

Letters to the editor ... continued

Measure H

During my 11 years on the Lafayette City Council, I was privileged to serve as Mayor in 2009-10 and 2014-15. My fellow council members and I worked with our excellent city staff to maintain the best possible city services for our residents with limited funding. I know I am not alone in wanting our city to remain safe and strong. Lafayette city services are crucial to all our residents and the best way to keep those services in place is voting "YES" on Measure H.

Measure H increases the local sales tax rate by only half a percent, but that is enough to allow the city to continue fixing our streets, maintaining police services, preserving our parks, public spaces, and open space, and sustaining our wildfire preparedness efforts. As Mayor and Councilmember, I have witnessed firsthand how the people of Lafayette care for one another. Supporting Measure H helps us continue the level of care that makes us "Love Lafayette". Safe neighborhoods, safe students and schools, safe pedestrians and bikers, and safe senior citizens.

Please vote YES on Measure H. Sincerely,
Brandt Andersson
Walnut Creek

Stacey Schweppe for AUHSD Board

We urge Lamorinda voters to join us in voting for Stacey Schweppe for the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) Governing Board. Stacey has the experience and temperament to be an effective and collegial board member who is committed to educational excellence and the well-being of all AUHSD students. Stacey is a Campolindo alum, lives in Walnut Creek, and her children are graduates of Las Lomas High School. She has spent over a decade serving our public schools, including as a PTA President at Las Lomas, Las Trampas Creek Council board member, and citizen representative to the local parcel tax oversight committee. She is fluent in public finance and budgeting, has deep knowledge of every school in AUHSD, and, because she has firsthand familiarity with Las Lomas High

School, will bring an important perspective to the Board. Moreover, Stacey is a person of impeccable integrity, and her record bespeaks a steadfast devotion to exemplary public education for all. We're voting for Stacey Schweppe on Nov. 5 and ask that you do, too.
Amy Worth, Former Mayor of Orinda
Renata Sos, Moraga Town Council Member
Matt Francois, Walnut Creek City Council Member

John McCormick, Carl Anduri and Jim Cervantes for City Council

Our family moved to Lafayette over 30 years ago. Our daughters attended local schools and have put their education to excellent use.

In the years since Lafayette has been through good times, uncertain times and what some would call dark times, yet those here still find it a wonderful place to live. They've pitched in, helped each other, and volunteered.

Let's keep it that way.

John McCormick richly deserves election to a permanent seat. Incumbents Carl Anduri, who has served this City for years, and Gina Dawson, do too.

There are important issues to be dealt with, fiscal uncertainty, budgets and doing it all while preserving the core values that unite us. These candidates will get the job done.

Kate A Ruby
Lafayette

Re-elect Gina Dawson for Lafayette City Council

I strongly support re-electing Gina Dawson for Lafayette City Council. Gina Dawson is an excellent City Council member. Her calm manner invites civil discussion. She listens attentively and hears residents' concerns. Her alertness to potential unintended consequences is impressive. Gina Dawson balances the needs and wants of residents with an awareness of legal regulations and the inescapable fiscal realities.

One example of her dedication to fact-based action was her response to homeowner complaints of PG&E's in-

tention to remove hundreds of Lafayette trees. She co-founded Save Lafayette Trees to learn about pipeline safety. She brought this knowledge back to negotiations with PG&E. Considering environmental impacts but always with an eye for community safety, her work saved many trees that help keep our sidewalks and streets cooler and our community semi-rural.

Your ballot is in the mail. I urge you to join me and vote for Gina Dawson for Lafayette City Council.
Carol Murota
Lafayette

Gina Dawson & John McCormick for City Council

I enthusiastically support John and Gina for City Council, adding to my previous endorsement of Carl Anduri, three visionary, trusted leaders.

John McCormick brings a full package of skills essential to the work of City Council. His intelligence, ability to listen and encourage multiple perspectives, and deep understanding of finance have been recognized in multiple roles, most recently as interim City Council member. As co-owner with his wife Colleen of Lamorinda Music, John understands the challenges and needs of our small business community. He was elected to two consecutive terms as President of the Chamber of Commerce and selected 2020 Business Person of the Year. An advocate for environmental sustainability, he sits on the boards of Recycle Smart and Marin Clean Energy. John's broad range of volunteer service include Planning Commission and multiple city commissions, and nonprofits such as LPIE, Park Theater Trust, Food Bank, & Blood Bank. His breadth of experience will continue to be invaluable to City Council.

As current Mayor, Gina Dawson has managed public discussions of challenging topics with fairness, openness, and intelligence. In her four years on Council, she has demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues fundamental to effective city management. Prior to Council service, she used her natural leadership skills to form the Gas Safety Task Force, taking PG&E to task for dangerous ne-

glect of our aging gas lines. Gina successfully founded Save Lafayette Trees to stop PG&E's threat to cut down dozens of trees not impacting the pipes.

Her many years of serving Lafayette include being a founder of LPIE. City Council needs a leader with her record of community involvement. Elect Gina, John and Carl to continue guiding this community.
Kathy Merchant
25 years Lafayette/current Orinda

Gian Panetta for the Moraga School Board

As a long-time resident of Moraga, I have been continually impressed by the academic environment that our Town provides to its students. There is little reason to stop now.

I strongly support the candidacy of Gian Panetta for a position on the Moraga School Board. Gian was educated in Moraga, K-12, and well understands the value of that education, his teachers as well as the resources made available to him throughout his schooling.

Over the last decade, Gian has excelled in making and sustaining relationships that have advanced agendas as a congressional intern, President of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, co-Chair of the Lafayette Young Professionals, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and current committee member of the Moraga Local Sales Tax and Oversight Committee, Measure K.

Gian possesses a clear determination to serve our Town and its students. He has a commitment to, not only academic success but also ensuring that students are welcomed and supported by schools - all within the financial guardrails that apply. His drive and persistence toward these goals is only outweighed by his dedication to our community.

I encourage all of Moraga to support his candidacy and to safe keep our tradition of academic excellence.
John Panetta
Moraga

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Dear Neighbors,

As I've shared with many of you while campaigning over the past couple of months, **service runs deep in my family.** My father, the son of immigrants, earned his wings with the Army Air Corps as one of a handful of Mexican-American pilots late in World War II. Recalled to duty as a pilot for the Korean Conflict, he continued with the Air Force, serving in the Viet Nam War. His legacy of integrity, honor, and

service to our country resonates deeply with me.

My father's example greatly shaped who I am. Out of an interest in working with communities, I pursued a career in Public Finance after earning my MBA at Stanford, creating financing programs for cities and other public agencies. **Through my 34-year career, I became deeply acquainted with city finances in California and how good government functions.** I believe I can apply these skills to ensure Lafayette's long-term fiscal health and support sound public policy.

When I retired in 2020, I sought out ways to serve our community. As **Vice-Chair and Chair of Lafayette's General Plan Advisory Committee**, I made community outreach a priority as we worked through updates to our housing and safety plans. I listened to many perspectives and worked to make sure all voices were heard. Out of concern about wildfire preparedness, I organized a Firewise community in my neighborhood. I am also active with Lafayette Rotary and St. Perpetua Church.

In addition to my local volunteer work, **I served on a County advisory board recommending funding of County services.** More recently, I was appointed by the Governor as **Board Chair of the California Housing Finance Agency**, focusing on financing affordable housing solutions across the State.

Lafayette is navigating critical issues. In addition to financial sustainability and fire safety, we need to improve traffic management, complete the rezoning process, implement the Housing Element, support our schools, and ensure government transparency. **As your City Council representative, I will actively engage with the community, listen to diverse viewpoints, and work collaboratively with fellow Council members and City staff.** My commitment to you is to use my best judgment to move Lafayette forward.

I look forward to earning your vote.

— Jim Cervantes

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Greg Young, Acalanes Football
Jody Young, Community Leader

"I strongly support Jim Cervantes for City Council. I've watched him work with the General Plan Advisory Committee and board service with the County and the State. Jim has been effective and dedicated to improving our community. He offers a background in municipal finance, outstanding personal integrity, and a deep commitment to service. Please join me in voting for Jim."
— Don Tatzin, Former Mayor