

Letters to the editor ... continued

Paul Chopra - The Best Choice for AUHSD Governing Board

Dear Editor,
I am writing to express my strong support for Paul Chopra in the upcoming election for the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) Governing Board. In a community that prioritizes quality education, Paul stands out as a candidate who combines extensive financial expertise with a sincere dedication to the academic success and well-being of our students.

With 25 years of experience as a CPA and a strong track record as Treasurer and Board Member for Lafayette Partners in Education, Paul has made impactful contributions to our schools. His recent work on the District Budget Advisory Committee for the Lafayette School District, helped to identify over \$2 million in savings and revenue opportunities. This kind of prudent financial oversight and strategic resource allocation is vital for enhancing our educational programs.

With Paul's financial skills, we can be assured that our schools will benefit from effective budgeting and strategic investments in innovative curriculum, technology, and teacher development.

I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to support Paul Chopra for the AUHSD School Board. Together, we can improve our educational system and create a brighter future for all students.
Sincerely,
Tom Mulvaney
Lafayette

Re election of Gina Dawson

We are residents of Lafayette since 1969, and feel inspired to endorse Gina Dawson for re election to our City Council.

She has served Lafayette and all of us for several year on every issue that is important to us: as co founder of Save Lafayette Trees, passing the gun storage ordinance , chair of RecycleSmart board, helping to adopt the new Hosing Element , and has turned out in support of environmental i, and safety issues long before she started serving on the Council 4 years ago.

My husband and I have lived here a long time, and seen many positive changes for our city. Gina Dawson has been a large part of these improvements. And her energy and tireless work for our City is to be commended with a vote for her to remain on our City Council.
Thank you.
Lynn MacMichael and Howard Weamer
Lafayette

Re-elect Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick

I write to express my support for Lafayette City Council Candidates Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick.

According to the City of Lafayette website, the town's DEIB committee "envisions a society where all systems (e.g. education, health care, housing, criminal justice, the economy) are just, fair and inclusive, enabling all people to participate and reach their full potential."

For our town to continue to strive towards this vision, we must elect city council members who will support, rather than deter, these goals. In reviewing school board and city council meetings, there is evidence that not all candidates share this vision.

One of the things I love about my kids' school is its commitment to creating a culture of belonging. The LAFSD Lafayette Celebrates program highlights different cultures and celebrations throughout the year to help our children develop empathy, understanding, and cultural literacy.

I want to to live in a town that continues to work towards creating a more equitable and inclusive space. I am voting to re-elect candidates Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick because I am confident that they will continue to work toward creating an environment where all residents feel valued.

Sincerely,
Sarah Vickers-Webb
Lafayette

Re-Elect Gina Dawson to Lafayette City Council

I urge Lafayette residents to re-elect the current mayor of Lafayette, Gina Dawson, to the City Council. I met Mayor Dawson several years ago when she spearheaded the campaign to save heritage oak trees from PG&E chainsaws along gas pipelines buried under Lafayette trails and streets. She and her team alerted residents about PG&E's gas line safety violations and pressured the company to fix its poorly maintained equipment. To this day, hundreds of heritage oaks remain standing in our city due to her persistent work and that of her team.

While mayor of Lafayette, the state approved the City's General Plan Housing Element, a challenging accomplishment for our city. Additionally, the General Plan Safety Element was approved, which in-

cludes utility safety, a key concern of Mayor Dawson.

She has taken action to protect the environment, to advance inclusivity, and to make Lafayette a safer place to live. Please check the ballot box next to Gina Dawson's name and re-elect her to Lafayette's City Council.
MaryJo Cass
Lafayette

Gina Dawson for Lafayette City Council

I urge voters to vote for Gina Dawson for Lafayette City Council. Gina's experience, thoughtfulness, intelligence, integrity, fiscal responsibility and deep concern for our community and environment have helped shape her into an excellent city council member and now mayor.

Our community will continue to benefit from Gina's experience and understanding of our City, from the budget, housing element to wildfire risks, traffic and safety issues and downtown business needs. She has my vote.
Janet Thomas
Lafayette

Support of Lauren McCabe Herpich

We enter a fascinating election cycle that similar to most recent ones, shows the very best and worst in us. A beautiful system created by forward thinking geniuses, that today faces new challenges with technology allowing for the instantaneous distribution of rumors, social media attacks, lies, and the truths that are all to be weighed in who we vote for.

As the husband of Lauren McCabe Herpich, I write this to support her, and ask you do the same, in her candidacy for City Council of the beautiful city of Lafayette.

I understand right off the bat that my writing this could be perceived as a bias lens. It of course is. However, I get to see the side of Lauren that no one else does, and I will tell you that NO ONE will work harder for the citizens of Lafayette than she will.

Being the only candidate that lives near downtown Lafayette, where the impact of decisions to be made will be most felt, I guarantee you that Lauren is coming from a place of wanting the best for Lafayette today and it's future!
Chris Herpich
Lafayette

Cervantes, Dawson, McCormick and Anduri for Lafayette City Council

There are four strong candidates for the four Lafayette City Council positions on the ballot.

For the two-year partial term, Jim Cervantes has the background and experience that will make him an extremely valuable member. During his 34-year career in public finance, Jim worked on nearly 500 municipal financings, developing a thorough understanding of municipal budgets. After retiring in 2020, he served on the County's Measure X Community Advisory Board, as well as the Board of Directors of the California Housing Finance Agency. In Lafayette he volunteered for the General Plan Advisory Committee, gaining a thorough understanding of the planning elements of the city.

For the three four-year terms, the three incumbents – Gina Dawson, John McCormick and Carl Anduri – stand out. While each of them is an independent voice on the Council, there is one trait they share. Each has done the hard work of providing significant service to our community for years, both on and off the Council. And they have done that work extremely well.

I recommend Jim Cervantes, Gina Dawson, John McCormick and Carl Anduri.
Mike Anderson
Former Lafayette Mayor, and 2023 Lafayette Citizen of the Year

Yes on Prop 5 – Keep our Kids in California

As a parent, I want my children to be able to live in the Bay Area. Unfortunately, housing costs have skyrocketed, and most of the kids who grew up here are priced out. Also, many people who work in Lamorinda cannot afford to live here, meaning long commutes and the accompanying pollution.

I'm supporting Proposition 5 because it empowers Lamorinda and the Bay Area to build the types of housing that young adults, workers, and seniors need.

Prop 5 has strict accountability measures, including independent audits and oversight committees.

Vote for Prop 5 to give our children the opportunity to thrive right here in California.
Ashley Coates
Moraga

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Mario DiPrisco
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