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Meet the Lafayette Council Candidates: Robert Lobron

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Robert Lobron

Robert Lobron has lived in Lafayette with his family for the past seven years. His goals include finding the best ways to help make Lafayette a vibrant and safe community with beautiful parks and trails that serve the needs of all residents. He sees several challenges facing the community during the next four years - especially the state budget presenting risks to schools and the ability to maintain basic infrastructure.

In his free time, he's volunteered for the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission. With twenty years of experience in financial management, Lobron is the Executive Director, Financial Planning for National Facilities Services; he feels his experience is an asset in helping to maintain a stable fiscal environment. He has a Masters in Business Administration from University of San Francisco and a B.A. degree from Temple University. He's responsible for planning and managing billion dollar annual budgets for a large health care company including facilities development and maintenance.

"Dealing with growth is an important part of the future of our city. We need to ensure that all proposed projects meet the requirements of the building codes but also meet the spirit of maintaining the semi-rural environment we seek to maintain. The Planning Commission and the City Council must evaluate projects with not only the incremental impact of one project, but the cumulative effect of all projects approved over a period of time. Perhaps the city should set goals for limiting the total traffic impacts of new facilities for some period of time, perhaps each decade. Parking

requirements for new facilities should also be carefully managed.

Lafayette may want to expand the use of public transportation to reduce traffic. There may be opportunities for the establishment of small bus systems, like the successful senior bus program. Perhaps this concept could be expanded. School busing could also be improved to reduce driving kids to school.

Lastly, opportunities to improve biking and walking access will reduce traffic. Small projects to improve pathways and trails will further reduce traffic while providing the opportunity for people to exercise. It may seem impractical, but making it easier to access BART and shopping will reduce traffic and parking issues.

We need to balance development of new housing and business while ensuring we maintain the environment for the city we love. As a member of the Council, I will never forget that I represent you. I will work tirelessly to ensure that Lafayette is a wonderful place to live." Find him on Twitter at Rlobron or on Facebook at Committee to Elect Robert Lobron.

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