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Letters to the editor

Bring back our green hills

I love the green hills of Lafayette. We have lived here over 38 years and we never tire of the beauty of this place. The hills and trees are part of our City's logo. We even have a hillside ordinance to protect this wonderful landscape.

That is why I am in favor of taking down the crosses in front of the BART station. They served a purpose for a time. But they now look more like an eyesore. Let's bring back one of the more prominent hills of our city to be part of the natural landscape that is our town.
Bob Russell
Lafayette

For Lafayette's Housing Plan, there is a better way!

On Monday October 23rd, Lafayette City Council will consider plans for multiple tall buildings (over 6 stories) downtown to satisfy the State's "Regional Housing Needs Allocation" RHNA. Our bi-partisan group of Lafayette Citizens believes there are better ways. Please support these alternatives that will

meet state requirements while keeping Lafayette's charming, small-town ambiance.

PLAN A - Focus on the Downtown Core

Put added housing where it is most accessible to Lafayette's shopping district, transit hub, and other amenities. This option avoids up-zoning in residential neighborhoods and the downtown district, except for the area along Highway 24 between First Street (Whole Foods) and Risa Road (Lafayette Veterans Center).

Plan A uses actual yields from approved 2020-2023 Lafayette multi-family residential projects (which yield 120% of the zoned maximum housing units) to forecast housing production in the next 8-year cycle, versus the state's arbitrary, older, low-yield projects. The state housing authority (HCD) claims we cannot consider any project that uses legally available density bonuses (950 Hough Street recently approved with 20 units at 0.43 acres is 133% of the allowable density). Plan A also embraces state efforts to up-zone places of worship for

those near downtown and Mount Diablo Boulevard. PLAN B - Expanded Living on the West End

If the State forces Lafayette to use an 88% yield rate, the City can still preserve Mount Diablo Boulevard and the greater Downtown Zones by utilizing the 62-acre DeSilva South property (across from Oakwood) that the owner has expressed interest in developing. Amenities include proximity to Lafayette Reservoir, Oakwood, and easy freeway access, which is important amid wildfire concerns. Bart and shopping would be an easy walk. Zoning 35 units/acre on 15.7 acres of DeSilva South would allow an option for playfields and 40% wooded hillside open space. Also, this would include FBO housing as for Plan A.

Plans A and B are better solutions. Ask the City Council to preserve downtown at city-hall@lovelafayette.org Use this link to find links to an informational Housing Town Hall Saturday 10/14/23 at 4PM: <https://bit.ly/LafayetteHousing>
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

Sept 3 - Sept. 16

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|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms | 40 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 21 |
| Traffic | 92 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 7 |
| Suspicious Subject | 26 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 12 |
| Service to Citizen | 22 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 32 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 0 |
| Supplemental Report | 25 |
| Vacation House Check | 33 |
| Welfare Check | 29 |
| Ordinance Violation | 0 |

Vehicle violations

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Accident Property | |
| Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| Auto Burglary | |
| 1000 Block Carol Ln. (2) | |
| Hit And Run Misdemeanor | |
| 600 Block Los Palos Dr. | |
| 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| Pleasant Hill Rd./Reliez Valley Rd. | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Stanley Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd. | |
| Reliez Valley Rd./Shangri La Rd. | |
| Mt. Diablo Blvd./Brown Av | |
| St Marys Rd./Woodview Dr. | |
| 1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. | |
| Moraga Rd./School St., Mor | |
| Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd. | |
| Taylor Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd. | |
| Stolen Vehicle Recovery | |
| 1000 Block Blackwood Ln. | |
| Tc - Property Damage | |
| 3300 Block Woodview Dr. | |
| 2Nd St/Golden Gate Way | |
| Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| Vehicle Theft | |
| 800 Block Birdhaven Ct. | |
| 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| 1000 Block Carol Ln. | |
| Other criminal activity | |
| Fraud Credit Card | |
| 1200 Block Del Arroyo Ct. | |
| Fraud False Pretenses | |
| 3200 Block Lucas Cir. | |
| Police Department | |
| 600 Block St Marys Rd. | |
| Identity Theft | |
| 1000 Block Carol Ln. | |
| Police Department | |
| 1000 Block Los Arabis Ln. | |
| 3400 Block Sky Ln. | |
| Police Department | |
| Panhandling | |
| 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3) | |
| Petty Theft | |
| 1000 Block 2Nd St. | |
| Petty Theft From Veh | |
| Withers Av/Del Mar Dr. | |
| Residential Burglary | |
| 800 Block Las Trampas Rd. | |
| 3500 Block Brook St. | |
| 3800 Block Happy Valley Rd. | |



Shoplift

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (11)

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic

900 Block Anita Ct.

Disturbing The Peace

3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

Drunk In Public

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Police Department

Loud Music

1400 Block Rancho View Dr.

Pleasant Hill Rd./Greenvalley Dr.

Santa Maria Way/Santa Maria Ct.

3300 Block Orchard Valley Ln.

Loud Noise

50 Block Lafayette Cir.

Public Nuisance

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Village Center/Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Moraga Blvd./4Th St.

Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.

900 Block East St.

Vandalism

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

10 Block Hawks Hill Ct. (2)

900 Block Moraga Rd.

Other

Arson

3500 Block Terrace Way

Arson - Dumpster

3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Indecent Exposure

Happy Valley Rd./Deer Hill Rd.

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Trespass

4000 Block Marianne Dr.

3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

900 Block Moraga Rd.

Trespass W/ Vehicle

1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.

Unwanted Guest

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Bl A

1000 Block Willow Dr.

Moraga Police

Department

Incident

Summary

Report

Sept. 12 - Sept. 18

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|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms | 9 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 3 |
| Traffic | 61 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 3 |
| Suspicious Subject | 6 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 5 |
| Service to Citizen | 24 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 18 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 8 |
| Supplemental Report | 5 |
| Vacation House Check | 0 |
| Welfare Check | 6 |
| Ordinance Violation | 2 |

Vehicle violations

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Accident Property | |
| Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd. | |
| Police Department | |
| Dui Misd | |
| 2000 Block Ascot Dr. | |
| Canyon Club Brewery | |
| Excessive Speed | |
| St Marys College (3) | |
| Moraga Way/School St. (3) | |
| Moraga Rd./Lucas Dr. | |
| Ifo 7/11 | |
| St Marys Rd./Cattle Chute Rd. ,Laf | |
| Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd. | |
| Country Club Dr./St Andrews Dr. | |
| Campolindo High School | |
| Moraga Rd./Moraga Way (2) | |
| Rheem Blvd./Chalda Way | |
| Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr. (2) | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Moraga Rd./Woodford Dr.,Mor | |
| Camino Pablo/Canyon Rd. | |
| Tamper With Vehicle | |
| 2000 Block Ascot Dr. | |
| Tc - Property Damage | |
| Rheem Blvd./Center St. | |
| Vehicle Theft | |
| Tharp Dr./Rimer Dr. | |

Other criminal activity

Fraud Credit Card

100 Block Hodges Dr.

Fraud False Pretenses

100 Block Fernwood Dr.

Grand Theft

400 Block Center St.

Identity Theft

200 Block Paseo Bernal

Police Department

Shoplift

Tjmaxx

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbing The Peace

Rancho Laguna Park

Loud Party

1500 Block St Marys Rd.

100 Block Ascot Ct.

Vandalism

900 Block Camino Ricardo

Other

Corporal Injury Spouse

Not Available

Death Suicide

30 Block Sullivan Dr.

Mentally Ill Commit

100 Block Miramonte Dr.

Possession Of Stolen Prop

Moraga Rd./Moraga Way

Moraga Rd./Tanglewood Dr. ,Laf

Trespass

Moraga Swim And Tennis Club

Not Available



Orinda Police Department

Incident Summary Report

Sept. 17 - Sept. 30

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|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms | 34 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 7 |
| Traffic | 70 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 4 |
| Suspicious Subject | 5 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 7 |
| Service to Citizen | 47 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 9 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 4 |
| Supplemental Report | 14 |
| Vacation House Check | 0 |
| Welfare Check | 4 |
| Ordinance Violation | 4 |

Vehicle violations

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Accident Injury | |
| 60 Block Loma Vista Dr. | |
| Accident Property | |
| Orinda Way/Cam Sobrante | |
| Camino Pablo | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Camino Pablo | |
| Camino Pablo/Wildcat Canyon Rd. | |
| Moraga Way/El Camino Moraga | |

Other criminal activity

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|------------------------------|--|
| Commercial Burglary | |
| Moraga Way | |
| Petty Theft | |
| 20 Block Barbara Rd. | |
| Camino Sobrante | |
| Petty Theft From Building | |
| Irwin Way | |
| Petty Theft From Veh | |
| 20 Block Los Dedos Rd. | |
| Warrant Advise | |
| Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way | |
| Warrant Arrest | |
| El Nido/El Castillo | |
| Wb Sr 24 At Wilder Rd. | |

Nuisance to the Community

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Disturbing The Peace | |
| Moraga Way/Camino Encinas | |
| Loud Music | |
| Camino Don Miguel/Los Arboles | |
| Loud Party | |
| Knickerbocker Ln./Stein Way | |
| Moraga Via/Glorietta Blvd. | |
| 10 Block Abbott Ct. | |
| Public Nuisance | |
| 10 Block Theatre Sq 106 | |
| Vandalism | |
| 10 Block Charles Hill Cir. | |
| 20 Block Daryl Dr. | |
| 600 Block Moraga Way | |

Other

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|---------------------------|--|
| Trespass | |
| 10 Block Theatre Sq 106 | |
| 500 Block Orindawoods Dr. | |