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## Measure C Supporters Want Money to Stay in Lafayette

may have the opportunity to obtain construction, he said. a large downtown park site near the downtown parks," another use of struction of a city office building. " Measure C funds included in the

"So, to be crystal clear: no Mea-

As controversial as the oppo-

"If Measure C passes, the city in notes and assets reserved for its says, "During our board discussion, dent. Their contract with the shermeasure.

"In general, (we) feel Lafayette nicipalities." ballot language, he said. While the nents are finding Measure C, the is one of the better-governed and

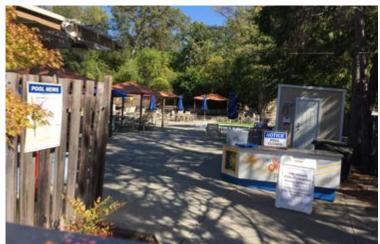
and my own conversations around iff's department for police services

already has more than \$5 million on this tax. President Jack Weir ters are generally frugal and pru-the city council can't promise the tokeeping the city fiscally sound."

money raised by the sales tax be used for specifics, the city has done the Lafayette community, there are is smart; they have largely avoided a great job of giving the community library, consistent with developing sure C funds are necessary for the conclearly mixed feelings about the unfunded pension obligation a chance to tell them what they want that is now crippling so many mu- to see in Lafayette's future," Lifson says. "And they are willing to pay The process in which the tax for it. Our city council has demoncouncil has studied the option of a Contra Costa Taxpayers' Associa- managed cities in the county," Weir measure came about is also get- strated in the past that they take a recivic building for that site, the city tion has decided to take no position says. "Their policies on fiscal mat- ting positive reviews. "Although sponsible and conservative approach

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# Lafayette Pool Dives into Dispute With Neighbors



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The Sun Valley Swimming Pool club.

Additional concerns about handling garbage and

si says the city was alerted to the bors," Grossi said, and the largpool's increased use "mostly when est and most complex issue was we began playing amplified music noise. The city received three at our meets, and the neighbors of written comments about the matour pool were affected by this enhancement." Cheering crowd noise and electronic starting beeps are different than the loud amplified pop music SVSP has requested; Grossi says; "one is tenable (to the neighbors), the other is not."

The city of Lafayette and SVSP neighbors responded with only six parking spots; overflow parking uses a nearby daycare neighbors and the city together. as I know, no other (Lamorinda)

Photo Cathy Dausman "We found that there was inlight tense organized opposition to our were also raised. permit as applied for by a very SVSP club president T.J. Gros-small number of adjacent neighter from individuals who suggested the city apply "reasonable parameters" to any changes. The fourth letter (unsigned) from "adjacent neighbors of Sun Valley Pool" opposed the land use permit "entirely," raising concerns about excess traffic, pedestrian safety, buildings not to code, potential concerns about noise and limited alcohol abuse, sanitation deficits onsite parking. Pool grounds have and excess noise resulting from a proposed membership increase.

SVSP members themselves center and a church by agree- have complained to Grossi about ment. Grossi said the pool funded other pools being able to use aman environmental review "at great plified music when they can't. expense" and the board hosted Grossi says even their pool attora series of four outreach meet- neys cannot find a legal argument ings to bring pool leadership, favoring its use, but adds "as far

fayette city project planner Adam uance to the Oct. 3 meeting. Foster more enjoyable for the swim team."

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pool permit lists amplified mu- Foster. At the Sept. 19 planning says the city wants details about just sic as a condition of operation." commission meeting, the pair was when the pool would use amplified Grossi says he has been work- in and out in a matter of minutes sound. Grossi hopes to make the end ing closely and amicably with La- when the item was granted a contin- result "better for the neighbors and

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# **Recent Crimes Stir Concern About Corridor's Safety**

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The local police departments camera images. This means lookhave a great deal of informational ing for home surveillance videos material with suggestions for pro- and eyewitnesses, a much slower tecting residents against becoming and less reliable process. victims of robberies, car thefts, burtheir occurrence, they agree that last year to 0 so far in 2016. one solution stands out: more camcaptured images of a car involved in an Orinda home invasion and assault last year, the suspect was rested within days.

Brown crime will require oldfashioned police work, Nagel says, because there are no surveillance

As for prevention, after camglaries and associated acts of vio- eras were installed in Orinda, the lence. As far as what communities number of auto burglaries commitcan do to solve crimes and prevent ted by outsiders dropped from 12

Residents may also be able to eras. After the city's recently in- do more to prevent crime from hapstalled surveillance camera system pening. "If you see something, say something," the Lafayette crime bulletin reminded residents.

"When we moved here at the quickly tracked to Oakland and ar- time of cityhood more than 30 years ago, Neighborhood Watch By comparison, solving the was big," agrees one Orinda resident, who preferred not to give his name. "We ought to revive that."





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