Cleaner Energy Option Coming to Lafayette

By Cathy Tyson

choice is coming to Lafayette.

To announce the community residents, provider Marin Clean Energy is sending a series of five post cards and letters, announcing the program over the summer. The out to every electricity customer within the city of Lafayette during the week of June 20. The monthslong outreach program is geared to give residents a complete picture of what greener power means, and how it works, prior to the September start date.

After thoroughly researching choice of having their power supplied from clean renewable sources hydroelectric. MCE partners with PG&E by generating the electricity, but PG&E continues to provide delivery and billing services. The utility still owns and reads their meters and is responsible for maintenance and repair services.

An MCE employee was working at the Lafayette city offices the week of the initial mailing, and city staff members have been trained about the program so they can answer questions for customers who come in to the city offices at 3675 with questions can still visit the city offices, but they can also call ing service in September. It's a total or email provider MCE, or navigate of approximately 93,000 new custhe easy-to-use MCE website for tomers. more information.

formed, we don't want to upset proved the California Community anyone," said Jamie Tuckey, director of public affairs for MCE. People take energy for granted, they don't really think about the impacts cal CCA when available. MCE is on the environment, she said.

between MCE and PG&E is that that customers living in a service MCE is a public agency — there area would automatically be enare no shareholders and no divi-rolled, unless they opt out. For dends, so revenue is reinvested in more information, visit www.mceprojects, programs and rebates that CleanEnergy.org/Lafayette. are paid to customers who generate

or the first time ever, energy more energy than they use through rooftop solar panels. Electricity that MCE buys is fed onto the statewide choice energy program and educate shared electric grid and is delivered to homes and businesses.

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Starting on a rolling basis in colorful mailers, in the form of September, Lafayette customers will be automatically enrolled in MCE's Light Green 50 percent first batch of 11,000 mailers went renewable energy service, but can upgrade to Deep Green 100 percent renewable energy or Local Sol -100 percent locally produced solar energy. There will be an exit fee for leaving PG&E, however. It's also possible to opt out of MCE and use PG&E's standard power that has 30 percent renewable content.

According to Tuckey, a typical the issue, local lawmakers decided household would see less than a \$1 it was best to give residents a choice difference in their monthly bill for of where their energy comes from, those that do nothing and simply and the opportunity to easily re- roll into the light green energy opduce their carbon footprint. MCE is tion, in addition to the exit fee. For a not-for-profit electricity provider customers that choose Deep Green that gives all PG&E customers the power, the difference in price would be about \$5 more per month.

The benefit of renewable nonlike solar, wind, geothermal and polluting electricity from MCE is the elimination of over 122,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions to date, for a cleaner planet, MCE says. As MCE grows, it has committed over \$500 million to build wind, solar and waste- to-energy projects in California that also produce local jobs.

MCE was founded in 2008 and currently serves over 170,000 customers in Marin and Napa counties, along with Richmond, Benicia, El Cerrito, San Pablo. Lafayette will join Walnut Creek, Napa, Ameri-Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Residents can Canyon, Calistoga, St. Helena and Yountville, who are also start-

In 2002 the energy market "We want people to be in- changed when state legislators ap-Choice aggregation law, which transferred the default status of an investor-owned utility to a lo-California's first operating CCA One of the biggest differences program. The legislation mandated

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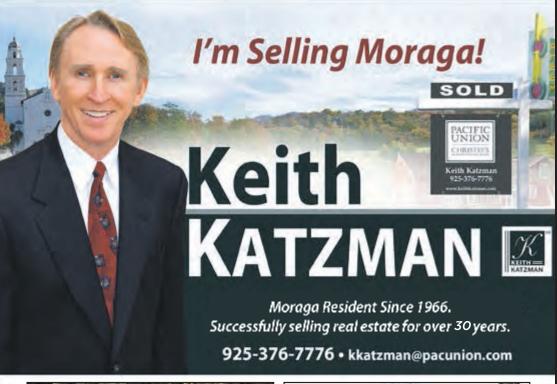
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pride flag was flown at halfstaff, just below the American flag

lando, Fla., mass shooting.

or the first time ever, a gay long-serving council member Don Tatzin, filling in for the mayor and vice mayor who were both out of at Plaza Park recently, as a gesture town, asked that everyone at the of support for the victims in the Or- Community Hall at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center ob-In addition, before the June serve a moment of silence for the 13 city council meeting started, victims of the attack. — C. Tyson

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