastructure necessary for public health and safety services including schools, police and fire services."

Without the city council's or planning commission's ability to control land use in Lafayette, Candell says they are left with profit-driven developers and speculators "planning" the city. "Our community has lost the ability to prepare and plan for the impacts to our critical infrastructure for which we are responsible," she said. "In the case of La Fiesta Square, our community will be forced to accept anything they propose if

they follow state laws."

Once the Attorney General files the initiative, he will then send it to the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's offices before it's returned to the AG for final wording. Once proponents receive the Title and Summary, they will have 180 days to collect 1.3 million signatures across the state to get it on the November 2022 ballot.

"We know this will be a very big and expensive effort, only to be followed by an expected push back by big money developers, real estate speculators and big tech leading up to the election," Candell said. "Our residents have time and time again supported local leaders over the state's 'one-size-fits-all' bad policies, so we are confident that we will be successful in our efforts."

Sign up for the Lamorinda Local Initiative Information Night scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m., at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M_8bay4IRR-o5R0NW5wIEQ

New mural in Lafayette



An army of artistic volunteers work on new Lafayette mural.
Photo provided

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In the coming weeks Three Thirty Three Arts will be installing a plaque on the mural wall. "We're also currently editing video footage of the mural installation process that

will be shared at www.333arts.org and social media accounts," Loring said.

"I think we successfully accomplished the mission with this mural in Lafayette," said Loring, "and we look forward to more collaborations in the community!" — J. Wake

Back to school

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The new superintendent said that she planned to send more information on the process to parents on Aug. 16.

Glimme clarified that the district is practicing a strict contact tracing protocol. Persons who have been within six feet of a person identified as testing positive for COVID for at least 15 minutes are considered close contacts. Parents of students deemed close contacts will be notified by a telephone call immediately. Quarantine requirements depend on a number of circumstances, including whether or not the person was masked and/or vaccinated.

In response to the desire of some parents for more information and more transparency, the district is also notifying parents of students who were not in close contact with a case but are in the same

classroom. This was not done last year.

Glimme said that as a parent and an administrator, she is very sensitive to the situation in which parents now find themselves. But she also wants to squash the rumor mill. "We want to be really transparent without violating student privacy in this very delicate situation," she said. Some parents feel that there is too much communication, and other parents want to know everything. The district is trying to thread the needle of being transparent while also

protecting sensitive medical information.

Lastly, Glimme emphasized that there have been no cases of COVID-19 being transmitted at school because school has just returned to session. Cases being reported now happened over the summer break.

"It's a really hard time that we are dealing with, a new reality that we are trying to navigate," Glimme acknowledged. "What can we as a community do outside of school to prevent the spread of COVID at school?"

To view local school district information, visit:
<https://www.lafsd.k12.ca.us>
<https://www.moraga.k12.ca.us>
<https://www.orindaschools.org>
<https://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us>

Dr. Parks' video can be accessed at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rAxIjNUo2w>