

# Newsom signs important legislation into law

Both Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and state Sen. Steve Glazer, whose districts

cover Lamorinda, had multiple bills signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom, including

Bauer-Kahan's much touted AB 988, co-authored by Glazer, which implements 988, the Mental Health Crisis Hotline, which went live on July 16 for the purpose of connecting individuals experiencing a mental health crisis with suicide prevention and mental health services.

The two co-authored several other bills, including AB 2282 Hate Crimes: Nooses, Crosses, and Swastikas, which equalizes the penalty for the crimes of hanging a noose, displaying a symbol of hate, including a Nazi swastika, and burning or desecrating religious symbols, on specified property, for the purpose of terrorizing, and expands and aligns the places where this conduct is

prohibited for each offense. And AB 2374 Crimes Against Public Health and Safety: Illegal Dumping, which increases the maximum fines for illegal dumping for persons employing more than 10 full-time employees, and requires any person convicted of illegal dumping to remove or pay the cost of removing the waste matter they were convicted of illegally dumping.

As the chair of the Assembly's Select Committee on Reproductive Health, Bauer-Kahan has championed abortion rights with AB 1242 and AB 1666.

Signed by the Governor in June, AB 1666 protects those who aid, receive, or provide abortions from civil penalties they face from other state's ex-

tremist anti-abortion laws. AB 1242, which was signed in September, is a groundbreaking measure crafted with Attorney General Rob Bonta to protect abortion providers and their patients from criminalization and create a path for California companies to keep personal data and messages private when served with warrants from extremist states.

"California has no obligation to be complicit in the criminalization of the right to abortion," said Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan. "AB 1666 and AB 1242 ensure safe essential care stays legal, putting up a legal shield to protect from arrest, information sharing, and civil penalties." - J. Wake



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## AUHSD candidate forum

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During the Oct. 20 LHC forum, much of the conversation from participating candidates revolved around maintaining or improving academic excellence. Nowac and Gardner were not present.

When asked about the decision to keep schools closed during the pandemic, both Ledeen and Woolway said they disagreed with how the board handled the COVID situation, stating how the board kept students off campus more than they needed to. Severson noted he advocated for opening schools at every opportunity, but "we were under a set of health orders" and were "stuck with state and county restrictions." And Kendzierski added that when surveyed, 80% of parents wanted a hybrid option. Everyone agreed that the lockdown had consequences. When asked about the

AUHSD homework policy, Woolway said "the idea is that some students aren't as equipped to meet deadlines or do work at home and students get 50% credit no matter what. ... This is not something that should be touted by the board; it needs to be fixed immediately."

Kendzierski rebutted, saying "the board looked at homework policy and tried to both respect students' time without dropping the academic rigor," adding that with longer class times, students have more time to finish problems in class. "We don't want students doing homework until midnight," Severson said. Chen noted that as a mother of a son in the AP trenches, "homework is very much alive, and very challenging and engaging."

All of the candidates live in the district and all except Nowac have children who are either attending local schools, will attend local schools, or have graduated from local schools.

During introductions at the Oct. 14 forum, Chen focused on her background as a clinical social worker professionally trained as a "creator of positive change and community collaboration." She stated, "excellence can only happen if our students are feeling safe and supported and have a sense of belonging."

Kendzierski said, "Excellence is not maintained by standing still; new ideas and continuous improvements are an essential part of education." She listed among AUHSD improvements the introduction of block schedules, Academy periods, wellness centers, and new science standards and graduation requirements to enhance college and career readiness. She supports a student-centered culture with a strong academic focus. Kendzierski has served on the board nine years.

Ledeen said he was inspired to run by the "urgent

need for leadership in service of our students and their families" and a strong belief that he can make a positive difference. Ledeen served four years as an officer in the Marine Corps including two tours in Iraq. He emphasized the leadership training he received and used in the Marines. Ledeen attended Stanford Law, clerked for a federal judge, and practices technology and data privacy law.


Nowac, a Moraga resident, has had a long career as a workplace investigator and specialized in investigation of sensitive matters such as harassment and discrimination. She said her priority is to strive for the best academic education for each student, including those who might have a learning disability or are suffering from learning loss from the past several years.

Severson has served on the board for eight years and works as an emergency medicine physician. He recently attended a 30th year Miramonte class reunion. He emphasized his reliance on science and wellness and noted that "that has never been more needed than in the last few years."

Woolway, a 10-year Lafayette resident, has been a head coach of several youth sports teams and in his 22-year career in tech, he's been an executive and investor in high growth companies. He wants to see greater transparency and responsible budget planning.

The candidates mostly agreed on diversity, equity and inclusion and social emotional learning, but differed on budgeting ideas. The Oct. 14 candidates' forum can be viewed on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=x\\_Nir9RnQP8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_Nir9RnQP8). The Oct. 20 forum can be accessed at the Lafayette Homeowners Council website: <https://lafayettehomeownerscouncil.org/>

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Police Department Tip Line  
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**Moraga Police Department:**  
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Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049  
**Orinda Police Department:**  
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820  
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925-254-6820  
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org

### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

Oct. 2 - Oct. 15

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms                        | 34 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 21 |
| Traffic                       | 51 |
| Suspicious Circumstances      | 9  |
| Suspicious Subject            | 27 |
| Suspicious Vehicle            | 12 |
| Service to Citizen            | 32 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check    | 24 |
| Public/School Assembly Check  | 7  |
| Supplemental Report           | 32 |
| Vacation House Check          | 39 |
| Welfare Check                 | 17 |
| Ordinance Violation           | 2  |
| <b>Vehicle violations</b>     |    |

Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Shreve Ln.  
Springhill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Stanley Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Wb Sr 24  
School St./Moraga Rd.  
Brook St./Moraga Rd.  
Moraga Rd./Tofflemire Dr.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
Reckless Driving  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.  
Glenside Dr./Michael Ln.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.(2)  
Brook St./Moraga Rd.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.  
St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.  
500 Block St. Mary's Rd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Rancho View Dr.  
Deer Hill Rd./1St St.  
Tc - Property Damage  
Withers Ave./Taylor Blvd.  
Lucas Dr./Huntleigh Dr.  
Deer Hill Rd./Miller Dr.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dolores Dr.  
St Marys Rd./Topper Ln.  
Vehicle Theft  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Fraud Credit Card  
1900 Block Reliez Valley Rd.  
Fraud False Pretenses  
3400 Block School St.  
Grand Theft  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Misc Burglary  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Panhandling  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Petty Theft  
3500 Block Silver Springs Rd.  
3200 Block Lucas Cir.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3100 Block Stanley Blvd.  
Petty Theft Bicycle  
900 Block S Thompson Rd.

Petty Theft From Veh  
900 Block Acalanes Rd.  
Shoplift  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
Warrant Arrest  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3300 Block Mildred Ln.  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
Disturbance-fight  
3300 Block Springhill Rd.  
Disturbing The Peace  
700 Block Moraga Rd.  
Loud Music  
1200 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.  
Loud Noise  
3400 Block Golden Gate Way  
Loud Party  
1700 Block Ivanhoe Ave.  
Bacon Ct./Happy Hollow Ct.  
500 Block St. Mary's Rd.  
1000 Block Via Roble  
Public Nuisance  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)  
30 Block Lafayette Cir.  
No House Number  
Silverado Dr./Bradbury Dr.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Vandalism  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Other**  
Animal Cruelty  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
H&S Violation  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.  
K9 Outside Assist Request  
1200 Block Diamond Way, Con  
Loitering  
3200 Block Old Tunnel Rd.  
900 Block Leland Dr.  
Stray-traffic  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Rancho View Dr.  
Threats  
900 Block Hough Ave.

800 Block Moraga Rd.  
400 Block Helen Ave.  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Trespass  
900 Block Dewing Ave.  
800 Block Birdhaven Ct.  
Unwanted Guest  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Violation Custody Order  
Police Department  
Violation Restraining Ord  
900 Block Janet Ln. (2)  
1000 Block Miller Dr.



### Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

Oct. 2 - Oct. 15

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms                        | 40 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 8  |
| Traffic                       | 89 |
| Suspicious Circumstances      | 4  |
| Suspicious Subject            | 16 |
| Suspicious Vehicle            | 16 |
| Service to Citizen            | 57 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check    | 12 |
| Supplemental Report           | 18 |
| Welfare Check                 | 7  |
| <b>Vehicle violations</b>     |    |
| Accident Injury               |    |
| Moraga Way/Altamount Dr.      |    |
| Accident Property             |    |
| Wilder Rd./Big Leaf Rd.       |    |
| Moraga Way                    |    |
| Bear Creek Rd./Camino Pablo   |    |
| Reckless Driving              |    |
| Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd.   |    |
| El Toyonal/La Encinal         |    |
| 10 Block Los Altos Rd.        |    |
| Vehicle Theft                 |    |
| 10 Block Chapparral Pl.       |    |

**Other criminal activity**  
Grand Theft Veh Parts  
10 Block Spring Ct.  
Identity Theft  
30 Block Evergreen Dr.  
Illegal Entry  
30 Block Eastwood Dr.  
Petty Theft  
70 Block La Espiral  
Petty Theft From Veh  
10 Block Chapparral Pl  
400 Block Camino Sobrante  
10 Block Rio Vista  
Residential Burglary  
50 Block Camino Del Diablo  
Robbery Armed  
600 Block Washington St, Oakland  
Warrant Arrest  
50 Block Persimmon Walk  
Camino Sobrante  
Orinda Way  
Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Drunk In Public  
80 Block Davis Rd.  
Loud Music  
Martha Rd./Glorietta Blvd.  
Orchard Rd./Valley Dr.  
Miller Ct./Stein Way  
Scenic Dr./Estates Dr.  
Loud Party  
100 Block Zander Dr.  
100 Block Brookwood Rd.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Failure To Obey  
Camino Pablo/Wb Sr 24  
H&S/Pos Paraphenalia  
Moraga Way  
Mentally Ill Commit  
10 Block Theatre Sq 106  
Resist Delay Or Obstruct  
200 Block El Toyonal  
Revocation Of Probation  
Orinda Theater  
Susp Circ/Sexual  
Moraga Way  
Terrorist Threats  
10 Block Sycamore Rd.  
Unwanted Guest  
10 Block Theatre Sq