

Latest Lafayette School Board member

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Sturm says that he and his wife, Kristina, moved to Lafayette from San Francisco in 2009, drawn by the community's small-town feel, access to nature and, most importantly, preeminent schools. Their oldest son attends Burton Valley Elementary School, and their younger son and daughter will soon be joining him ensuring family enrollment in the Lafayette schools for almost the next two decades.

Sturm campaigned in the fall for election but lost to board member Meredith Meade and Kindhouse at that time. Sturm says of the 2016 election campaign, "I am focused ahead, not behind. I have great confidence in our school board and superintendent, and our ability to work together to best support our community's aspirations and our children's needs."

In fact Sturm makes the point that he applied for appointment to the LAFSD board for the same reasons that prompted and motivated his campaign during the 2016 election. "I have a long-standing commitment and desire to give back to my community and a particular passion for youth and education causes."

Sturm shares the commitment of the current board that students

should be intellectually engaged to their fullest so learning is enriching and instruction promotes character development, integrity and ready pursuit of academic interests. He says he has spent much of his professional career advancing equal opportunity causes and believes it is important for schools to actively encourage both girls and boys to pursue their interests in science, technology, teaching or other professions that have historically been underrepresented.

Sturm says that public schools should be particularly thoughtful and interactive in their approach to supporting special needs children and believes his background and experience can be helpful. He says, "The district is making material progress and additional work lies ahead, including becoming less dependent on contract service providers."

Sturm believes leading sustainability practices not only represent the "right thing to do" but also tend to promote cost efficiency, praising as an example the district's commitment to solar energy and the associated long-term cost savings.

He added, "I am thrilled to get started – now the rewarding work truly begins."

22nd Annual Lafayette Art and Wine Festival

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Photo Gint Federas

Sunday will showcase primarily local teenage cover bands.

Three stages will feature music, including the Fiesta stage sponsored by PG&E, The Bank of the West stage, and the Premium Wine stage, sponsored by 92.1 KKDV. Opening the festival at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning will be the Roundup Battle of the Bands winner One Night Stand (aka The Jesters), with the rest of the weekend filled with rock and roll, country and western, jazz, and other local musical acts.

As usual, Eckerstrom Productions will be bringing in over 200 regional artists and crafts people, as they have done since the inception of the event.

In addition to exhibiting pieces from many Lamorinda artists, local artist and chairman of the art committee Tom Taneyhill has invited members from Studio Seven Arts, the Bay Area's largest art and framing gallery located in Pleasanton, to share their artwork.

Wine Thieves owner Jim Meyers will coordinate the wineries and oversee the Premium Pavilion. The Lamorinda Wine Growers Association, a group that includes nine bonded wineries and dozens of growers, will also feature wines under the recently designated Lamorinda AVA wine appellation.

A wide variety of microbreweries will be represented and pouring at the Beer Booth along with over 20 restaurants serving food.

"We started this to show off downtown Lafayette, which has changed quite a bit in the last 22 years," Lifson said. He also men-

tioned that a brand new Peruvian restaurant, Barranco, will open on Mt. Diablo Boulevard during the weekend.

The event raises money for the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and its programs as well as for at least a dozen other nonprofits, including the largest recipient, Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE).

Mt. Diablo Boulevard will be closed for the festival. Road closures of Lafayette Circle, Mt. Diablo west from Oak Hill Road to Dewing Avenue and Mt. Diablo east from Dewing to Moraga Road will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 through 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

Participants are urged to take public transportation or park for free at BART. Shuttle service will run from all of the BART lots. Bike valet parking will be available for free at Lamorinda Music, 81 Lafayette Circle.

The Lafayette Art, Wine and Music Festival is one of the largest annual festivals in Contra Costa County. Admission is free, with an individual wine or beer glass costing \$7 and admission to various Kids Zone activities costing between \$1-5. Combination packages are available with big discounts. For more information, visit lafayettefestival.org.

In addition to the whirlwind of activity going on to prepare for the festival, Lifson has also been searching for a new location for the Chamber of Commerce. He announced that they will hopefully sign a lease soon.



There are currently openings on the following Commissions and Committees

- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Capital Projects Assessment Committee
- Circulation Commission
- Creeks Committee
- Community Center Foundation
- Downtown Congestion Study Committee
- Environmental Task Force
- Lamorinda Spirit Van Drivers
- Public Art Committee
- Senior Services Commission
- Youth Commission

For additional information visit the city's website: www.lovelafayette.org
Or call City Clerk Joanne Robbins, City Clerk 925-284-1968
Application deadline September 30, 2017. Positions open until filled.



City seeks volunteers for vacancies on the Design Review Commission

The Lafayette City Council is soliciting applicants to fill two vacancies on the Design Review Commission.

The five-member body is responsible for matters relating to aesthetics and the physical appearance of the city. The commission advises the staff, planning commission, and city council and acts on applications for design review including residential and commercial development projects.

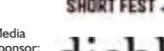
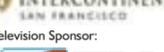
Members of the design review commission are selected on the basis of education, training and experience in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, design, city planning or a related field. The council may appoint one or more nonresidents if, in its discretion, it considers it necessary to gain sufficient expertise.

Individuals interested in this volunteer position may obtain an application from the City's web site at www.lovelafayette.org or in person at:

City of Lafayette Offices
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210
Lafayette, CA 94549

You may also call the City Clerk's Office at (925) 284-1968 to request an application be mailed to you. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 pm, Monday, September 25, 2017.

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Opening Night Tomorrow

Thursday September 7, 6:00PM Rheem Theatre
20th Annual

California Independent Film Festival
6:00PM Opening Night Mixer

meat and cheese platters from Cine Cuvée and sushi from Sushi Fighter.

6:30PM – 2017 Slate Award Announcements

Tickets \$30 at caiff.org or at the Rheem/Orinda Theatre

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