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CANDIDATE'S NIGHT Q & A

Lafayette City Council (Recently Appointed) Oct 13 6:30 PM	Lafayette School Board Oct 13 7:00 PM	Acalanes Union High School District Board Oct 20 7:00 PM
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Memorial plaque unveiling honoring Ashley Dias planned for Sept. 2

A memorial plaque honoring the late Ashley Dias will be dedicated at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 at Lafayette Plaza (corner of Plaza Way and Golden Gate Way in downtown Lafayette).

The cast brass plaque honors Dias, who died after being struck by a vehicle while performing his duties as a crossing guard in front of Stanley Middle School last

year. The Dias family had suggested the plaque to the city to honor Dias and serve as a reminder to "Please Slow Down" and keep our community safe. Working with the Dias family, the city selected the planter between the Wayside Inn and the Park Theater as the location for the plaque.

The public is welcome to attend the event. Light refreshments will be served.

Council appoints three incumbents, foregoing ballot inclusion and election cost to city

The Lafayette city council and staff met for a special meeting Aug. 25 to consider a bifurcated resolution which would allow the council to appoint the three council members – Teresa Gerringer, Susan Candell and Wei-Tai Kwok – who are the only registered candidates for the three open seats on the council, in lieu of them being put on the Nov. 8 ballot. The resolution was bifurcated into two resolutions so council members who did not want to vote for themselves could abstain from voting on the resolution involving them, according to city attorney Mala Subramanian.

The financial benefit for

the city to appoint rather than to include candidates on the ballot would be a savings of approximately \$37,000 to \$58,000, according to City Clerk Joanne Robbins, who noted that the county charges the city \$2 to \$3 per registered voter for candidates' inclusion on the ballot. The council voted unanimously to approve the two resolutions. Gerringer, Candell, and Kwok, while appointed for the next term, plan to participate in the Oct. 13 Lafayette Homeowners Council candidates forum and welcome continued dialogue with the community.

– J. Wake

EV charging capability in multi-family housing

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Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSEs) refers to equipment used in what is commonly called a charging station or charging dock.

In the commission's discussion of Muller's presentation with Environmental Task Force members Nancy Hu and Steve Kalogeras, commissioner Gary Huisingh asked to confirm that rented properties and owned properties had the same requirements. He also asked if higher requirements could be set for larger buildings, perhaps multi-family properties with 30 or more dwelling units. Kalogeras said no other cities included in their studies had higher percentages applied at greater density buildings and the standards in the staff recommendations came in sync with – and were designed to closely match – the CALGreen 2022 updates. The focus, according to Kalogeras, was on achieving the most cost-effective way for every unit to have access to charging. Breaker boxes installed for low capacity charging, he noted, can be capable of being upgraded to faster charging levels should that become desired or required.

Commissioner Greg Mason asked if residents would be allowed under the updated ordinance to rent out or lease their parking spaces to people other than owners and their families living in multi-family residential buildings. Planning Director Greg Wolff said, "If a

resident wants to allow or rent out to someone to use a charger, they could do that. The electrical costs would be paid for by the resident because the wiring is not shared (or communal wiring that is covered by HOA or utility fees)."

Commissioner Kristina Sturm inquired if incentives for solar panels installed to provide electricity in the buildings might be offered by the city. Wolff said Lafayette is not planning to offer incentives specifically for EV charging, but noted the state of California has programs residents might choose to investigate.

The sole public comment came from Robert Lavoie, who said the EV code updates due to the expense was "one more nail in the coffin for affordable housing" and "the electrical grid is already unreliable and this would make things worse."

Returning to the discussion while acknowledging the complexity and costs of the new requirements, Commissioner Farschad Farzan said the ordinance will put Lafayette in a strong position to handle "a movement whose time has come."

The commission unanimously supported the updated 2022-13 resolution with minor language revisions and sent a recommendation for adoption to the city council for acceptance, subject to public notice before and after a final vote is taken.



Lafayette Public Meetings

City Council

Regular Meeting
 Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
 Teleconference via City of Lafayette's YouTube Channel:
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
 Teleconference Meeting via Love Lafayette YouTube
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Design Review

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Zoom
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