

Letters to the editor ... continued

Measure H

The City of Lafayette receives one of the lowest percentages of property tax money within our county. Our city staff and council have proven themselves to be fiscally responsible. Now Lafayette is faced with rising costs to simply maintain basic programs and services. Please join me in voting yes on Measure H, a 1/2 cent sales tax increase, thus helping maintain the services we need in Lafayette.
Ramsay Thomas
Lafayette

Re-Elect Gina Dawson for Lafayette Council

Do you want to have a leader who will speak truth to power? If yes, be sure to re-elect Gina Dawson to Lafayette Council. Gina is a proven leader.

I first met our current Lafayette Mayor, Gina Dawson, when hundreds of heritage oak trees were being threatened by chain saws under the guise of a PG&E public safety campaign. In response, Gina co-founded Save Lafayette Trees. Together, with many concerned citizens, she advocated for accountability, questioning the science behind the tenuous claims – that heritage oak trees were threatening the integrity of natural gas lines in Lafayette. Under Dawson leadership, Save Lafayette Trees succeeded in protecting hundreds of heritage oaks!

Moreover, Gina has updated the Safety Element of the General Plan, emphasizing the importance of collaboration with PG&E and other utility partners to reduce risks to our community - including more resilient infrastructure. These accomplishments exemplify Gina's willingness to protect our natural environment and the safety of our community. They also demonstrate her independent thinking and collaborative capabilities. Beyond public safety and environmental

stewardship, Gina prioritizes increased housing opportunities, fiscal sustainability, and a vibrant downtown. Let's re-elect Gina so she can continue this important work.
Deborah Cox Callister
Lafayette

Concerned About Anti-LGBTQ Candidate for Lafayette City Council

As someone dedicated to advocating on behalf of LGBTQ individuals and families throughout Lamorinda for several years, I am deeply concerned about one of the candidates for Lafayette City Council. This candidate is on record making public statements against LGBTQ people. Her campaign has received funding from those who have made similar public statements, including several people who confronted children and families with anti-LGBTQ signage and taunts at Lafayette Elementary School for ten painful weeks last Spring. This group stood in front of the elementary school with huge "Groomers!" signs and screamed that word at children as they were being dropped off and picked up from school. The concerning Lafayette City Council candidate aligns herself with the leader of the LES harassment campaign and refuses to acknowledge the harm this group continues to cause to some of Lafayette's most vulnerable community members, and to the community as a whole.

I am glad to support Lafayette City Council candidates Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick. I appreciate their steady leadership, their ability to clearly express their respect for diverse community members, and their commitment to making Lafayette and Lamorinda a safe and welcoming place for all.
Bree Sanchez
Moraga

Cara Hoxie for Orinda City Council

I'm writing to highly recommend Cara Hoxie for Orinda City Council. I worked closely with

Cara for three years on the executive board of the Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO) when she was co-president and I was the V.P. of Fundraising for Miramonte High School. Cara is a capable, thoughtful and fair leader. Her experience at EFO and eight years on the Orinda Union School District board has shown her dedication to our community and fortitude in handling many complicated and difficult issues. Cara's legal background and ability to dig into issues will serve her well in seeking information and understanding the myriad of topics City Council faces.

Cara grew up in Orinda, returned with her family to raise three children and has continued to contribute and care about our citizens. Add to this that she is articulate, bright and has a lot of common sense – all of these qualities make her a person we'd be lucky to have on City Council.
Wendy Bond
Orinda

John McCormick - Lafayette City Council

I am proud to endorse John McCormick, running in this year's Lafayette City Council election. As the former Executive Director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce I have a unique perspective on John's qualifications. John was elected as our President in 2020. John had big plans for how he would lead our organization. And in a flash, COVID -19 changed everything. Businesses closed and commerce stopped. When other chambers shut down, we stepped our commitment up. John's leadership skills took over and we were able to do our best work ever. Interacting with city and county agencies for guidance, John never let our members or our community feel like they were alone.

John held himself to the highest standards and molded his stewardship for us all during that difficult time. He possess a rare blend of

NICE GUY who LISTENS to everyone, does his due diligence and builds consensus. As Covid continued on, John was the first to serve two consecutive terms as president, to get the job done. Benjamin Franklin once said that "if you want something done, ask a busy person." John McCormick is here and ready to serve Lafayette's residents. Stop by Lamorinda Music and say hello...
Jay Lifson
Former Executive Director, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

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STACEY SCHWEPPE

FOR Acalanes Union High School District Board

- ★ Endorsed by former AUHSD Board members Kathy Coppersmith, Tom Mulvaney & Susan Epstein
- ★ Endorsed by Moraga Town Council members Renata Sos, Kerry Hillis & Steve Woehleke
- ★ Endorsed by former Orinda Mayors Amy Worth & Sue Severson



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- Support comprehensive school safety measures
- Encourage strong, evidence-based curriculum
- Engage legislators regarding inadequate school funding
- Ensure Measure D resources are spent thoughtfully



- Doctorate in Physical Therapy, Duke University
- Adjunct Professor, Samuel Merritt University
- Served on MEF, LP PTA Boards, MSD Safety Committee
- Small business owner
- Children being served by the local schools

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Love Lafayette



What is Measure H? How will it help Lafayette?

Q – What is Measure H about?

A – Lafayette is fiscally conservative. It has always had a balanced budget and no debt or pension obligations. However, over the last year it has seen dramatically increased costs for road maintenance, insurance, and state-mandated programs. This points to a sustained deficit starting next year – approx. 10% of the \$20 million General Fund. Measure H will help restore balance to the budget.

Q – What happens if Measure H does not pass?

A – The City Council will be forced to cut over \$2 million annually from the budget, likely reducing police services, road maintenance, and senior services.

Q – How will Measure H help?

A – Through a small, half-percent sales tax increase, Measure H will help maintain police staffing levels, keep our roads in good shape, preserve senior services, and sustain our high quality of life.

Q – How much more will I pay for goods?

A – A \$10 purchase will cost an additional 5 cents.

Q – Does the sales tax apply to everything I buy in Lafayette?

A – No, groceries, prescription medicines and other non-taxable items will not be affected.

Q – How will our tax rate compare to that of neighboring cities?

A – Our sales tax will remain lower than Moraga, Orinda, and Concord, and will match Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill.

Q – Is Measure H permanent? How is accountability ensured?

A – Measure H will last 7 years, unless extended by voters. An oversight committee of Lafayette residents will monitor use of revenues and ensure transparency.

Q – Will all the revenue stay in Lafayette?

A – Yes, 100% of the revenue stays in Lafayette under local control.

More information is available on our website: Yes4Lafayette.org

Learn More at an Upcoming Info Session:

Thursday Oct 10, 6:30 PM on Zoom

Scan to Register



Thursday Oct 17, 7:00 PM

Living Hope Fellowship Church
3201 Stanley Blvd.

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