

Letters to the editor

Mario DiPrisco for Lafayette's City Council

We first met Mario DiPrisco and his wife Jen at Lafayette Nursery School in 2009. We got a front-row seat as to what type of father, husband, and teammate he was, as LNS is a cooperative preschool that requires parents to do chores, participate, and essentially help sustain the school. Mario was and remains high-energy and smart. We're confident he'll strengthen the partnership between our city and schools.

Since then, we've seen Mario's commitment to understanding the key issues affecting our community, such as wildfire safety, residents losing their insurance coverage, and responsible development planning. His proposals are bold. Mario's thoughtful approach to finances is exactly what we need on the City Council, and we're confident he will manage the city's resources with the same care and diligence.

Mario is open and approachable. We saw him at a recent House Party event, and if you're undecided, attending one is a perfect chance to meet him in person.

This election is a great opportunity to bring fresh energy and ideas to our City Council. We encourage you to vote for Mario. Brian & Tifanie Mikalis Lafayette

Re-Elect Mayor Gina Dawson and incumbents for Lafayette City Council

Experience matters, especially on the City Council. Decisions on complex housing regulations and the fiscal budgets, for example, require a knowledge and history that best comes from years of council and commission service. Luckily with this election we have four standout candidates: Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, John McCormick, and Jim Cervantes.

My wife and current Mayor, Gina Dawson, brings 16 years of community service and four years serving on City Council. Her tenacity to stand up for her community stems from empathy towards those she meets and an unwavering desire to listen to all viewpoints. It was my privilege to work with her after we formed the non-profit Save Lafayette Trees. She boldly confronted PG&E executives at a shareholder meeting to ask for investments in safety, and she presented new solutions to federal pipeline regulators, all with her trademark smile. Together we've saved hundreds of protected

oak trees while improving gas pipeline safety in our neighborhoods. I couldn't be prouder of her work then and now.

Gina is joined in this election by two incumbent candidates, former Mayor Carl Anduri and Councilmember John McCormick. Both have shown that they are whip-smart, thoughtful, and unwavering in their commitment to Lafayette. They're also two of the nicest guys you'll meet. For the two-year position I'm supporting Jim Cervantes, a well-respected former chair of CPAC who knows Lafayette well and can work effectively with a wide group of people. His 34 year work history in public finance will be an asset for future Council deliberations.

Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, John McCormick, and Jim Cervantes have shown they share our community values and are proven leaders in Lafayette. They clearly represent the best and strongest choice for leading Lafayette forward – please vote for them this election.

Michael Dawson
Co-Founder, Save Lafayette Trees Lafayette

AUHSD Board candidate Stacey Schweppe

Strong and thriving schools are essential in shaping our children's lives. We need Board members that will advocate on behalf of students, parents, and teachers to build on the exceptional educational standards that characterize AUHSD and to lead the district as it faces budget and other challenges. That's why I am supporting Stacey Schweppe for the AUHSD School Board. As a parent and school volunteer, I worked closely with Stacey for many years. I attest to her extensive experience, dedication, and steadfastness throughout her leadership in multiple positions at the school, district, and committee level. Please join me in voting for Stacey Schweppe for AUHSD Board. Thank you, Elissa Lawson Walnut Creek

City Council and Measure H

My wife and I moved to Lafayette in 1989 because of excellent public schools, beautiful open space and nature, and fiscally responsible city government openly engaging volunteers to serve on boards and commissions that help shape policy for the City. Everytime I travel away from Lafayette, I always feel glad we live here when I get home.

I am endorsing Carl Anduri, John McCormick and Gena Dawson for reelection to the City Council and Jim Cervantes for the open two-year term. I also urge Lafayette residents to vote for Measure H so the City can maintain current levels of basic road and street maintenance, police and public safety, programs for our senior residents, and other existing programs that contribute to the high quality of life we enjoy in Lafayette. Inflation has hit our City general fund as much as the rest of us. The cuts that would be necessary if Measure H fails will detract from the quality of life we now enjoy. Assuming Measure H passes, our city sales tax will still be among the lowest in Contra Costa County. A large portion will be paid by non-residents who spend in our thriving local businesses and restaurants.

While there are always some City Council decisions some people do not agree with, I believe council members Anduri, Dawson and McCormick have consistently worked to serve the best interests of all citizens of Lafayette in a fiscally responsible manner. Having observed candidate Cervantes in action on the General Plan Advisory Board (especially his leadership regarding the complex and potentially divisive Housing Element) I believe he has the best experience, knowledge and temperament to add value to the City Council.

Lafayette has to navigate through significant challenges ahead – inflation, housing, traffic, fire safety, growth management. We need seasoned, community focused and collaborative leadership on the Council and we need the additional General Fund revenue Measure H will provide. Please join me in voting for Anduri, Dawson, McCormick and Cervantes, and Measure H for the love of Lafayette. Jamie Harris Former Member, Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission

In support of Climate Action Carl

I support re-electing Councilmember Carl Anduri to the Lafayette City Council this November. Having worked with Carl on the Lafayette Environmental Task Force, I'm impressed by his dedication to our community, his thoughtful consideration of differing opinions, and his persistence in promoting climate action both on the individual and on the municipal level. Thanks to his leadership, Lafayette passed an EV charging ordinance in 2022, ensuring that new multi-family housing

includes the necessary infrastructure for easy EV charging. As gas prices rise and more residents transition to electric vehicles, this proactive measure is essential for our community.

Carl also played a key role in the 2023 Leaf Blower ordinance, helping the city move away from gas-powered leaf blowers. This transition has made Lafayette quieter and has encouraged both commercial gardeners and homeowners to adopt electric alternatives. Carl is a resourceful and diligent public servant committed to our community's future. I urge voters to re-elect him to the Lafayette City Council. Nancy Hu, DDS Lafayette resident, Former Chair and Current member of Lafayette Environmental Task Force

Vote for Lynda Deschambault

There is no escaping global warming with its inherent problems, and the East Bay Regional Park District is no exception. Drought, toxic water bodies, dead trees, and the ever-constant threat of wildfires are just some of the issues that the park directors will be grappling with now and into the future. Expertise will be greatly needed, and Lynda Deschambault will be a 'dream come true' for the park district, as she has 37 years of experience as an environmental scientist, 19 of which were working at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Lynda Deschambault is running for Ward 2 in the EBRPD, and she has already been serving on the Parks Advisory Committee, having been appointed to it by retiring director Dee Rosario.

I've known Lynda for over 20 years and personally witnessed her involvement in her community and in the education of our youth for the next generation. She always works tirelessly for the environment and inspires those around her to do likewise. We desperately need more people like Lynda to be in these positions, where both scientific knowledge and expertise, as well as a passionate concern for the environment, are interwoven. There is no one else who can match the qualifications needed for this job other than Lynda Deschambault. A vote for her will mean a vote for protecting our wonderful 75 parks, with its 120,000 acres of land. Kay James Moraga

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RE-ELECT Carl Anduri Lafayette City Council

Please Join Your Friends and Neighbors Who Support Carl!*

ELECTED/APPOINTED LEADERS

Candace Andersen, Our Contra Costa County Supervisor
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Our State Assemblymember
Steve Glazer, Our State Senator
Mark DeSaulnier, Our U.S. Congressman
Gina Dawson, Mayor
Wei-Tai Kwok, Vice Mayor
Susan Candell, Councilmember
John McCormick, Councilmember
Mike Anderson, Former Mayor
Brandt Andersson, Former Mayor
Cam Burks, Former Mayor
Carol Federighi, Former Mayor
Judy Garvens, Former Mayor
Teresa Gerringer, Former Mayor
Anne Grodin, Former Mayor
Erling Horn, Former Mayor
Don Tatzin, Former Mayor
Aven Wilson, Former Mayor
Steeven Bliss, Former Councilmember
Katy Foreman, Member, Lafayette School Board
Meredith Meade, Member, Lafayette School Board
Dave Pak, Member, Lafayette School Board
Suzy Smith, Member, Lafayette School Board
Rob Sturm, Member, Lafayette School Board
Ann Appert, Former Member, Lafayette School Board
Roger Falcone, Former Member, Lafayette School Board
Tom Mulvaney, Former Member, Alcatraz UHSD Board
Richard Whitmore, Former Member, Alcatraz UHSD Board and Former Superintendent, Lafayette School District
Terry Ann Black, Chair, Senior Services Commission
Bart Carr, Chair, Transportation and Circulation Commission
Frank Caruso, Chair, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission
Patrick Dunn, Chair, Public Art Committee
Will Elder, Chair, Creeks Committee
Stephen LaBonge, Chair, Planning Commission
Brenna Shafiqzadeh, Chair, Environmental Task Force
Stella Witherspoon, Chair, General Plan Advisory Comm.
Gary Huisingsh, Planning Commissioner
Greg Mason, Planning Commissioner
Kristina Sturm, Planning Commissioner
Tom Chastain, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Patricia Curtin, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Rick Humann, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Will Lovitt, Former Chair, Planning Commission
Karen Maggio, Former Chair, Planning Commission
James Harris, Former Planning Commissioner
Glenn Cass, Vice Chair, Design Review Commission
Richard Stanton, Design Review Commissioner
Gordon Chong, Former Chair, Design Review Commission
Ken Hertel, Former Chair, Design Review Commission
Carl Singer, Vice Chair, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commr.
Geoff Belenger, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Joe Dixon, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Joe Dougherty, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Alison Hill, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Justine Parmelee, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Shane Reisman, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner

Scott Robinson, Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Abigail Fateman, Former Parks, Trails and Recreation Commr.
Peter Read, Former Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner
Greg Brown, Transportation and Circulation Commissioner
Vianney Serrierre, Transportation and Circulation Commissioner
Carl DiGiorgio, Former Chair, Transportation & Circulation Commr.
Buckley Hughes, Former Transportation and Circulation Commr.
Ellen Poling, Former Transportation and Circulation Commissioner
David Breece, Vice Chair, Senior Services Commission
Michael Kern MD, Senior Services Commissioner
Dorothy Walker, Senior Services Commissioner
Stephanie Bontemps, Emergency Preparedness Commissioner
Sherry Hoover, Emergency Preparedness Commissioner
Carol Yates, Emergency Preparedness Commissioner
MaryJo Cass, Member, Creeks Committee
David Clark, Member, Creeks Committee
Ronald Hufft, Member, Creeks Committee
Peter Norton, Member, Creeks Committee
Jeff Gilman, Former Chair, Creeks Committee
Phil Bradley, Former Member, Creeks Committee
Austin Payne, Former Member, Creeks Committee
Susan Price Callister, Former Board Member, Comm. Ctr. Found.
Sue Cross, Former Board Member, Community Center Foundation
Anne Wondolowski, Former Chair, Community Center Foundation
Maria Gastelumendi, Member, Environmental Task Force
Nancy Hu, Member, Environmental Task Force
Scott Minden, Member, Environmental Task Force
Steven Kalogeras, Former Chair, Environmental Task Force
Linda Staaf, Former Member, Environmental Task Force
Mary-Jane Wood, Former Member, Environmental Task Force
Janice Peacock, Vice Chair, Public Art Committee
Dave Dondero, Member, Public Art Committee
Carter Considine, Member, Public Art Committee
Yukie Fujimoto, Member, Public Art Committee
Sandra Wolfe, Member, Public Art Committee
Carolyn Considine, Former Member, Public Art Committee
Susan Dannenfels, Former Member, Public Art Committee
Christy Mack, Former Member, Public Art Committee
Carz Gazzano, Former Member, Public Art Committee
Sarah Blumenfeld, Vice Chair, General Plan Advisory Committee
Jim Cervantes, Member, General Plan Advisory Committee
Matt Pease, Member, General Plan Advisory Committee
Beth Needel, Former Member, General Plan Advisory Committee

ORGANIZATION LEADERS

Peter Berkowitz, Board Member, The Park Theater Trust
Jennifer George Birdsey, Board Member, Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation
Bill Bucher, President, Lafayette Homeowners Council
George Burr, Past President, Alcatraz Valley Homeowners Assn.
Carz Gazzano, President, Friends of the Library
Jana Corey, Board Member, The Park Theater Trust
Michael Dawson, Co-Founder, Save Lafayette Trees
Karen Evans, President, Lafayette Library & Learning Ctr. Found.
Tracey Farrell, Board Member, The Park Theater Trust
Angie Ferris, Board Member, The Park Theater Trust
Andrew Hurst, Board Member, Lafayette Historical Society
Rita Iorfida, Board Member, Lafayette Lib. & Learning Ctr. Found.
Judy Kirkpatrick, Board Member, Lafayette Lib. & Learning Ctr. Found.
Jeff Kowalski, President, Happy Valley Improvement Association

Rupy Krishnan, Board Member, Lafayette Library & Learning Ctr. Found.
Jeremy Levine, Co-Founder, Inclusive Lafayette
Ruth McCahan, Founder, Lamorinda Village, and Senior Services Commr.
Kathy Merchant, local business organization leader
Katie Ricklefs, Chair, Contra Costa Democratic Party
Fred Steingraf, local business organization leader
Lisa Spiegler, Board Member, Lafayette Library & Learning Ctr. Found.
Jesse Wellen, local business organization leader
Laney Whitcanack, Vice President, Lafayette Library & Learning Ctr. Found.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Kathy Bowles, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Judy Carney, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
John Coleman, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Janet and Rick Cronk, Lafayette Citizens of the Year
Lynn Hiden, Lafayette Citizen of the Year and Transportation and Circulation Commissioner
Robin Holt, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Budd Mackenzie, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Mary McCosker, Lafayette Citizen of the Year and President, Lafayette Historical Society
Karen Mulvaney, Lafayette Citizen of the Year
Janet Thomas, Lafayette Citizen of the Year and Founder, Lafayette Community Garden
Larry Blodgett, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Sereta Churchill, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Steve Cortese, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Leila Douglas, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Dennis Heller, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Mo Levich, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Jay Lifson, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Colleen McCormick, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Caesar Perales, Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
Bob Athayde, Sharon Jones Fraetis
Carrie Barlow, Charlotte & Gary Gibbs
Patty Battersby, Danielle Gogo-Gallagher
Joe & Lucy Beck, David Gold
Dr. Jeff Black, Katherine & Chuck Greenberg
Karen Blodgett, Marshall Grodin
Doug Bontemps, Sheila Guess
Joan G. Breece, Martha Harris
Marc Brenner, Larry & Diane Hayden
Johanna Gladieux, Jennie & Jimmy Hill
Tracy Brog, Mary Ann Holsington
Lindsay Brown, Barbara Hollenbach and Bill Abbott
Deborah C. Callister, Larry Challacombe
Lorinda Carson, Patricia Horn
Larry Challacombe, Violet Hong
Dianne & Jim Chandler, Jeanne Hughes
Corian Cheng, John & Sharon Hunt
Paul Chopra, Kathryn Ishizu
Kathy Daly, Sharon Iversen
Graham Deutscher, Linda Jenkins
Francine Donner, Liz & Matt Keyser
Cindy Dougherty, John Kiefer
Ann Drevno, Kristin & Ken Kisner
Tom Duckworth, Todd & Betty LaPorte
Jeff Eyer, Bill & Ana Lau
Pat Falcone, Glenn & John Lennox
Glenn Farrell, Gwenn & John Lennox
Beth Ferree & John Eaton

Mei Sun Li
Lynn MacMichael and Howard Weamer
Latika Malkani
Michael Marchetti
Dennis Markam
Kathleen & Richard Marshall
Tex Martin
Oystein Mathisen
Daryl McCosker
Mike Merchant
Aki Mills
Suzanne & Toyohiko Muraki
Carol Murota & Neil Zelin
Courtney Murphy
Terry Neifing and Doug Sterne
Cheryl Holl
Jaivita Pister
Steven Poling
Ellen Reintjes
Maria Rievas
Annette Robarge
James Rockefeller and Marcia Marcelini
Aron Rosenberg
Bob Russell
Jennifer Russell
Vincent Salimi
Jeanne & Roger Samuelsen
Katie Santos
Beryl & Ivor Silver
Karen & Pete Smyth
Martha Strook
Tony Suh
Frank Tinley
Ramsay Thomas
Quinlan Tom and Kris Kessler
David & Janet Van Etten
Tracy & Donn Walkiet
Joan West
Barbara & Mark Willie
Diane & Fred Wilt
Hugh & Mary Anne Winig
Barry Woodruff

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PROVEN EXPERIENCE to deal with our most pressing challenges:

- ▶ **Implement our state-required Housing Element in a way that not only adds housing but:**
 - Provides for downtown parks
 - Makes Lafayette more pedestrian and bicycle friendly
 - Expands businesses and makes our downtown vibrant
 - Protects our hillsides, ridgelines and open spaces
- ▶ **Reduce wildfire risk**
- ▶ **Implement Vision Zero and make our streets even safer**
- ▶ **Strengthen our sense of inclusivity and community**
- ▶ **Make Lafayette more green and sustainable**
- ▶ **Adopt and implement our Age-Friendly Action Plan**
- ▶ **Pass Measure H — continue Lafayette's tradition of sound financial management**

- Lafayette City Council: Councilmember, 2002-2012, 2020-present; Mayor, 2005, 2011 and 2023
- Lafayette Planning Commission: Commissioner, 1997-2002; Chair, 2001, 2002
- Served on numerous Lafayette task forces and committees, including the Hillside Task Force, Open Space Task Force, Environmental Task Force (Co-Chair), Senior Housing Task Force (Co-Chair), Park Theater Task Force and Roads Task Force (Co-Chair)

"There is a reason people who served with and worked with Carl are supporting him—they know his experience and leadership will make Lafayette a better place to live for all of us."

- Teresa Gerringer, Former Mayor, Lafayette



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