

Lafayette adopts legislative agenda

By Pippa Fisher

Designed to be the basis for the stand Lafayette takes on certain state bills, proposed laws and issues facing policy-makers in Sacramento according to the city, the legislative agenda for 2019 and 2020 was adopted by the city council at its July 22 meeting. The vote to adopt was unanimous, minus Council Member Cam Burks who was absent.

The document is the result of several months' work, led by council members Steven Bliss and Burks on the Legislation Committee, in conjunction with the city's lobbyist Townsend Public Affairs.

The city has set up a webpage intended to be a source for residents, city staff, and commission and committees, which, the city says, will be updated frequently (see link below).

The report covers potential areas of state legislative interest for 2019 and 2020 and summarizes the city's principles around preserving land control, housing, fiscal mat-

ters, environmental protection, transportation, public health and safety, elections, and government transparency.

TPA will use the report along with the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' Housing and Policy Framework to guide them if or when any legislation is introduced that impacts any of the items listed and will alert the city so they can together assess what action to take.

Mayor Mike Anderson has no doubt that this agenda is essential, he says, "due to the incredible deluge of state legislation that threatens local control of planning.

"This document will provide our lobbyist, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc., a clear indication of the types of legislation that the city can support and bills that are of concern," Anderson explains, adding, "A big thanks goes out to the Council Legislative subcommittee lead by council members Bliss and Burks for shepherding this project to completion."

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Speakers and expo lined up for 2019 Senior Symposium



Participants at a recent Senior Symposium

Photo provided

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With much attention being given to one of the city's objectives this year – that of senior inclusion – this year's Senior Symposium, hosted by the Lafayette Community Foundation, is as valued as ever. The event will be taking place, once again, at the easily accessible Acalanes High School on Aug. 10, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The free event, now in its 11th year, provides an educational program along with a vibrant expo loaded with vendors focused on the elder community.

"Our objective is announced in our tag line – Aging by Design – to provide lifestyle options to the elder age community and educate those that serve or assist that community," says Co-Chair Randall Whitney. "Our objective is obviously focused on the elder age community. However, we are beginning to attract the 'sandwich' generation, which seeks information about their elder aging parent or friend needing services."

Whitney says it takes a small army of volunteers to put this annual event on, including this year help from the nonprofit mother-daughter National Charity

League and local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. He credits the strong work of event chair Sereta Churchill along with emeritus board member Anne Grodin for her tenure supporting the event.

The symposium has grown over 11 years, both in numbers of attendees as well as sponsorship support. "We are so proud to have John Muir Health as a continuing Diamond Sponsor along with Kaiser and HCA as new Platinum Sponsors this year," says Whitney. Last year over 200 people attended, their largest ever event.

This year the event will cover topics such as "Cannabis – still uncharted territory" presented by Lawren Hicks, MD, a look at what is really known about medical marijuana. Lamorinda CERT Program Manager and Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission Chair Duncan Siebert will cover emergency preparedness. Oakwood Athletic Club Fitness Director Marie Puts will be talking about functional fitness and Jeffrey Dieden MD will be teaching how to recognize signs of stroke.

Along with the vendor resource fair there will be travel tips for seniors.

Although the event is free, online registration is required at the website below.
<http://lafayettetcf.org/2018-senior-symposium/>

Green Awards given for work done locally and globally

By Pippa Fisher



Mayor Mike Anderson, recognizing outstanding efforts that contribute to a more sustainable community and help the city achieve its environmental goals, presented this year's annual Lafayette Awards of Environmental Excellence, otherwise known as the Green Awards, at the July

22 city council meeting to two very different recipients.


The winners this year are husband and wife team Corie and Peter Knights for their work on helping to end the demand for endangered wildlife products through their long-established, global organization WildAid; and Julian Jackl for his work as a fifth-grader this year at

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