



Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Sept. 11 - Sept. 17

Alarms	33
911 Calls (incl hang-ups)	2
Noise complaints	3
Traffic stops	107
Suspicious Circumstances	4
Suspicious Subjects	14
Suspicious Vehicles	12
Abandoned Vehicle	

Acalanes Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Moon Ct./Crescent Dr.

Disturbance-domestic
Dewing Ave./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Disturbing The Peace
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.

Drunk In Public
3500 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Forgery
900 Block Dewing Ave.

Found Property
School St./Moraga Rd.

La Caminita/Reliez Valley Rd.
2nd St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

1100 Block Crestmont Dr.
Police Department

H&S Violation
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.

Hailed By Citizen
Mt. Diablo/Lafayette Cir.

Harassment
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.

3600 Block Walnut St.

Hit And Run Misdemeanor
50 Block Lafayette Cir.

3600 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.
900 Block Moraga Rd.

1000 Block 2nd St.

Identity Theft
3700 Block Happy Valley Rd.

900 Block Dewing Ave.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Police Department

In Custody Theft
3500 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Juvenile Disturbance
1000 Block Carol Ln.

200 Block Lafayette Cir.
1200 Blook Pleasant Hill Rd.

Litter
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.

Lost Property
3500 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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Downtown

Motorist Assist
1000 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.

Ordinance Violation
3200 Block Withers Ave.

Panhandling
3500 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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Patrol Request
1100 Block Orchard Rd.

Petty Theft
1200 Block Quandt Rd.

Burton Ct./Burton Dr.
Downtown

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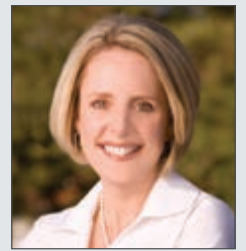
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Measure C Supporters Want Money to Stay in Lafayette

By Pippa Fisher

It seems all the controversy for the November election is not just the terrain of Hillary and Donald. Feelings are running high right here in Lafayette, specifically regarding tax Measure C.

It is a 1 percent sales tax for a period of 29 years, expected to provide \$3 million annually and, according to supporters, will fund general city services, prioritize the protection of open space, reduce downtown traffic congestion, enhance public safety, add downtown parking, acquire land for downtown parks and revitalize the historic Park Theater, with the money monitored by a citizens' oversight committee.

Lafayette's current sales tax is at 8.5 percent. The additional one percent would bring Lafayette in line with Moraga and Orinda, whose sales taxes are 9.5 percent and 9 percent respectively.

The measure is the result of two years of community surveys, both online and by mail, as well as "Community Conversations" initiated by city council member and former mayor, Brandt Andersson. In those meetings, close to 1,000 people identified areas of spending priority within the city.

In the fall of 2015 a Sales Tax Revenue Study subcommittee was set up to review the current budget sources and uses, to coordinate a public conversation regarding citizens' willingness to pay a sales tax increment and to advise the council. A sample of 436 likely voters suggested that 64 percent would support a sales tax increase if the funds were guaranteed to stay in Lafayette.

"The 'Citizens Vision' that grew out of the Community Conversations is surprising in some respects, but it both addresses concerns and identifies improvements," Andersson says. "Measure C can make that Citizens' Vision happen."

Although the current financial health of the city is excellent, the priorities identified through polling cannot be achieved as it stands, Andersson says. Vice mayor Mike Anderson agrees, pointing out that, "If the state's 10 percent cap on sales

tax is filled up by regional or state measures that are on the ballot, the city will lose the opportunity to increase the city sales tax, and with it the ability to keep those tax revenues in Lafayette."

Notably, local businesses represented by the Chamber of Commerce are backing this measure, after years of opposing a local sales tax increase. Jay Lifson, executive director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, says, "Our board voted to support for a few important reasons: There is an opportunity to raise the sales tax now or lose the chance if other agencies bring the sales tax over the cap. Our residents clearly support it and we want the voters to have a chance to vote on an increase."

Measure C requires a majority vote for passage. It is considered a general tax so the language of the measure can't specify or restrict the use of funds generated to specific projects.

And that is troubling for some. At a recent candidates and issues meeting hosted by the Lafayette Homeowners Council, Scott Sommer, a local resident and attorney, said that the city is hiding information from the voters. He accused the city government of raising the

money with intent to build new city offices, something vehemently denied by former Lafayette mayor Anne Grodin who spoke in favor of the tax. She said that there is already a separate budget for a new city hall building.

Michael Griffith, founder of Save Lafayette which is strongly against Measure C, accused the government of having an alternative agenda and asked why this was not a measure requiring 66 percent approval to pass. "Fifty percent is a carte blanche for the city," he said.

Sommer pointed out that if money were borrowed against the projected sales tax revenue, for example to buy open space as it becomes available from private owners, then the money would not stay in Lafayette, as interest would be paid to out-of-town lenders.

He also cites several memos which he forwarded to the Lamorinda Weekly that indicated that the city was considering borrowing money against the (sales tax measure) to fund a "Civic Building."

"City memos dated Feb. 8 and July 11, 2016, state that the city is actively studying a 'Scenario 2 — Completely bonded; 30 year bond against 100 of the annual rev-

enue stream' to borrow \$58 Million in principal, and using 'Bond Proceeds from Sales Tax Measure \$13,000,000' to acquire a site for a Civic Building," he said. "A major borrowing for buying or building a city hall is not disclosed in the sales tax measure," Sommer said.

He also cites an email exchange of July 13 and 14, also provided to the Lamorinda Weekly, between a site owner and Lafayette officials that ends with the statement, "better for us to wait to see if the sales tax measure passes on the November 2016 ballot."

"Clearly, acquisition of this civic building site is under consideration," Sommer says. "Legally, nothing stops this or a future city council from using the money for a 'borrowing' and a city hall."

Andersson called Sommer's comments "scare tactics."

"The Lafayette City Council has a long history of thoughtful, frugal decision-making, and has indicated, unanimously, that it will reserve Measure C funds to preserve open space, address traffic congestion, add downtown parking, support police services, and help revitalize the Park Theater," he said.

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"The [current sizable structural deficit spending] projections highlight that deficit spending will erode reserves significantly by 2018-19. Absent increase in revenues, the District needs to reduce expenditures to remain fiscally viable and financially solvent." -Lafayette School District Financial Report, June 2016



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- Moraga Rd./School St.
- 3600 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Silverado Dr./Rohrer Dr.

Residential Burglary

- 900 Block Janet Ln.

Shoplift

- 3500 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.
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Subject Stop

- Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St.

Threats

- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3300 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Trespass W/ Vehicle

- 3400 Block Hamlin Rd.

Unwanted Guest

- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3500 Blook Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Warrant Advise

- 1300 Block El Curtola Blvd.

Welfare Check

- Golden Gate Way/1st St.
- Upper Happy Valley Rd./Rancho Rd.
- 1st St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.



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