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Big Turnout, Concerns at Homeowners' Annual Meeting

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round of applause about her first acper diem payment, which could total travelling back and forth to Sacramento from her home. Her issue was that legislators get paid whether they are working in Sacramento or at home in their districts. She's also not taking a "company car" – happy to drive the family minivan and forgoing a state-paid phone.

reduce BART strikes, which will be up for a hearing on May 6. Her position is that there is a no-strike provision in BART workers' contracts. During the fordable housing.

Baker was sworn in on Dec. 1, negotiation phase of a new contract, 2014 and reported that she is serving while their current contract has exon a number of committees including pired, employees still receive same pay Transportation, Higher Education, and health care benefits; her bill re-Privacy and Consumer Protection, quires "they have to honor the terms of and more. She received a hearty the old contract," including the nostrike provision. Attendees at the tions in office – refusing to take the meeting thought this was a great idea.

A civil question and answer peup to \$60,000 per year for expenses riod wrapped up the meeting. Questions included a fellow asking if Sacramento is squeezing local government. Others expressed concern about private parking meters, which Andersson responded to, explaining that the La Fiesta parking area is a private lot, and the city is not involved in the revenue generated or enforce-She has introduced legislation to ment. He noted that the owner understands the meters are not popular. Other questions included money spent on security technology and af-

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In the 40 years we've lived in Orinda, we've seen the traffic go from bad to worse to outrageous. Every morning and evening, Moraga Way is a parking lot. That said, I can only sit and wonder at the some of the major housing proposals that our landlocked neighbor Moraga is contemplating.

Every new development in Moraga impacts the traffic in Orinda and Lafayette (I'm guessing Moraga Road through Lafayette is a parking lot also).

I notice in the article in the current Weekly that the MCSP contains plans for 630 new housing units, plus space for office, retail, and entertainment. ... I wonder how many more cars that will add to Moraga Way and Moraga Road? Then there's the planned development on the hills between St. Marys and Rheem....

I wonder, is the effect on traffic in Orinda and Lafayette even remotely a consideration when these projects are dis-

Lastly, at what point is enough, enough???? Ralph Johnson

Moraga Citizen of the Year Graig Crossley

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"I've known Graig for 35 years," says Al Dessayer, who will be one of those speaking at the May 16 celebration dinner. "We were on the council uled May 16 at the Saint Mary's for 10 years; we are very close friends. College Soda Center, are \$50 per per-He's always been a very active and positive volunteer with the town, willing to help others. He is very deserv- or go to moragachamber.org.

ing of being Citizen of the Year."

Tickets for this 37th annual Moraga Citizen of the Year event, schedson. For early banquet reservations, email Kathe@MoragaChamber.org

How Are Citizens of the Year Selected?

The Moraga Valley Kiwanis has organized the Moraga Citizen of the Year celebration for years. Every year residents are asked to nominate the people they think should be recognized by sending a letter to either Lamorinda Weekly or the Contra Costa Times-Sun edition. Before a vote is cast, all nominations are collected and discussed by six people representing the Moraga Valley Kiwanis, Saint Mary's College, the Chamber of Commerce, the Times and Lamorinda Weekly, as well as the prior Citizen of the Year. This year's nominees were Graig Crossley, Linda Deschambault, Judy Dinkle, Colleen Lund, Bobbie Preston and Larry Swindle.

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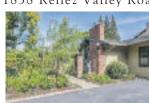
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