Kindhouse and Meade to Join the Lafayette School Board

By Pippa Fisher



Mark Kindhouse

he Lafayette School District those values through service. " Board will have two new faces Mark Kindhouse and Meredith Meade will take their places on the board with 40.9 percent and 34.5 percent of the vote, respectively.

The community had the choice of three highly qualified candidates community. who were very familiar with Lafayof two of the candidates elected by our community."

board has much work to do as it Americans and Lafayette residents continues to shoot for incremental and that makes us more alike than improvements to each child's edu- different." cational experience and she recognizes that it needs to meet the chal- forward to getting started. "I am lenges that all public schools face excited to work with the current with funding and growing costs.

he ran on several tangible issues Meade. such as infrastructure, teacher, budget, special education and science open, honest, and put values first, technology engineering and mathematics (STEM), his campaign was ultimately about values. He says, "Now I have the honor of living out



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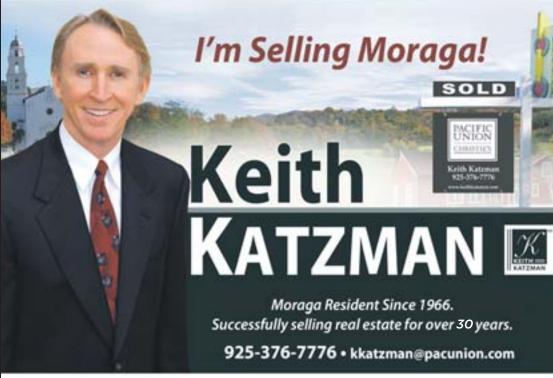
Meredith Meade Photos provided

He reflects that following the at the table following the election. results of the election at the national level, of all the initial campaign ideas that he had hoped to accomplish, none now seem as important to him as collaborating, listening and working with people in the

"We have a rare opportunity to ette and the schools' issues. Meade expand the national discourse at says that she is "honored to be one our local level. We may have various opinions about where our country is heading, but one fact remains: Meade recognizes that the we share a common experience as

Both candidates are looking board members and administration Kindhouse says that, although and can't wait to do my part," says

> Kindhouse says, "If we are we can accomplish any goal set forth for this district."



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Council Member Brandt Andersson Steps Down

By Pippa Fisher



In a week filled with surprising turns and political plot twists, the unexpected resignation of city council member Brandt Andersson shocked many residents and civic leaders in Lafayette.

Since first serving on the council in 2002, he says he has managed to balance family, work and public service.

seems to get harder with time," he said. "Fifteen years later, it is time to leave the city of Lafayette in the capable hands of our remaining council members and our exceptional staff."

are sad to see him go.

noted that Brandt's resignation is a community." huge loss for the council and the city. "I developed an even greater appreciation for Brandt when I came on council," he said. "Brandt is a principled decision maker even when he knows his decision will be unpopular with many in the room. He is also often the first to speak up his timing in leaving right around for the disadvantaged."

Council member Don Tatzin also spoke of Andersson's willingness to take a potentially unpopular position when he thinks it best for Lafayette. Indeed, city council member-elect Cam Burks refers to him as representing the pinnacle Vision remains. He had already of integrity and the importance of public service.

how, while defending the city regarding an Association of Bay Area 2014, Andersson had to explain to them, discretely in an appeal, how their own complex model worked, resignation.

in order for ABAG to see how they had made an error, enabling a better outcome for Lafayette. "Few council members in the state can conduct that type of analysis," said

Andersson volunteered for extra assignments on the council, often traveling to distant League of California City events and driving to Marin regularly to represent Lafayette with Marin Clean Energy. Mitchell said that his work on the Environmental Task Force and the Creeks Commission has been out-

City Manager Steve Falk said of the news, "I'm very sad to see Brandt Andersson go. He's been an outstanding council member one of the best that Lafayette has ever had."

Falk continued, "He brought "It has never been easy, but it true expertise to matters of planning and sustainability, and led the Council's discussions about public safety matters for more than a decade. He is brilliant, thoughtful and approachable: a potent combination. He's a friend, a co-worker, a All members of the city council leader, and the very best example of a citizen who works tirelessly Lafayette Mayor Mark Mitchell and optimistically to improve his

> He has a wide array of talents including music – he is a gifted singer who even once arranged for his choir to serenade the council at one of his mayoral inaugurations with a song he wrote.

Andersson is keen to stress that the election and Measure C's defeat is not significant. He has worked hard for the past two years to get the The Citizens' Vision in place. Measure C would have provided resources to implement that vision but, even without it, the Citizens' decided that in order to give himself more time for family and work Tatzin and Mitchell both recall he would bow out having accomplished that goal.

The city council was slated to Governments (ABAG) decision in discuss the process for replacing Andersson soon, as it's required by law to happen within 60 days of his







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