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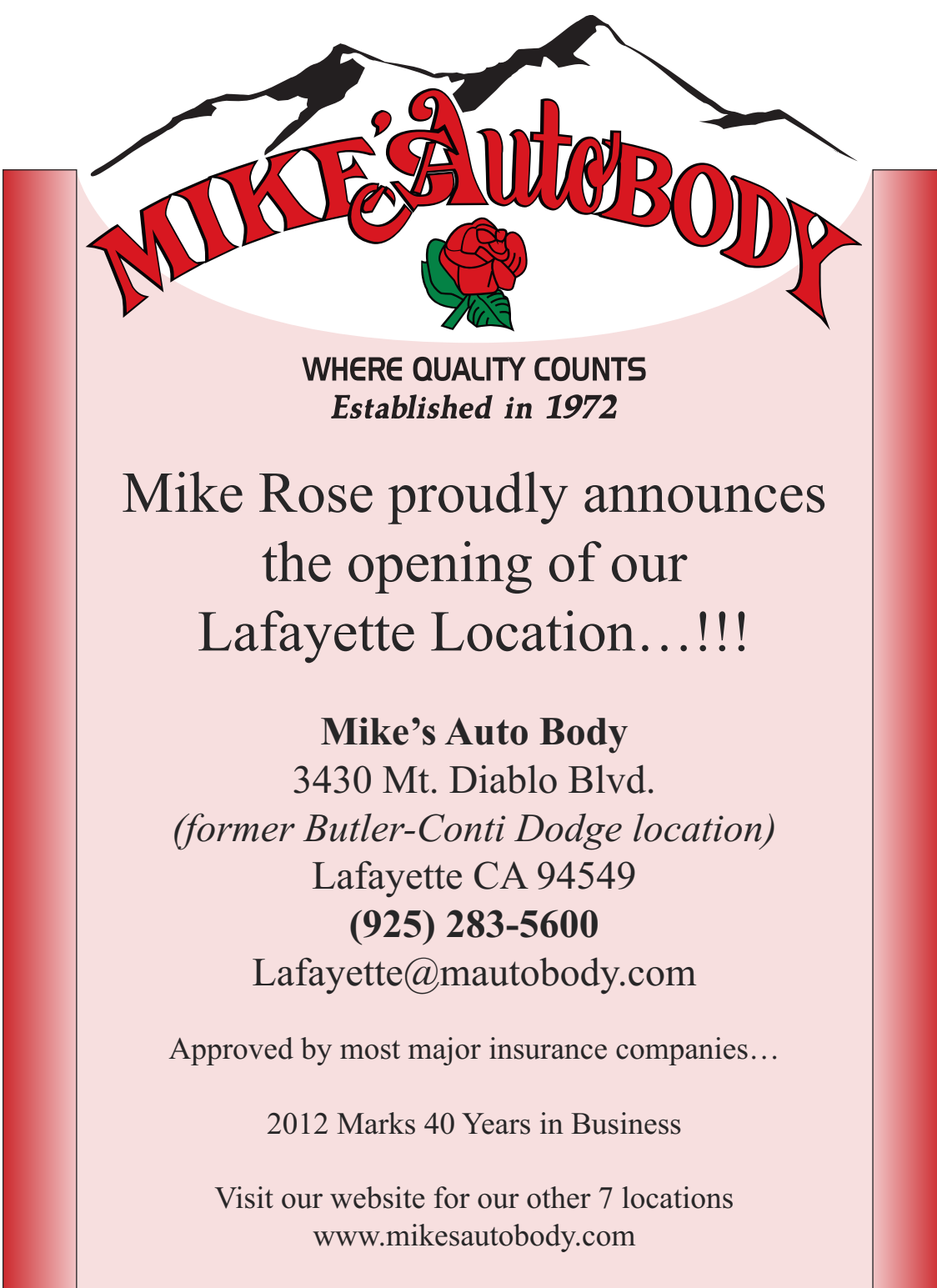
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Editor:

We are writing to state our support for Measure J on the June ballot which would provide \$20 million in bond funds to fix Orinda roads. The bonds would be paid for by a tax of about \$110 annually on homeowners. We find that Measure J is a sound and prudent investment in long-overdue infrastructure repairs and necessary to maintain our quality of life and the economic viability of our semi-rural residential neighborhoods. We disagree with those who urge a No vote on Measure J for the following reasons:

Measure J is part of an orderly and timely multi-year plan which supplements earlier revenues from a half-cent sales tax voters approved in 2012. Each phase of the financing plan enables the city to repair roads and storm drains so that we will no longer have the lowest rating in Contra Costa County.

Low interest rates and an urgent and unquestioned need for road and storm drain repair prompts us to agree that now is the time to approve this bond act. Further, long term debt when paid for by a designated revenue source, is an appropriate and legitimate funding mechanism for capital improvements which provide long-term benefits to the residents of our community.

Measure J contains safeguards through citizen oversight and an annual audit to convince us that the funds will be well spent implementing the Orinda Roads and Drainage Repair Plan. This plan has been vetted and publicly approved. We disagree with opponents who call for each road repair project to be specified. This is inconsistent with representative democracy and smacks of the ballot box budgeting, reviled by public finance experts.

We the Undersigned are meeting on a monthly basis to dialogue with each other and with organizations and individuals in Orinda ~under the umbrella theme Envisioning 21st Century Orinda. We are still in formation, but welcome conversation with all those who live and work here who are concerned about our community's future. One of the values we hold dear is quality infrastructure for our city, and thus we wanted to express support for this important ballot measure.

Sincerely,

Karen Brockwell, David Finkbeiner, Michael Hofmayer, Rev. Hubert Ivery, Elisabeth & Micheal Kersten, Eartha Newsong, Valerie Sloven, and Bill Waterman
Orinda

Editor:

Common sense says Fix Orinda's Roads. They are only going to get worse and then cost even more to fix. Our "city fathers" have done a good job in starting the fix but there is much left to be done and we can't stop now. Otherwise we will slip further back in the hole again.

Dot and Ray Wilson

Orinda

Editor:

On the June 3, 2014 ballot Orindans will be voting on a 20-million-dollar road and drain tax, Measure J.

The Orinda City Council will not tell each of the Orinda voters what improvements will be made to their street using the proposed road and drain tax or when these improvements will be made. You will pay the tax, but what will you get for your street?

In the January 24, 2014, issue of the Lamorinda Sun, which is part of the Friday Contra Costa Times, Charles Swanson, the Orinda Public Works Director, told the Sun that a 20-million-dollar tax would fund the repair of about a third of the City's residential streets. In other words, 60-million dollars in bonds would be needed to fix all the streets. Orinda residents living on private roads will pay the tax but get NO money for their road.

In the March 7, 2014, issue of the Lamorinda Sun it was reported that the principal and interest on a 20-million-dollar bond would be 30.6-million dollars. So to furnish the needed 60-million dollars to fix all the roads 3 x 30.6-million dollars or 91-million dollars (principal and interest) will be needed. Can we afford 91-million dollars in new taxes? This proposed 20-million-dollar bond is merely the first step in a series of taxes which will cost taxpayers 91-million dollars (principal and interest) to bring all Orinda roads and drains up to good condition.

If you dislike the fact that the City Council will not tell you when your road will be brought up to good condition, please vote NO on this ballot. If you don't feel you can afford to fund 91-million dollars in new taxes to upgrade all Orinda residential streets to good condition, please vote NO on this ballot.

Clyde Vaughn

Orinda

Editor:

Everyone in Orinda understands that our roads are in deplorable condition. Measure J is a prudent and responsible plan that is designed to accelerate the repair of Orinda's worst roads and storm drains. A Yes vote will expend approximately \$20 million over the next four years to repair the worst of our residential roads. Expenditures will be audited and are under the supervision of a citizen's infrastructure oversight commission, using established criteria and focusing on repair of the worst roads first. A No vote will only further delay these needed repairs (perhaps for years) as the roads continue to deteriorate, costs increase and we quarrel over how to pay for something we essentially all agree needs to be done as soon as possible. A Yes vote, on the other hand, will allow us to begin residential road repair now and to do so in a way that will have a major positive impact on our worst roads. It will improve the safety and appearance of our roads, reduce unnecessary tire wear and auto repairs, enhance property values and increase the quality of life in Orinda. We should not further delay these needed repairs. Please vote yes on Measure J!

Brad Barber

Orinda