

Letters to the editor ... continued

GINA DAWSON for Lafayette City Council -

As mayor, Gina has provided effective leadership on the challenging issues facing our city, including:

- Passed local pedestrian and vehicle safety programs near schools and in neighborhoods to help make our community safer.
- Co-founded Save Lafayette Trees that brought important pipeline safety improvements while preserving many trees along trails and in neighborhoods.
- Helped pass the housing element for our city, which was a complicated rezoning effort to balance the state controlled mandate for housing, while maintaining the attractive character of our downtown.
- Championed better utility wildfire safety by making it a priority in our city's Safety Element.

I have worked on projects with Gina, and appreciate her researched based decisions reflecting priorities of safety, community good, and fiscal stability.

I have learned the value of both genders being represented, reflecting diverse perspectives and better informed decisions.

More on her accomplishments, during her four year term here: <https://www.ginadawson2024.com/about-me>

The other two incumbents, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick's have demonstrated the value of their professional experience and history, and are worthy of reelection. Jim Cervantes is running for the two-year term, and has demonstrated his leadership on the General Plan Advisory Board. His professional experience in financial planning will benefit our city. Please join me in voting for these four selfless volunteers..

Papa John Kiefer, Former member, Parks, Trails, and Recreation commission. Lafayette

Lafayette City Council election

In surveys in 2008 and again in 2021, Lafayette residents resoundingly confirmed that their highest priorities were preserving the small-town character of Lafayette and to avoid its urban-

ization. In February 2022, the City Council adopted a General Plan Mission Statement "to make Lafayette a highly desirable small-town community with a semi-rural ambiance," which essentially repeated the directive in the previous General Plan. Despite those statements, while Danville preserves its character, Lafayette's has been visibly disappearing for years as the result of inexcusable failures by the City Council and staff that repeatedly ignore the objectives of those Mission Statements.

At the Oct. 9, 2024, Candidate's Night, only Lauren Herpich and, to a lesser extent Mario DePrisco, indicated preserving Lafayette's character would be their priority as a councilmember. Most candidates never mentioned it. Indeed, Jim Cervantes, as part of the General Plan Advisory Group, opposed adoption of the current Mission Statement. Mr. Cervantes, Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri and John McCormick have to date all refused to support a planned ballot initiative that would restore local planning control to Lafayette and other cities.

Lafayette needs a change in direction. Elect Lauren Herpich to keep Lafayette the town its residents love. Eliot Hudson Lafayette

Endorsement of Carl Anduri for Lafayette City Council

I am writing to urge all Lafayette residents to vote for Carl Anduri for City Council. I have known Carl for many years and worked with him both when he was on the Planning Commission and as a fellow Council member. We are so fortunate to have such an outstanding candidate willing to serve our city. He is highly intelligent, always prepared, a good listener, thoughtful and collaborative.

I am confident he will continue to work toward making Lafayette an even better place to live and work than it is today.

Join me in casting your vote for Carl Anduri for another four year term. Carol Federighi, Former Mayor of Lafayette

Support for Carl Anduri

I met Carl Anduri 20 years ago when

he, as a member of the city council, voted in favor of supporting the community's effort to raise funds to build a school in Afghanistan.

The funds were raised, a school was built, and Carl has contributed to helping Afghan children and families ever since. As mayor last year he started and spearheaded the effort to slow down traffic in Lafayette. Speed is the most critical factor that affects the severity of injuries. I've learned over the years that Carl is a highly regarded leader, innovative, thorough in his deliberations, puts in the hours and is readily accessible. We're fortunate that he's willing to serve another term. Budd MacKenzie Lafayette

Vote for Lauren Herpich and Vote No on Measure H the Proposed Sales Tax Increase

On July 8, the Lafayette City Council approved a recommendation from City staff to put on the November ballot, a resolution to increase the sales tax 1/2 % for seven years and to establish an oversight committee to monitor the revenue and expenditures.

The City's VISTAS Newsletter explained next year's deficit and why a sales tax increase is needed. Others knew a deficit was impending at least six years ago. The City needs to provide accountability for the use of taxpayer money prior to asking for more taxes on already burdened citizens. The City has not shown what reductions in expenditures can be made to prevent the anticipated \$2 mill deficit.

City staff did not show/prove that they did their due diligence in trying to work within its means for the taxpayers, prior to presenting and recommending to the City Council that a tax increase was "needed". Any private company, in order to remain solvent has to provide a balanced budget and first provide what reductions in services/salaries might be proposed. The City needs to do that before an increase in taxes is proposed.

Of course everyone would like all the current services and no cuts. But the taxpayers should be given choices of what services could be cut and know what sacrifices the City has made. The City spent approximately \$110,000 on a

survey of merely 400 taxpayers to see how much of a tax increase the citizens would tolerate. An open discussion within the community is needed, not just among the few who are aware of what is going on. It is easy to spend other people's money if it keeps coming. Maybe asking for donations like the Park Theatre group has done, could bolster the City's budget instead. I do not support a tax increase without proper research and realistic justification. Vote for Lauren Herpich who is the only Council person running for City Council that opposes Measure H. Vote No on Measure H.

Dawn Eames
Budd MacKenzie
Morama

Carl Anduri deserves your vote for re-election to the Lafayette City Council.

An active member of Lafayette since he moved here in 1980, Carl has served twice on the City Council — ten years from 2002-2012 and again since 2020. He has been a Planning Commissioner and served on many committees and task forces to help with our city's toughest issues. We need Carl's proven experience, judgment and vision on the Council for the next four years.

A graduate of Stanford and Yale law school, Carl's professional background is in business law. Those who appear before the Council know that he is a great listener and thoughtful in his judgment.

Carl has helped Lafayette navigate the state's demand for increased housing while maintaining city values of neighborhoods, downtown parks, pedestrian and bicycle safety, protection of hillsides, open spaces and supporting our downtown.

A three-time mayor, Carl has great concern for the issues of the day, especially the ever-increasing threat of wildfire. We need his expertise to move our city forward while maintaining our quality of life.

Please vote for Carl Anduri for Lafayette City Council
Thank you,
Anne Grodin
Former Mayor of Lafayette

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VOTE FOR

John McCormick

Lafayette City Council

2024

Trusted Leadership, Community Commitment



Civic & Community Experience

- 15 Year Local Business Owner (Lamorinda Music)
- 31 Year Lafayette Resident
- Lafayette City Council Member
- Lafayette Planning Commissioner
- 20 Year LPIE Volunteer (Supporting our schools)
- Lafayette Chamber Board (President for two years)
- Park Theater Trust Board Member
- Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
- Lafayette Land Acknowledgment Task Force Chair
- Author, "Chinese in Napa Valley" History Book (2023)
- Napa County Historical Society Board Member

Values Brought to the City Council

- **Collaborative & Inclusive:** Engaging all voices to make thoughtful decisions.
- **Community Focused:** Always prioritizing what's best for our families, neighborhoods, businesses, and open spaces.
- **Service Oriented:** Serving residents with respect & compassion.
- **Pragmatic & Results Driven:** Focused on practical solutions.
- **Integrity:** Honesty and transparency in every action.
- **Financially Responsible:** Ensuring taxpayer dollars are used wisely and effectively, support Measure H.
- **Sustainability:** Championing policies that protect our environment.
- **Dedicated:** Committed to putting in the work to do the job right.

Endorsements from Elected and Community Leaders

<p>Regional Leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Bauer-Kahan • Candace Andersen 	<p>Current & Former School Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Appert • Roger Falcone • Katy Forman • Mary McCosker • Meredith Meade • Suzy Pak • Dave Smith • Rob Sturm 	<p>Former Acalanes Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Mulvaney • Richard Whitmore 	<p>Brian Aiello** Bob Athayde Diane Barbera Karen Blodgett Larry Blodgett** Kathy Bowles* Nick Bozych Connie Collier* Pam Clarke Paul Chopra Michael Dawson Renee DeWeese Grace Dixon Leila Douglass** Tracey Farrell Dennis Garrison** Larry & Diane Haydon</p>	<p>Mike Heller** Alison Hill Daniel Horowitz Andree Hurst Craig Issacs Anne Keyashian Mo Levich** Jay Lifson** Dick & Kathy Marshall Yolanda Mendoza-Heller Kathy Merchant Brenden Moran Karen Mulvaney* Cheryl Noll Matt Pease Caesar Perales**</p>	<p>Ellen Reintjes Carol Singer Lisa Spiegler Tom Stack** Wendy Tamis** Janet Thomas* Bruce Whitten Stella Wotherspoon Mike & Lynn Zampa</p>
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*Citizen of the Year
**Businessperson of the year

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Discover why John is the right choice for our community! Explore his positions on key issues at McCormickforLafayette.com.





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