

# Letters to the editor ... continued

## Gratitude for Carl Anduri - Lafayette City Council

I add my support to the many on these pages for Carl Anduri in his bid for Lafayette City Council. Simply, I believe Carl brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of Lafayette affairs that is invaluable in charting our best course forward. I attend many Council meetings and have observed that Carl keenly considers all public comments with objectivity, is exceptionally thoughtful in deliberations, and shows a true love for our community. We benefit from Carl Anduri's servant leadership and I support his re-election.

### Support Jim Cervantes for Lafayette City Council

Jim Cervantes is an exceptional candidate for Lafayette City Council. I have served with Jim on the General Plan Advisory Committee since early 2021, during which he was a Vice-Chair and Chair. Jim led meetings with great care and consideration of the public and helped a large, diverse committee find a path to consensus. Jim has deep professional experience in municipal finance which is invaluable at present as Lafayette faces fiscal challenges. Jim is a thoughtful and caring person who will be a wonderful addition to our City Council. Stella Wotherspoon Lafayette

## Endorsement of Stephanie Dickerson for Moraga School District Governing Board

I want to share why I'm voting for Stephanie Dickerson in the upcoming Moraga School District Governing Board election.

As a fellow MSD Safety Committee member, I've witnessed Stephanie's unwavering commitment to our students' wellbeing and school safety. Since 2017, she has championed innovative ideas for both physical safety and students' mental/emotional wellbeing, and her many years of service on the Safety Committee have given her invaluable insights into how our school system works and our students' needs. Stephanie has attended countless MSD Safety Committee meetings and has been instrumental in ensuring student safety is prioritized in Measure D fund allocation.

Stephanie and I haven't always agreed on every issue. However, this is precisely why I believe she would be an excellent addition to our school board. Stephanie consistently demonstrates a respectful and thoughtful approach to differing viewpoints, and this open-minded and inclusive leadership style is exactly what our school district needs to navigate complex challenges and make decisions that benefit all stakeholders.

Stephanie would bring valuable experience, fresh perspective, and passionate advocacy for our children's safety and education, and I en-

courage all Moraga residents who care about our schools' future and inclusive leadership to support Stephanie in this election. Erin Beal Moraga

## Carl Anduri to the Lafayette City Council

I am writing to encourage your readers to vote to re-elect Carl Anduri to the Lafayette City Council.

I am a member of the Lafayette Creeks Committee and have been since 2017. Carl is currently our Council Liaison. He has actively participated in that role and has attended and participated in many of our meetings.

One of the projects the Creeks Committee pursued successfully with his assistance was codification of provisions included in the Downtown Creeks Preservation, Restoration and Development Plan, which was adopted in 2017.

Carl has been an ally of the Creeks Committee in terms of helping to secure creek and trail "friendly" conditions in development projects that have come before the City. He has been especially supportive of efforts to secure "springing" and other easements for public access.

Carl has been helpful both in addressing short-term concerns and in recognizing the long view. I look forward to continuing to work with him and urge your readers to vote for him. Respectfully submitted, David Clark Lafayette

## Mario DePrisco for Lafayette City Council

Mario DePrisco is running for Lafayette City Council this fall, and after attending one of his community discussions, I felt compelled to share my impressions. I asked him three questions, and he answered with intelligence, passion, and honesty.

First, I inquired about the traffic generated by new residential developments. Mario showed he had done his homework and emphasized the importance of alternative transportation options over personal vehicles.

Next, I raised concerns about community safety, especially with the rising crime rates affecting local businesses like Walgreens. His commitment to addressing crime was evident and reassuring.

Lastly, I asked about homeowners insurance challenges, particularly regarding tree removal regulations. He candidly admitted he was unaware of the specific ordinance but promised to investigate it. Following our discussion, he called me to discuss potential improvements, noting that increasing tree cover could pose greater fire risks.

Overall, I believe we're fortunate to have a candidate like Mario who

genuinely cares about the residents of Lafayette. His thoughtful approach to these issues makes him a strong choice for City Council. Christopher Peatross Lafayette

## Please Vote for Carl Anduri

As a long time Commissioner on Lafayette's Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission, I support Carl Anduri for re-election to the Lafayette City Council.

Carl stands out among the candidates as by far the most knowledgeable and experienced candidate when it comes to our community's parks, trails, recreation and open space needs.

I support Carl not only for his knowledge and experience, but because he has the vision, temperament, collaborative spirit and character to put that knowledge and experience to work to get things done for the benefit of all of us.

Please join me in voting to re-elect Carl Anduri. Carol Singer, Commissioner, Lafayette Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission Lafayette

## Do not Urbanize Lafayette: Vote NO on H and Yes for Lauren Herpich and Mario DiPrisco

Lafayette incorporated as a low fee, low services town but has strayed from its small town, semi-rural roots by spending more than its income, and spending 30% more than inflation from 2014-2023. The City Council and staff propose to increase their revenue through a local tax increase, disregarding good alternatives that will keep our sales tax at the low end of the county. Consider the following:

- Lafayette businesses have lost sales to online merchants. The city should lobby Sacramento to allow the \$1-2MM estimated lost sales tax income currently collected by online distribution hub cities. This tax would help offset infrastructure damage, especially roads from heavy trucks.
- The state mandates tasks to Lafayette without reimbursements. We must demand our constitutionally required funds, which are estimated annually at \$300-500K.
- The City must resist the 20-30% mandated housing increase under ONE SIZE FITS ALL state laws hoping to create affordable housing, but with no state funding for the homes or the resultant increased infrastructure costs. We have a single street downtown. We should join other groups and towns supporting the local control initiative "OurNeighborhoodVoices.com". Currently only Susan Candell is actively supporting this initiative.
- City staff claims we need a new administrative person to manage the 60 new programs mandated by the

current housing plan; yet in three years, if we have not met the impossible goals, California will eliminate remaining local control over housing. This will allow developers to dictate what they wish to build (6-8 story buildings could be built vs our historical 35' height limit).

- Actively seek new merchants to grow our tax base.
- Accept some of the 10% proposed cuts from city departments until on-line taxes are captured. Many of these cuts will not be noticed.
- Consider dipping into excess reserves for the short-term until finances stabilize.

ELECT NEW BLOOD to the City Council - Both Lauren Herpich and Mario DiPrisco offer fresh perspectives. Please join me and Lauren in opposing Measure H. Current council considering another tax initiative in a few years, as they wanted a 0.75%-1% increase for ten years, it didn't poll well.

Robert Lavoie CPA  
34 year Lafayette Resident

## More Support to Re-elect Carl Anduri, Lafayette City Council

Lafayette is a volunteer-driven community that relies on committed, thoughtful, and inclusive leaders to represent the diverse viewpoints of residents. During his service on behalf of Lafayette as a planning commissioner, council member and three-time mayor, Carl Anduri has shown that he is the leader Lafayette needs.

Lafayette residents deserve a City Council that can balance the demands of existing and new state and federal laws with the history and longstanding culture of our home and haven and provide the necessary civic services while maintaining the City's excellent financial oversight. Carl's experience and inquisitive and thorough approach to governing make him the right candidate to meet these expectations.

Carl is committed to working with the community and his colleagues on council to further Lafayette's goals in a transparent, and participatory manner. His ability to listen to all views, gather data, and develop solutions, while building consensus, are important leadership skills, particularly with the opportunities and challenges facing our community. Carl will continue to be a calm, strategic leader.

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. Vote Carl Anduri on Nov. 5! Teresa Geringer, Former Mayor, Council Member, and School Board Member Eastsound, WA

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# Love Lafayette

## Secure our city's future - Vote YES on Measure H

**PRESERVE**  
Police Staffing

**MAINTAIN**  
Local Roads

**SUSTAIN**  
Senior Services

**CONTINUE**  
Wildfire Prep

**RETAIN**  
Traffic Safety Focus

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