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# Measure V in Moraga

subsidize capital improvement.

"We have enough to pay for our teachers and programs and to allocate 3 percent of our budget for current maintenance," says Burns. But the Moraga district, like many others, does not have the means to save for long-term capital projects. Burns adds that he and his team went to Sacramento to find other funding sources and found out that the MSD was not eligible for capital grants. If the bond passes, though, this will change and the district will apply for grants that require matching funding and that could extend the impact of Measure V, he said.

In 1995 Moraga voters approved a \$12 million bond that residents will pay off until 2021. Burns says that this measure had allowed the reopening of Los Perales, the renovation of the two other elementary schools, tion of new technology. "This bond do some maintenance over the years,

Lafayette Measure C

Lafayette has a \$130 million city

council chamber/library complex.

The astronomical price is because

of incredibly bad judgement and

borrowing money. Now they want

to borrow up to \$58 million more

on the anticipated earnings from

Measure C, the 1 percent sales tax

that will affect vehicle purchases,

wherever they are purchased. We

can't escape this tax, like we can

of Lafayette's government is to bor-

row money to purchase the Golden

Gate Plaza, a.k.a. The Lincoln

Buildings, evict the poor tenants

who will never find comparable

rent in this area, demolish the build-

ings, then build an overpriced of-

fice building for their best friends,

a.k.a. the city of Lafayette's admin-

istrators and police. They already have given this project the fictitious

name of "The Library Park." They

The number one goal of the city

with other taxable products.

No on Measure C

Dear Editor,

That allocation is not sufficient to is still benefiting students today," says Burns, "like Measure V bond will benefit students tomorrow." Richard Severy, board member and co-chair of the bond committee, adds that bond money is for facilities and equipment only, not salary or programs.

Measure V will probably fund a series of very much needed improvements. A little over a year ago, MSD, which manages three elementary schools and one middle school, entrusted a consulting group to study its facilities. The report shows 50year-old schools that have ongoing issues like leaking roofs, outdated plumbing, heating and air-conditioning issues, or faulty sewer systems. The report details and itemizes everything, including the seismic upgrades needed in some buildings. Severy says that these are not proved, but Burns says he will not be gold-plated additions, but items on a the addition of the Joaquin Moraga massive laundry list that need to be Intermediate pavilion, and the addi- done. "The district has been able to opposition to the bond measure.

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but the needs far exceed its resources," he says.

Severy also indicates that the bond measure can be used to configure a more flexible study environment, improve the network infrastructure, and acquire additional tablets, for example. "The state cannot take that money away, and it will be used only for Moraga, only for the schools, only for the students.

Seniors will not be exempt of the bond, if passed. A citizens' oversight committee will control the way the funds will be used, and the committee will be audited independently. The committee will also determine the priority of the projects' completion. Measure V needs a 55 percent rate to pass.

A survey done by the school district shows that it should be apcomfortable until after the election.

There is currently no organized

# Letters to the Editor

Because of the high amount of election-related letters received this issue, they will appear on pages A12, A13, A14 and A15, organized by catagory.

related letters we receive, deadline for the Oct. 19 issue will be Wednesday, Oct. 12. even mentioned turning the deep businesses in Lafayette.

concrete flood control channel into a "natural" creek. In all appearanc- zens' Vision for Lafayette possible. es, this is impossible. Not merely a bad idea.

Purchasing the "Bridge" parking lot was the first step in this plan.

The politicians deny this is their plan. This reminds me of the old story about the snake that Dennis Garrison convinced someone to put him in President-Board of Directors their pocket. Then the snake bit the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce sweet, gullible person, then said; "You knew I was a snake."

Be sure to vote No on Measure Love Lafayette – A City that Lis-

Bruce R. Peterson Lafayette

C.

#### Invest in Lafayette – It's Good for Business Dear Editor,

The Board of Directors of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce has endorsed Lafayette's Measure C on the November ballot. We support the city council's effort to fund the terest in many things, several pri-Citizens' Vision for Lafayette for orities received very broad citizen the coming decades. The Chamber support in each survey and comhas opposed sales tax increases in munity conversation. Those key prior years when we did not feel elements of the Citizens' Vision for that the economy or circumstances the future of Lafayette include: were right. There are several rea- · Protecting open space from de-

Please note that because of the volume of election-

Measure C will make the Citi-We believe that it is good for the residents and it is good for businesses.

Invest in Lafayette - Vote Yes on Measure C.

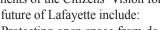
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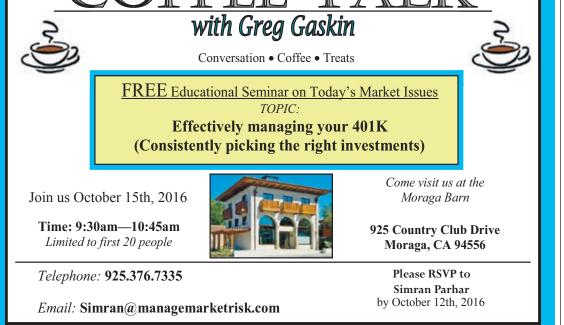
Dear Editor,

A positive measure -- Measure C -is on the ballot in Lafayette to enable the Citizens' Vision of Lafayette's future. For the last year and a half, the city council reached out in open meetings and two rounds of polling to listen to the vision residents have for Lafayette over the coming decades.

While citizens expressed in-



Wednesday, October 5, 2016





sons this year's proposal makes sense.

First, the city council has made tion clear that they are committed to investing the incremental sales taxes • on improvements to make Lafayette a better place to live, dine and parks shop. Investing in efforts to reduce • traffic congestion and improve Theater parking downtown are both critical and the continued success of our businesses. Finding land for new downtown parks and helping to revitalize the Park Theater will bring more pedestrians and bicycles to the downtown and increase the clientele at Lafayette businesses. Providing additional resources for police services will improve public safety for businesses and residents.

Second, the state has set a 10 percent cap on the sales tax for each community. We believe that if Lafayette does not act now, regional agencies will fill that cap space. Lafayette is best served if the additional sales tax money raised in invested in projects that fulfill our Citizens' Vision.

Finally, other cities are working on their own sales tax increments. More than half of the cities in Contra Costa County, including Orinda and Moraga, have already passed Measure C. sales tax increments. We don't believe that Measure C would create Kristina Sturm a competitive disadvantage for the Lafayette

velopment

Reducing downtown conges-

- Enhancing police protection
- Improving downtown parking

٠ Acquiring land for downtown

Revitalizing the historic Park

The revenue from Measure to the happiness of our customers C will enable the city to invest in these priorities, and do so in smart ways that will help the city's money go farther. As Chair of the Circulation Commission, a past member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Chair of the Sales Tax Revenue Study Committee, and a member of the Lafayette Downtown Congestion Study Steering Committee, I have seen the city listen to what citizens want and then get the most for its citizens by leveraging its funds to obtain additional grants, and taking advantage of opportunities for public/private partnerships.

A positive measure – Measure Lafayette stays in Lafayette and is C – is inspired by the Citizens' Vision for Lafayette. If citizens approve the measure, the city will have the revenue to help fulfill the Citizens' Vision for the city we all love

Love Lafayette - Vote "Yes" on

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