

Letters to the editor ... continued

Support for Lauren McCabe Herpich

I am writing to express my support for Lauren McCabe Herpich in the upcoming Lafayette City Council election. Lauren has been our neighbor on Moraga Boulevard for the last decade. One of the standout qualities of Lauren is her commitment to our neighborhood. She takes the time to help enhance our sense of community by hosting neighbor events and keep us informed of what is happening with the city, especially on housing.

Lauren understands that growth should not be a one-size-fits-all approach and that it is essential to tailor our development strategies to fit the needs and desires of Lafayette residents. By fostering open dialogues and including diverse voices in the decision-making process (Lauren is the ONLY candidate who lives near Downtown), Lauren will work to ensure that any changes we make reflect the values and aspirations of Lafayette residents.

I wholeheartedly believe that Lauren will champion the kind of growth that respects our history while preparing us for the future. I urge my fellow residents to support Lauren in the upcoming election.
Barner Lang
Lafayette

Vote YES on Measure H

I encourage Lafayette residents to vote YES on Measure H. Over the years, our city has shown itself to be fiscally conservative and always thoughtful in its governance. We are currently faced with challenges due to inflation, rising costs of road repair and insurance and state mandated expenses. By adding 1/2 cents to our sales tax, which will bring us up to the sales tax rate of our neighboring communities, we can

maintain the roads, safety and wildfire prevention services and programs that make this such a wonderful place to live.

The League of Voters supports the measure, as does our Chamber of Commerce.
Sincerely,
Barbara Hollenbach
Lafayette

Former Lafayette Mayors and Councilmembers Support Measure H

In our experience as former Mayors and City Council members over the past three decades, we have always prioritized maintaining the best possible city services for our residents with careful attention to our fiduciary responsibility to our community. We want our city to remain safe and strong. Our city's obligation to its residents to provide critical services and support is best met by voting "YES" on Measure H.

By increasing the local sales tax rate only half a percent, Measure H allows the city to continue fixing our streets, mitigating traffic, maintaining police services, preserving our parks and public spaces, and sustaining our wildfire preparedness efforts. Supporting Measure H helps us continue the level of care that makes us "Love Lafayette". Measure H will help us keep our neighborhoods safe, protect our students going to and from school, keep our pedestrians and bikers safe on our streets, and support our senior citizens.

It's vital that our city responds to its current circumstances, and our current council has done that by carefully researching its options to protect integral City services and determining that this incremental revenue is needed in the face of other economic headwinds facing the city. The alternatives for the City's budget would re-

duce the quality of life for our residents. For a fraction of a cent on a dollar spent, the sales tax is the sensible way to a successful future. We respectfully ask for your "YES" vote on Measure H.
Mike Anderson, Former Mayor

Brandt Andersson, Former Mayor
Cam Burks, Former Mayor
Carol Federighi, Former Mayor
Teresa Gerringer, Former Mayor
Erling Horn, Former Mayor
Don Tatzin, Former Mayor
Steven Bliss, Former Council Member

"Excited" about voting drives Miramonte High School's student registration effort

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Kruger noted the division's Voter Services Manager reported a higher than normal number of pre-registrations in September. In September, election staff pre-registered 485 students overall, including about 20-30 students at Miramonte.

"I am very happy - 100 percent," said Harold, one of the Senior Mators who were carefully filling out the one-page form with their driver's licenses in hand, about voting.

So giddy about knowing he was so close to actually getting the chance to vote, the senior repeatedly asked if he was marking a proper bubble on the form.

"I would be really sad," Harold said of not being able to vote because he filled the form out incorrectly.

His anticipation for the big day mirrored that of his other classmates who already have turned 18. "Excited," in a word, was repeatedly expressed to describe how they were feeling about the opportunity awaiting

them.

Senior Katrina White, 18, noted how the election is being talked about in her various classes.

And, when she goes to the poll on the first Tuesday in November to make choices in the races and issues appearing on the ballot, White also said the importance of voting is another reminder of their growing "independence."

Along with pre-registering students and helping check those who may have already completed the process, the pop up office also promoted volunteer opportunities for students who are at least 16 years old to serve as poll workers. Along with having a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, students must obtain permission from a parent or guardian and from the principal or vice principal of their school, as well as complete the required training. Students can apply online by visiting www.contracostavote.gov/elections/poll-worker-center/student-poll-worker

Election Season SPECIAL POLICY: Letters to the Editor Letters related to a candidate running for office should be a maximum of 200 words so that we will have room to publish as many letters as possible. Letters regarding ballot measures will remain up to 350 words maximum. Deadline is now NOON on Thursday prior to the issue date.

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Upcoming voter deadlines

October 21, 2024

Registration Deadline

October 29, 2024 Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot

November 5, 2024 Election Day

www.contracostavote.gov/election



Dear Neighbors,

I am excited to run for the two-year seat on the Lafayette City Council. I believe my professional skills and my civic and volunteer experience will help the City we love face the challenges ahead.

After earning my BA from Harvard and MBA from Stanford, I began a **34-year career in Public Finance.**

I worked with scores of California cities and agencies on nearly 500 municipal bond financings. I understand how city finances work and how good government functions. I believe I can apply these skills to ensure our City's long-term fiscal health and support sound public policy.

When I retired in 2020, I sought out ways to serve our community. As **Vice-Chair and Chair of Lafayette's General Plan Advisory Committee**, I made community outreach a priority as we worked through updates to our housing and safety plans. I listened to many perspectives and worked to make sure all voices were heard. Out of concern about wildfire safety in our neighborhood, I organized the Springhill Valley West Firewise community. I am also active with Lafayette Rotary and St. Perpetua Church.

In addition to my local volunteer work, I served on a **County advisory board** recommending funding of County services. More recently, I was appointed by the Governor as **Board Chair of the California Housing Finance Agency**, focusing on financing affordable housing solutions across the State.

Lafayette is navigating critical issues. **In addition to financial sustainability and fire safety, we need to improve traffic management, complete the rezoning process, implement the Housing Element, support our schools, and ensure government transparency.** As your City Council representative, I will actively engage with the community, listen to diverse viewpoints, and work collaboratively with fellow Council members and City staff. My commitment to you is to use my best judgement to move Lafayette forward.

— Jim Cervantes

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- Meredith Meade, President, Lafayette School District Governing Board
- Suzy Pak, Lafayette School District Governing Board
- Mayor Darlene Gee, City of Orinda
- Luz Gómez, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Ward 2
- Former Mayor Amy Worth, City of Orinda

"As Mayor, I served as the City Council liaison to the General Plan Advisory Committee during Jim's service as Chair. During the intensive work on the Housing Element, he made sure all parties received a respectful hearing and fostered inclusive decision-making. He will provide thoughtful, steady and open leadership on the City Council." — Teresa Gerringer, Former Mayor