

# City awarded \$3.1M for School Street Multi-Use Pathway Project



Congressman Mark DeSaulnier presented a check for \$3.1 million on May 2 to Lafayette Vice Mayor Gina Dawson for the School Street Multi-Use Pathway Project. This Safe Routes to School project for the city of Lafayette will result in construction of a Class I multi-use pathway on School Street, from Moraga Road to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail.

comfortable path for students to walk or cycle to both Stanley Middle School and Lafayette Elementary School, but also a safe, direct and protected walking/biking connection between Downtown Lafayette and the numerous neighborhoods to the south of the project site with access to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail and the existing Class I pathway on First Street," said city spokesperson Suzanne Iarla.

A "Class 1 Multi-use Facility" is a paved shared-use or multi-use path for people walking and biking that is physically separated from vehicular traffic. The planning and design phases for the project and other related safety improvements around Stanley Middle School are expected to kick off this fall. The process will include engaging with the neighborhood, schools and community members. - J. Wake

These improvements will not only provide a safe and Photo courtesy City of Lafayette

From left: Council members Susan Candell and Teresa Gerringer, Gloria Dias, Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, Vice Mayor Gina Dawson, LafSD board members Katy Foreman and Merideth Meade, and Council Member Wei-Tai Kwok

## Letters to the editor

### Traffic safety in Lafayette

I am writing to share my thoughts about the city of Lafayette and their efforts to improve traffic safety. As a resident of this wonderful community, I have noticed that the city has been taking some great steps to make our roads safer for everyone.

One of the things that I have noticed is that Lafayette has installed more stop signs and traffic lights in areas where they are needed the most, and also has more crossing guards. This helps to slow down drivers and reduce the risk of accidents. Additionally, the city has added more crosswalks and pedestrian signals, which make it easier for people to walk around safely.

Overall, I am satisfied with the efforts that Lafayette has made to improve traffic safety. These actions have made a positive impact on our community

and have helped to ensure that everyone can get around safely. Naoto Watanabe Lafayette

### Want to defend girls' sports? Your neighbors may cancel you

Recently I published posts on NextDoor and Facebook's Lamorinda Community defending the right for biological females (i.e. women and girls) to safely and fairly participate in sports. This is one of many issues that drove me to the Women's March in 2017. As a former high school varsity basketball player and continuing athlete, I know the protections afforded by Title IX extend to the playing field as well as locker rooms and safe spaces.

But now basic opinions about fairness for women are being called "transphobic in the guise of feminism" and on

Nextdoor: hate speech. Yes, hate speech. Apparently, my post there has been taken down and some neighbors are now calling me a TERF, or trans-exclusionary radical feminist. Basically, it's a derogatory term meant to shut people down.

Tendencies to block opinions we don't want to hear are also revealing themselves through laws passed in Sacramento (see AB 2098), and in pledges and bias reporting systems in our local schools. As someone who has been working as a substitute teacher since the omicron surge, and who has actively attended school board meetings and DEIB workshops, I understand these have been implemented with good intentions. But what they are also saying is that you are now responsible for how others feel and if they don't like it, then a report can be filed against you. It can even be anonymous. Fortunately, even

the Lafayette School Board has acknowledged how few reports have been filed.

As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." I'm a pretty confident person. I know who I am and I know what I believe. I will continue to stand up. But make no mistake, we are shutting down opinion and free speech - and now even the protections for women and girls. We should all be concerned.

Lauren Herpich Lafayette

### Put enforcement of BP 6144 on school board agenda

All four Lamorinda school districts have a similar Board Policy 6144: Controversial Issues. Acalanes High School District's (AUHSD) BP 6144 states in part: "... the District's educational program may sometimes include instruction related to controversial issues that may arouse strong reactions based on personal values and beliefs, political philosophy, culture, religion, or other influences. ... Instruction concerning such topics shall be relevant to the adopted course of study and curricular goals ... [and] shall be presented in a balanced manner, addressing all sides of the issue without bias or prejudice and without promoting any particular point of view."

"The teacher shall not use his/her position to forward his/her own religious, political, economic or social biases. ...

teachers act on behalf of the District and are expected to follow the adopted curriculum. ... Students shall be assured of their right to form and express an opinion ... instruction shall not reflect adversely upon persons because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, sex ... If the guest speaker is presenting only one point of view on an issue, the teacher shall be responsible for ensuring that students also receive information on opposing viewpoints."

Based upon information from parents and its website the AUHSD is teaching the racial tenets of Critical Race Theory and the sexual fluidity principles of Queer Theory (Gender Studies) without contrary traditional viewpoints from social science, biology, and religion. Speakers at recent board meetings have discussed the misuse of academic class time for promotion of these programs. For examples, see links from "Equity Work at Campolindo" at www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/domain/925 and "Google Form for Pronouns Available" at www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/Page/3459.

Please contact the District and instruct them to place the enforcement of BP 6144 on a board agenda for public debate per AUHSD's Bylaw 9322. Email the board at school-board@auhsd.schools.org David Berti Moraga Robert Lavoie Lafayette

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3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925-283-3680  
Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt 925-299-3221  
Police Department Tip Line 94549Tip@gmail.com  
Police Department Traffic Issues 94549Traffic@gmail.com  
**Moraga Police Department:**  
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055  
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049  
**Orinda Police Department:**  
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820  
Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan 925-254-6820  
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org
- Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report April 16 - April 27**
- Alarms 39
  - 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 16
  - Traffic 108
  - Suspicious Circumstances 3
  - Suspicious Subject 17
  - Suspicious Vehicle 11
  - Service to Citizen 33
  - Patrol Req./Security Check 26
  - Public/School Assembly Check 4
  - Supplemental Report 21
  - Vacation House Check 56
  - Welfare Check 14
  - Ordinance Violation 1
  - Vehicle violations**
  - Accident Property Police Department
  - Auto Burglary 4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3900 Block Woodside Ct 4000 Block Valente Dr.
  - Hit And Run Misdemeanor 500 Block St. Mary's Rd.
  - Reckless Driving Moraga Rd./School St. Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd. Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24 Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd. 1St St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
  - Stolen Vehicle Recovery Eb Oak Hill/Downtown Laf

- Tamper With Vehicle 900 Block Old Hawthorne Rd.
- Tc - Property Damage Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2) Police Department St Marys Rd./Topper Ln. Old Tunnel Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd. Orchard Nursery And Florist 1400 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
- Other criminal activity**
- Fraud False Pretenses 800 Block Ava Ct. 3400 Block Little Ln.
- Grand Theft Brook St./Hough Ave. 1700 Block Toyon Rd. Grand Theft From Veh 3500 Block Walnut St. Grand Theft Veh Parts 900 Block Janet Ln.
- Identity Theft 800 Block Moraga Rd. 3900 Block Woodside Ct. 1000 Block 2Nd St.
- Petty Theft 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2) 3800 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 1000 Block Carol Ln. Police Department
- Petty Theft From Veh 3300 Block Moraga Blvd. Petty Theft Veh Parts 3300 Block Victoria Ave.
- Shoplift 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
- Nuisance to the Community**
- Disturbance-domestic 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Disturbing The Peace 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Drunk In Public Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Loud Music 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 900 Block Dewing Ave. Pleasant Hill Rd./Old Tunnel Rd. 3200 Block Alta Ln.
- Loud Noise 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 100 Block Greenbank Dr.
- Loud Party N Lucille Ln./Peacock Blvd. Alta Ln./Pleasant Hill Rd. 900 Block Leland Dr.
- Public Nuisance Carol Ln./Berta Ln. 900 Block S Thompson Rd. Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Vandalism 3100 Block Stanley Blvd. 4000 Block Valente Dr.

- 1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
- Other**
- Animal Cruelty 10 Block Dollis Park Rd. 20 Block Lafayette Cir.
- Assault W/ Deadly Weapon 3100 Block Acalanes Ave.
- Dependent Adult Abuse 800 Block Moraga Rd.
- Extortion 3400 Block Shangri La Rd.
- Unwanted Guest 3600 Block Happy Valley Rd. 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Violation Custody Order 90 Block Carolyn Ct. (2) 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report April 18 - May 1



- Alarms 14
- 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 16
- Traffic 99
- Suspicious Circumstances 6
- Suspicious Subject 3
- Suspicious Vehicle 5
- Service to Citizen 24
- Patrol Req./Security Check 11
- Public/School Assembly Check 9
- Supplemental Report 4
- Vacation House Check 2
- Welfare Check 7
- Ordinance Violation 0
- Vehicle violations**
- Accident Property Campolindo High School St Andrews Dr./Augusta Dr. Canyon Rd./Pinehurst Rd., Can Moraga Way/Hardie Dr. Ivy Dr./Moraga Way Campolindo Dr./Moraga Rd
- Dui Misd Moraga Rd/Campolindo Dr.
- Excessive Speed Rheem Blvd./Woodminster Dr. (2) Rheem Center Birchwood Dr./Fernwood Dr. Moraga Way/School St. 1900 Block St Marys Rd. Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr. (2) Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr. Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd
- Vehicle Theft Police Department Constance Pl./Canyon Rd.
- Other criminal activity**
- Computer Fraud 1100 Block Alta Mesa Dr.
- Fraud False Pretenses 200 Block Sheila Ct.

- 100 Block Draeger Dr.
- Grand Theft From Veh 80 Block Hardie Dr.
- Grand Theft Veh Parts 1000 Block Sanders Dr. 10 Block Wandel Dr. 90 Block Shuey Dr. 900 Block Donald Dr. 2000 Block Donald Dr. 80 Block Sullivan Dr.
- Identity Theft Not Available 300 Block Lakefield Pl.
- Residential Burglary 400 Block Fernwood Dr.
- Shoplift Safeway 500 Block Moraga Rd. Wells Fargo Plot
- Nuisance to the Community**
- Disturbing The Peace Police Department
- Loud Music 2000 Block Ascot Dr.
- Loud Noise Hacienda Donald Dr./Moraga Rd 200 Block Corliss Dr.
- Loud Party Sanders Dr./Wandel Dr.
- Public Nuisance 10 Block Gloria Ct.
- Vandalism 1800 Block St Andrews Dr.
- Other**
- Brandishing Weapon Rancho Laguna Park
- Corporal Injury To Child 300 Block Rheem Blvd.
- Failure To Obey Moraga Rd/Corliss Dr. Fire/Ems Response Info 3900 Block Campolindo Dr.
- Fireworks 1700 Block St Andrews Dr.
- Other Felony Pito Of Safeway

### Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report April 16 - April 29

- Alarms 34
- 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 10
- Traffic 110
- Suspicious Circumstance 6
- Suspicious Subject 2
- Suspicious Vehicle 6
- Service to Citizen 53

- Patrol Req./Security Check 20
- Public/School Assembly Check 0
- Supplemental Report 21
- Vacation House Check 0
- Welfare Check 6
- Ordinance Violation 0
- Vehicle violations**
- Accident Injury 60 Block Loma Vista Dr.
- Accident Property 100 Block Moraga Way 10 Block St Stephens Dr. 10 Block Camino Sobrante
- Auto Burglary Camino Pablo
- Dui Misd 50 Block St Stephens Dr. Boeger Ranch Rd./Wild Rye Way
- Reckless Driving Moraga Way/Theatre Sq. Camino Pablo/Monte Vista Rd. E Altarinda Dr./St Stephens Dr. Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.
- Tc - Property Damage St Stephens Dr./El Nido Ranch Rd.
- Other criminal activity**
- Fraud Credit Card 10 Block Monterey Terrace
- Identity Theft 60 Block Windy Creek Way
- Petty Theft 300 Block El Toyonal
- Petty Theft From Veh Wilder Sports Fields 100 Block Canon Dr. (2)
- Robbery 60 Block Sunnyside Ln.
- Shoplift Camino Pablo
- Vehicle Theft Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
- Nuisance to the Community**
- Disturbing The Peace 20 Block Bryant Way (2)
- Loud Music Silver Oak Terrace/Sundown Terrace
- Loud Party 10 Block Santa Lucia 200 Block Sundown Terrace (2) Great Oak Cir./Orchard Rd.
- Public Nuisance 20 Block Orinda Way
- Other**
- Elder Abuse 200 Block Hall Dr.
- Failure To Obey Eb Sr 24 At St Stephens Dr.
- Trespass 80 Block Hillcrest Dr.
- Unauthorized Possession California Shakespeare Festival
- Warrant Arrest Camino Sobrante Orinda Way (2)