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Every Voter To Receive Mail-In Ballot

Early voting to start Oct. 5

Ballots can be dropped off at locations instead of sent by mail

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Like everything else this year, voting will be a little different.

Everybody will be sent a mail-in ballot, but in-person voting will still be available. You can still take your ballot in and drop it off at a polling location, or at a ballot drop box, or right at the registrar of voter's office at the county courthouse.

For mail-in ballots, election officials recommend mailing your ballot at least a week before election day, Nov. 3. But as long as your ballot is postmarked by election day, it will be counted.

Early voting for mail-in ballots will start on Monday, Oct. 5.

Alameda County Registrar of Voters, Tim Dupuis, gave a presentation to the San Leandro City Council on Sept. 8, outlining the plans for election day.

"Those early results on election night, those are the ballots that were mailed in early," Dupuis said.

Voters can track the ballot they mail in through the U.S. Post Office on the Registrar of Voters website (www.acvote.org) to make sure the ballot arrived.

If there is any problem with the ballot – legibility, a signature not matching – the registrar of voters office will contact the voter, Dupuis said.

For longtime voters, sometimes a person's signature changes over the years. The registrar's office can take care of that.

If a person's signature is see **BALLOT**, page 10

SLPD Officer In Custody For Shooting

A San Leandro police officer facing manslaughter charges in the shooting death of a Black man inside a Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard arrived for a hearing at the county courthouse in Dublin on Tuesday and the judge had him taken into custody.

Judge Barbara Dickinson set bail at \$200,000 and denied a request to post bail immediately. Deputies then took Police Officer Jason Fletcher to jail. Fletcher will have another hearing next month.

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley filed manslaughter charges against Fletcher two weeks ago for the

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ACFD Firefighters Called to Butte County

Members of the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) are assisting local crews at several treacherous fires which have erupted around the state, including the fires in Butte County.

"We currently have 25 members out of county, and our stations are fully staffed here at home," said Alameda

County Fire Department spokesman Brian Centoni.

For the last four days Alameda County firefighters, along with firefighters from Oakland, Hayward and Fremont have been assigned to the North Complex West Zone, working in Butte County to do structure protection, according to ACFD Capt. Brandon Buckley.



PHOTO BY ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scaled-Down Bancroft Apts. Goes to City Council

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A proposed three-story apartment building at the intersection of Bancroft and Estudillo avenues has been scaled back in advance of Monday's City Council meeting where it's on the agenda.

Eden Realty property manager Tom Silva has been trying to build on the site – currently a partially occupied medical office building – since 2016. Previously proposed plans included 73, 51, and 45-unit buildings with up to five stories. But the City

Council sent Silva back to the drawing board back in February after neighbors complained about density concerns. Mayor Pauline Cutter even suggested a 39-unit design.

In the second of two virtual community presentations last Thursday, Silva gave the new details.

"I have revised significantly in response to community feedback. Chief among community comments was that the proposal might be too dense for the nearby

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The medical building on Bancroft Avenue would be replaced with apartments if plans are approved.

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CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



PETS OF THE WEEK



Papaya



Stella

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Papaya and Stella.

Papaya is a 15-week-old male cat who has is reserved when you first meet but will warm up with the right human.

Stella is a 4-year-old female brindle pit who walks great on

leash, loves playing, and is quite smart. She already knows come, sit, and stay. Stella is very treat motivated and is looking for an active home with older children. Other dogs okay, but no cats please.

For more information on Papaya or Stalla, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

Professor to Speak on Webinar On African American Voting Rights

The Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) will present a live webinar on African-American voting rights on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m.

Prof. Erika Walker will explore the complex and continuing struggle for fully-realized African-American voting rights in the presentation, "African-Americans and the Vote: Where Do We Go From Here?"

Poll taxes, literacy tests, fraud and intimidation have all historically been used to turn African Americans away from the polls. More recently, voter suppression and the blocking of suffrage for formerly incarcerated persons continue to dampen the power of the Black vote.

"As we all prepare for a presidential election in November, it's more important than ever to understand the history of voting rights, in particular the impact on communities of color," said HAHS Education Manager, Eleanor Katari. "We are thrilled to present this program by Professor Walker."

Professor Walker is a lecturer in the Africana Studies department in the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State. In this presentation, she will delve into the history of the struggle



Professor Erika Walker will give a virtual presentation on African American voting rights.

for the right to vote, examining the ways in which voting rights, now and historically, have been pushed forward or protected by movements in the streets.

Walker will also explore the idea of "Active Citizenship" and other ways to direct our energy, particularly in what is considered a "safe, blue state" like California.

This program is presented in partnership with the Women's Ministry of Palma Ceia Baptist

Church and the Eden Rose (CA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Tickets available at: bit.ly/HAHS-AfricanAmericansandtheVote

For more information on Hayward Area Historical Society educational programs, research services, exhibits, collections and other resources, call 510-581-0223, email info@haywardareahistory.org or visit online at http://www.haywardareahistory.org.

Warriors Facility Open for Voting

The Golden State Warriors have teamed up with Alameda County to provide a safe and accessible voting location at the Warriors' facility at 1011 Broadway in downtown Oakland.

Hours for the Warriors' polling site and ballot drop-off will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 through Monday, Nov. 2, and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

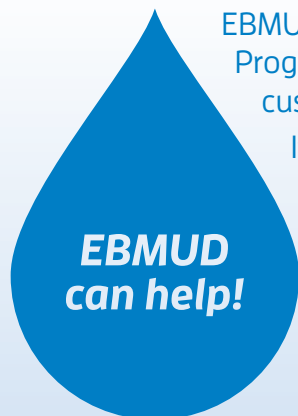
The facility will be staffed by Alameda County election workers. Social distancing measures will be in place and county health guidelines followed.

Applications are still being accepted to serve as an election worker.

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In 1862, the Battle of Antietam in the Civil War near Sharpsburg, Maryland results with 23,000 dead, the bloodiest day

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In 1941, Stan Musial makes his major league debut with the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Young Singer Making Remarkable Comeback

By Linda Sandsmark
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Young Anjali Asha is living proof that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

After surviving a horrendous car accident in 2018, the aspiring 21-year-old Castro Valley singer is re-launching her career with a new album.

"They told me I would never sing again," says Anjali. "It was an insane car accident involving a drunk driver. My nose was smashed, I had multiple skull fractures, a concussion, shattered cheekbones, severe lacerations to my face, and stitches in my lip, forehead and leg. I couldn't breathe properly."

She remembers sitting on concrete after the accident, somewhere along Lake Chabot Road between Castro Valley and San Leandro, thinking she was going to die without getting to share her music with the world. She survived, but doctors said her recovery would take years.

"I decided I didn't care what the doctors said, I was making my album. With my attitude and my dedication to music, I recovered



Castro Valley singer Anjali Asha's career is back on track after a serious car accident.

in about six months," she says. "I had four surgeries and still have migraines to this day, but decided I was just going to do it. I learned that I had to take charge. And now my music sounds so much better

than anything I did before."

One of the more trying periods after the accident was when Anjali realized that heavy narcotics for pain kept her in an unwelcome fog. She decided

to power through withdrawal, shutting herself up in her room for a week and writing songs to help her cope.

The resulting pop album, "Chingona," can be heard now on all major music platforms including iTunes, Spotify and Apple Music.

As a 2017 graduate of Castro Valley High School, Anjali received the prestigious Cliff Burton Memorial music scholarship, awarded by the family of the late Metallica bass player (Burton was also a CVHS graduate).

Since childhood she had been a singer, songwriter and performer, so she used that scholarship seed money to propel her career forward after high school. She shot several music videos and performed in venues around the state. Just a few days after a summer 2018 trip to Los Angeles for an album photo shoot, she was involved in the accident that put her career and life on hold.

She says she's hoping to keep her career moving now, since women in the music business can age out quickly. Almost nobody is performing live because of



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COVID, but Anjali wants to build her following and get the music in front of people. She hasn't seen a bad review yet. A deluxe "Chingona Reloaded" version of the album will also be released, along with CD copies.

"Chingona is an endearing term my mother calls me, which means 'badass woman' in Spanish," says Anjali, who is of Mexican and Indian descent. "I never was great at following rules. A light bulb went off in my head, and I realized Chingona fit my personality. The album was supposed to be released in 2018, but after recovering from the accident I redid a lot of it."

Her parents have supported her all the way.

"My wife and I both went to the ER after the accident, and it was horrible," says her father, Raj Prasad. "It was the week before

she was about to release her initial album. With the severity of her injuries as well as being told she might never sing again, it seemed she put her recovery into overdrive. I honestly feel her intensity and fight actually helped my wife and I deal with everything a bit easier."

He adds, "Once people listen to her music, they're hooked."

Anjali says that her one regret is never meeting Cliff Burton's family. The scholarship had been presented to her at school during an awards night ceremony.

"I read that Mr. Burton passed away earlier this year, and I never actually got to meet him and thank him personally. The scholarship seed money definitely motivated me," she says.

Anjali Asha's music videos, songs, and pictures are available at <https://anjaliasha.com/>

Custody: Police disagree with DA's view

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shooting death of Steven Taylor at the Walmart on April 18. Taylor was waving a metal baseball bat and refused to put it down, leading to the shooting.

DA Says Taylor Didn't Pose a Danger

O'Malley said that the evidence, including videos, shows that Taylor didn't pose an imminent threat of death or great bodily injury to Fletcher or anyone else in the store. She said that Fletcher failed to attempt more de-escalation options, so his use of deadly force was unreasonable.

"A thorough review of the statements of witnesses and involved police officers, physical evidence and the review of multiple videos of the shooting shows that at the time of the shooting it was not reasonable to conclude Mr. Taylor posed an imminent threat of death or great bodily injury to Officer Fletcher or to anyone else in the store," O'Malley said in a prepared statement.

The San Leandro Police Officers' Association (SLPOA) sent out a statement this week that offered condolences to the Taylor family, but also said that the district attorney's charges are politically motivated.

The SLPOA said the incident unfolded as a consequence of Taylor wielding a baseball bat in a violent and erratic manner.

"While the District Attorney has mischaracterized the shooting as a 'failure to attempt de-escalation options,' we are confident that the evidence will establish that this incident was an unfortunate example of de-escalation techniques simply proving to be ineffective," said the SLPOA statement.

The police statement said that police wish every call ends peacefully but sometimes they are left with no option but to make a split-second decision to use deadly force to defend themselves and the public.

Protests led by Taylor's family and supporters have been underway since the April shooting. On Monday night, protestors projected a sign on the San Leandro police station that read, "Convict Officer Fletcher," and #Justice4StevenTaylor."

The Taylor family and supporters have said that there should be reform in how police handle calls for someone with mental illness and how police deal with Black people in general.

At a rally at the San Leandro police station in June, Taylor's mother, Sharon Taylor, said, "When you call the police on a Black person it's not going to end well."



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LIFESTYLE

Rosh Hashanah – Sweet Expectations for the Jewish New Year



The Jewish New Year begins at sundown this Friday. Unlike Passover, where bitter foods are prepared in commemoration of hard times, the Rosh Hashanah table is laden with delicacies representing optimism for a sweet future.

No sour or bitter dishes have a place on this joyous table. Instead, dishes abound with honey, raisins, sweet carrots and apples – all seasonal reminders of hope for the coming year.

WALNUT HONEY CAKE

3/4 cup walnut halves
Butter for pan
1-1/2 cups flour, plus more
1-1/8 cups honey, divided use
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
3 large eggs, at room temp.
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Preheat oven to 350°F with rack in center.

Spread walnut halves in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet and toast in oven until fragrant, tossing occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer nuts to a plate, let cool, then pulse in a food processor until finely chopped, about 10 times. Set aside.

Butter and flour an 8-1/2 inch spring-form pan; set aside. In a large bowl, combine 1 cup honey and applesauce; whisk until honey is mostly dissolved. Add eggs, and whisk until fully combined.

Into a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, salt, and ginger. Stir into honey mixture. Using a rubber spatula, fold in walnuts.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake cake until golden brown on top and a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 55 minutes.

Transfer pan to a wire rack; let cool until sides of cake begin

to pull away from pan, about 15 minutes. Remove cake from pan, and place on a serving plate. While cake is still warm, use an offset spatula to gently spread remaining honey on top as a thin glaze. Serve warm. Yields about 10 servings.

APPLE & HONEY CRUMBLE

Apples and honey are the signature food of this high holy day season, symbolizing Jews' hope for a sweet new year.

4 to 5 green apples, peeled and sliced
1/4 cup honey
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/4 cup orange juice concentrate
1 teaspoon ginger
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
3/4 cup canola oil
3/4 cup sugar

1 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
Pinch salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 large or 2 small eggs

Preheat oven to 350°F. Toss apples, honey, brown sugar, orange juice concentrate and spices. Place the mixture in a 9x13-inch pan and set aside.

In a separate bowl, mix the oil, sugar, flour, baking powder, salt, vanilla and eggs to form a thick batter. Drop by spoonfuls onto apple mixture. Bake 45 minutes at 350°F, or until top is nicely browned. Makes 8 servings

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12 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
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1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Butter a 13-by-9-inch baking dish; set aside. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add noodles; cook until al dente according to package instructions, about 6 minutes. Drain noodles; return to pot. Set aside.

Put eggs and sour cream into the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment; mix on medium speed until combined. Mix in 3/4 cup sugar, 3/4 cup butter, and the cream cheese. Set aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in 2 tablespoons sugar, the cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add apples;

gently toss to coat.

Cook, tossing occasionally, until soft and caramelized, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir apples into egg mixture; pour over noodles. Toss gently to combine. Pour into prepared dish. Drizzle remaining 2 tablespoons butter over noodles; sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.

Bake until set and top is golden brown, about 30 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack; let stand 15 minutes before serving. Yields 10 servings.

CARROT PUDDING

1 cup grated carrots
1 cup peeled and shredded potatoes
1 cup sugar
1 cup raisins
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1 teaspoon ground cloves

Sauce:

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
1 cup white sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In a large mixing bowl, combine carrots, potatoes, sugar, raisins, flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, allspice, and ground cloves.

Transfer mixture to a clean 1 pound coffee can. Secure wax paper over the top and place the filled can in a large pot with 2 to 3 inches of water. Cover the pot and bring the water to a simmer. Steam the cake for 2 hours. Serve warm.

To make the buttery sauce, combine butter or margarine, cream, sugar, and vanilla in a medium-size pot. Heat until the mixture is liquid. Spoon mixture over the warm carrot pudding to serve. Yields 7 servings.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



COVID-19 Has Many Rethinking Their Homes

With no effective end in sight for COVID-19, many are rethinking their living situations. Forced to stay at home for work and with the additional challenge of educating children from the dining room table, a significant number of households are deep into crisis mode.

It is bringing new meaning to the adage, "Pain doesn't just show up in our lives for no reason — it's a sign something in our lives needs to change."

We are seeing change in three separate areas:

We are experiencing a wave of decluttering. Officials from the Goodwill of Greater Washington state that donations have jumped 20% over last year.

It seems that many, forced to be on ZOOM calls for hours

a day, do not like the camera showing all the junk behind them. Additionally, since everyone is confined to their homes all day every day, any extra stuff laying around is just getting in the way.

Now that local donation centers have reopened, they are facing a tsunami of items flooding in.

Renovations are surging upwards. Every contractor I have talked to has stated their phones are ringing off the hooks with requests for quotes on upgrades.

Since homeowners are being forced to stay at home, they have decided it makes sense to get their homes fixed up to make their living experiences more comfortable.

This also applies to back yards: countless numbers of homeowners around the Bay are seeking to improve their yards so they can move as much of their time outside as possible. Local home improvement centers are doing a landslide business to keep up.

Many are deciding it is time to move up. Some, especially those with children, have decided they are tired of bumping into each other all day long and are consequently looking for larger homes. While this is understandable, current move ups have a new twist: they are looking for larger homes out of the area.

Since they will not be

returning to their offices anytime soon, and with many companies realizing that their employees can work from almost anywhere, we are seeing a migration out of the Bay Area into regions where they can buy substantially larger homes at significantly lower prices.

These are strange, ambiguous days. There is, however, one certainty: when the dust settles at the end of this pandemic, the way we live in our homes will look fundamentally different.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

Mortgage Rates Hit New All-Time Low

Long-term fixed mortgage rates hit their lowest point in history last week, according to mortgage-buyer Freddie Mac, whose records date back to 1971.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.86 percent for the week ending Sept. 10, down from the previous week when it averaged 2.93 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.56 percent.

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By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I'd like to prune off a four-inch diameter branch from my plum tree to make room for a shed. Is it okay to do so at this time?

Not only is it okay to remove a single limb, but you can also go ahead and prune the entire plum tree along with apricot and cherry trees.

Traditionally, gardeners wait until January and February to prune, however things are changing. A lot of literature supports the pruning of fruit trees in the late summer and fall. The exception would be those varieties that still have a maturing crop.

Fall is an excellent time to prune as the fruit trees are in the beginning stages of dormancy. By definition, dormancy begins

when a tree has stopped actively growing. We haven't seen any new growth for some time, nor do we expect to see any shortly, and leaf drop is about to begin.

One of the most significant non-horticultural disadvantages of pruning now is that it's more challenging to identify what needs to be pruned and what needs to be kept because the foliage gets in the way. This is offset by the cold, damp, and muddy conditions during the winter months.

It's now desirable to prune in the fall, as pruning during the rainy season has been problematic. They've been prone to an air-borne disease that enters through the fresh wounds but don't show up until the following season, around June.

Unfortunately, we have no treatment for this disease. Once the wound calluses over, it's no longer a threat. The callusing takes a couple of days to occur.

Thus pruning in the fall is an ideal time to avoid the problem altogether.

Also, discontinue watering deciduous fruit trees, as there is no need for any additional moisture now. The excess moisture, along with our poor draining clay soil, promotes problems with root rot which is not apparent now but shows up the following spring. As the trees leaf out, there will be bare twigs, stems, and branches in varying sizes. It would not be uncommon for the tree sections to collapse with the first heat spell and die. These are all indicators of root rot damage.

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Evictions Halted Nationwide For the Remainder of the Year

Q: I lost my job due to the Covid Pandemic, and now find that I am having difficulty paying my rent. I am worried about being evicted from the home my wife and I are renting. Is there any advice you can offer?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A: Yes. County and State-wide eviction moratoriums have just been extended to the end of the year, at a minimum. Further, the Federal Government, acting through the Center for Disease Control (CDC), has just issued a nationwide halt to all residential evictions throughout the country until December 31, 2020, for eligible renters.

The qualifications for this relief differ slightly with regard to each set of emergency orders, but qualifying under at least one Emergency Order ("EO") should be relatively easy for most folks.

Here is a more detailed breakdown:

Alameda County's Emergency Order: Under Alameda County's EO, a landlord may not evict a tenant for failure to pay rent between March 24 and September 30, and also grants the tenant a full year to pay the overdue rent.

The moratorium now runs through December 31 "or 60 days after the state of emergency is lifted", whichever is later. Of note is that some cities, notably Oakland, have their own moratoriums, with even stronger tenant protections.

State of California EO: On August 31, 2020, Governor Newsom signed an EO protect-

ing tenants from eviction and property owners from foreclosure due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

The Order offers eviction relief which varies slightly depending upon when the rent arrearages accrued:

(1) for a COVID-19 hardship that accrued between March 4 and August 31, 2020, the tenant must provide a declaration of hardship; and

(2) for one that accrues between September 1, 2020, and January 31, 2021, the tenant seeking relief must pay at least 25% of the rent due in order to avoid eviction. Landlords must provide their tenants with notice of their new rights under the Act and must provide hardship declaration forms.

This bill (AB 3088) also extends anti-foreclosure protections to homeowners under the Homeowner Bill of Rights Act.

Federal CDC Nationwide EO: Under its authority to control the spread of COVID-19, the CDC has also just issued its own moratorium on residential evictions, and the ban has nationwide effect.

Its order, just issued a few days ago, is effective immediately, and prevents the eviction of tenants through the end of this year.

To qualify for this relief, the tenant just sign a declaration as to income: a single tenant must declare that he/she earns no more than \$99K a year, while couples filing taxes jointly must declare that they earn less than \$198K per year.

They must also declare that

they cannot pay their rent in full; that, if evicted, they would become homeless or be forced to move into congregate housing; and, that they made an effort to receive government assistance.

Note: A previous federal eviction moratorium granted as part of the CARES Act ended in late July, 2020, and only applied to federally-funded or mortgage backed housing. Now, the newly issued CDC Order applies to all residential housing throughout the country.

As soon as available, we hope to have the requisite Emergency Orders and Declaration forms available for download by accessing this article on our website.

So, to your question: you have at least three layers of government moratoriums, County, State and Federal, to look for help.

Gene L. Osofsky is an estate planning and elder law attorney serving the East Bay. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com

Healthy Living Festival For Seniors Tomorrow

The 17th Annual Healthy Living Festival for seniors and their friends will be held virtually tomorrow, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsored by Supervisor Nate Miley, the Festival promotes healthy senior living by providing a welcoming hub of critical health information, and an array of senior resources and physical activities.

Seniors can still expect many of the highlights from previous years including live entertainment. There will even be a virtual zoo walk for participants to enjoy from the safety of their residences courtesy of longtime festival partner the Oakland Zoo.

For more info, visit www.usoac.org/ or contact Sara Appelbaum at sara.appelbaum@acgov.org.



Don't jeopardize your health because of lack of food.

Rising Food Costs

By Matilda Charles
SENIOR NEWS LINE

Prices on so many necessary items have gone up over the past six months. Most worrisome is food.

Of all the grocery store price increases, beef and veal went up the most. But they've all gone up: bread, seafood, cereal, vegetables. Fresh fruit, on the other hand, reportedly went down (although not at my store), as did milk (again, not at my store, which saw a ridiculous increase). It likely won't get better for the rest of the year.

What hasn't gone up is our income. In fact, for those seniors who had part-time jobs to supplement Social Security, incomes have gone down because of the loss of those jobs. Yes, many of us got that \$1,200 stimulus check... how many months ago?

For so many of us, the time has come to admit that we need help. It's not easy, but it's really not giving up any independence. There are many organizations and groups out there giving away food.

Don't jeopardize your health

because of lack of food. Pick up the phone, make calls. Find out where the free or low-cost food is in your area. Call the senior center, all the churches, the food pantry and your state's National Council on Aging (www.ncoa.org). Get on the internet and look for seniors dining sites and Meals on Wheels, senior food boxes, Commodity Supplemental Food Program and "free food for seniors in (your state)."

This pandemic might last for a very long time. Get your food support system in place. It's one less thing to worry about.

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Signs of Hope Despite Deadly Covid Weekend

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

More people in Alameda County died from the coronavirus in one day last week than any other time this year. Yet, state and local officials are optimistic about our overall progress.

Sixteen people died from conditions related to Covid-19 last Friday, followed by 12 more fatalities on Sunday, according to the Alameda County Public Health Department. It marks the first time the county saw a weekend of double-digit deaths this month.

County Reports New Cases Down by 65 Percent

But county health officials are pointing to fewer new cases (147) of Covid-19 reported in the last week, down 65 percent since a daily high of 425 in August. Public health data also shows hospitalizations are down 36 percent at 121 admissions. That's a rate of 7.1 thousand per 100,000 people.

Over the weekend, Alameda County updated its rules

for a drive-in events, such as concerts and movies, as well as religious and cultural ceremonies. The order will also increase the maximum number of vehicles allowed from 200 to 400 and will permit the sale of concessions at events with restrictions.

Last week, Governor Newsom also signed new laws extending critical paid sick days

protections to ensure employees have access to paid sick days if they are exposed or test positive to Covid-19 this year.

Newsom also signed three bills that will help support small businesses as they recover from the Covid-19 induced recession. The bills include an exemption from gross income for any Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans that were forgiven through

the federal CARES Act.

Newsom also added a \$100 million hiring tax credit program for qualified small businesses and added \$411 million to advance economic stimulus with \$230 million to help jumpstart construction projects.

California is home to 4.1 million small businesses, representing 99.8 percent of all businesses in the state and employing 7.2

million workers in California, or 48 percent of the state's total workforce.

Aaron Ortiz, CEO of La Familia in Oakland, issued a statement acknowledging that everyone has a role to play in safely reopening our communities and protecting one another from infection.

"While there is much more to learn about Covid-19, we do

know that it spreads easily from person to person," Ortiz said.

"Until we have treatment or a vaccine, the best thing you can do is remember four simple steps before you leave home: wear a face covering, please keep six feet of space between yourself and others, wash your hands often with soap and water, and most importantly, please stay home if you are feeling sick."

Ballot: Many locations will be available to drop off ballots

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drifting over time, Dupuis said, his office will contact the voter so they can fill out a new voter's registration form with a new signature.

The signatures are all checked by a person looking at every signature, Dupuis said.

There will be a lot of ballots to count, too, since this year there are over 900,000 registered voters in Alameda County, and the total could possibly hit a million, Dupuis said. In past years, the record was 850,000 voters.

But there won't just be one election day, it will run for four days – Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday – when Accessible Voting Locations (AVLs) will be open. You can drop off your ballot at these locations.

Rather than an assigned polling place, a voter can go to any of the 100 Accessible Vote Locations in the county.

Election officials hope that most people will simply bring in the ballot that was mailed to them. But for any snafus, or if someone had just moved, the locations will be able to allow a

person to vote by touchscreen, which will then print the voter's ballot.

"All voters will be mailed a ballot and given the opportunity to vote by mail, but we will also have in-person voting," Dupuis said.

More ballot drop boxes will be installed in Alameda County, where ballots can be dropped off instead of mailed. The drop boxes are permanent metal boxes, bolted into the concrete.

San Leandro has one drop box in front of City Hall. Two more drop boxes will be installed around town before the election. Dupuis said those other two locations aren't finalized yet.

Countywide the number of drop boxes will increase from 28 to 66, Dupuis said.

Ballots mailed on election day now have even more time to arrive at the Registrar of Voter's office, from three days after election day to 17 days, which should leave more than enough time to mail an envelope even if it was going to Siberia.

But remember, your ballot still has to be mailed no later than election day.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

One of the county's ballot boxes is in front of San Leandro City Hall on East 14th Street. Two other boxes will be installed in town before election day. Another ballot box is in front of the San Lorenzo Library. The ballot boxes are kept covered between elections.

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Sidney Edward West, Jr.

Sidney Edward West, Jr. (September 25, 1944 ~ September 5, 2020), passed peacefully into eternal life with his wife of 48 years at his side. Sid was born in El Dorado, Arkansas and completed a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Psychology from Southern State College in Magnolia, Arkansas. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy 1969-1973 and served as a seaman and psychiatric technician. He retired from UCSF, Langeley Porter Psychiatric Institute after 36 years, where he was respected and loved by patients and staff alike. He was a warm and caring person, a wonderful husband, and much loved by his family and neighbors. Sid is survived by his wife Claudia (Eggert) West, one niece, two nephews, and sister-in-law all of El Dorado, and several cousins in El Dorado and Little Rock. Sid is preceded in death by his parents Sidney Edward West and Carrie Pauline (Simpson) West, and his brother Berry Gene West. A Memorial Mass will be held for the repose of his soul at St. Leander Catholic Church, in the parish garden, located at 474 W. Estudillo, San Leandro, CA 94577. Attendees are limited to 40 only. If you plan to attend, call Claudia West at (510) 421-1906 to reserve a space. Masks are required. Bring your own folding chair or plan to stand. Instead of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or your favorite charity. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary.

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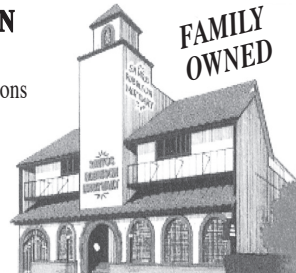
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Personal matters claim a good deal of the Lamb's time in the early part of the week. But by midweek, pragmatic considerations (work, school, job-seeking, etc.) begin to take priority.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workaday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): A new contact could provide an expanded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): An unexpected development could cause some supposedly resolved disagreements to reignite. Deal with the situation before it leads to some really serious problems.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A clash of work-linked viewpoints needs to be discussed openly, honestly and calmly by all concerned before it can impede progress on an ongoing project.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved in a potentially sticky situation.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Pay attention to that inner voice of Piscean wisdom counseling you to remove those rose-colored glasses and take an honest look at any decisions you might face this week.

City Council Hosts Work Session on Bias

Work session and training program on cultural awareness and implicit bias conducted in partnership with NAACP

The City Council hosted an educational work session and training on racial equity and implicit bias on Tuesday night, led by the South Alameda County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Several co-presenters from the NAACP provided insights from America's history of slavery and racial injustice and discussed how to build a clearer understanding of key concepts related to cultural awareness, implicit bias, and systemic racism.

The program also included discussions on methods to advance racial equality along with recommendations on equitable policies designed to prevent racism and enhance equality of opportunity for all.

A week earlier, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution condemning white nationalist and white supremacist hate groups and declaring support for classifying under federal law the Ku Klux Klan ("KKK") as a domestic terrorist organization. The council also reaffirmed the city's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

"With this training, the City of San Leandro continues to display our commitment to being a welcoming place for everyone," Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter.

"It also provided a difficult but important conversation about our city's history. I remain encouraged by the community conversations and policies we have championed in order to make San Leandro a more just and equitable city. We are also a kind and compassionate community

and I look forward to furthering dialogue with the public about these important topics."

The City Council continues to hold discussions on topics related to race and equity at its regular City Council meetings. The public is invited to view and participate in these discussions. Upcoming City Council meeting details are on the City's website (www.sanleandro.org) under "Meetings and Agendas."

For more information, contact Paul Sanftner at psanftner@sanleandro.org.



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Fire on Burkhart

Firefighters put out a fire at a house on Burkhart Avenue in Washington Manor last Friday evening. Smoke poured from the roof of the house at 5:30 p.m. as the Alameda County Fire Department arrived and saved most of the house. There were no injuries.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Protecting Officer Fletcher's Rights

Editor:

As you are most likely aware, on April 18, 2020, San Leandro Police Officer Jason Fletcher responded to an emergency call for service, culminating in the shooting death of Steven Taylor. This incident unfolded after a call for service by store employees and was a consequence of Mr. Taylor wielding a baseball bat in a violent and erratic manner.

Although the San Leandro Police Officers' Association (SLPOA) acknowledges that any loss of life in our community is tragic and we extend our condolences to Mr. Taylor's family, friends, and loved ones, we also ask the community to join us in our support of Officer Fletcher and his family.

Our Police Officers value the sanctity of life and have taken an oath to protect this community. While we wish that every call for service could end peacefully, in our mission to safeguard the community, officers are sometimes left with no option but to make a split-second decision to use deadly force to defend themselves and the public.

Although District Attorney Nancy O'Malley has charged Officer Fletcher with voluntary manslaughter, we are steadfast in our belief that this charge is politically motivated and legally deficient. While the District Attorney has mischaracterized the shooting as a "failure to attempt de-escalation options," we are confident that the evidence will establish that this incident was an unfortunate example of de-escalation techniques simply proving to be ineffective.

The SLPOA and its members support and believe in constitutional policing. We dedicate our lives to ensure liberty and justice for everyone. We believe in fairness and justice and the rule of law for everyone. We hope and believe the criminal justice system will protect and preserve Officer Fletcher's rights in the same manner it should of all citizens.

—Michael Olivera, President
San Leandro Police Officers' Association

Upset Over Town Home Vote

Editor:

The City Council voted 5-2 in favor of 39 three story town homes at 903 Manor Blvd. I would like to thank Council Member Lopez and Aguilar for their support of the residents of Washington Manor, legitimately listening to our concerns about the height, parking, privacy and traffic impacts of this project.

We are not opposed to housing at the former Manor Bowl. We requested time for additional discussion with the developer prior to the council's vote. It's upsetting that the community was not apprised of this project by Council Member Lee or the homeowners group.

As I am not in the 500-foot radius of required notification, I read about this project, "Maple Lane", on Nextdoor. I joined a group of concerned neighbors, "Improve Maple Lane" and we began to strategize. Many of us spoke with D.R. Horton's Chris Zaballos. During the council meeting, Mr. Zaballos mentioned his neighborhood outreach. If by outreach, he means letting us voice our concerns, then basically saying, "we won't budge," then outreach it was.

As the Mayor and other Council Member noted, the Manor "needs some love" in regards to infrastructure and maintenance among other things. I am not sure how adding 39 3-4 BR townhomes with inadequate parking is showing any love to the crumbling streets of Washington Manor, not to mention adding to the traffic nightmare at Beatrice and Kesterson. Continuing to show love, the council also accepted less-than-required open space in lieu of a financial contribution.

So here we are, trying to negotiate for slightly lower roof-lines and a few more trees, while Council Member Hernandez, who has taken campaign contributions from developers and previously worked for D.R. Horton, voted to deny us time to have a more collaborative discussion with the developer. Come November 3, I will repay the love, at the ballot box.

—Karen Kline, San Leandro

Urgent Action Needed on Climate Change

Editor:

Within the past few weeks it has become obvious that we are faced with a devastating climate crisis. However, our country's long history of deliberate political and corporate cover-up of this issue has sown public confusion and inaction in the face of this stark climate reality.

If people are told the truth and enabled to grasp the enormity of this threat, they will act. There is so much work to be done, so we must act urgently; as 16-year-old activist Greta Thunberg has said, "We should be acting as if the house is on fire, because it (very literally) is."

Governor Newsom echoed this urgency in his statements this week "this is the largest fire season we've had in recorded history." "I have no patience for climate-change deniers. It's inconsistent with the reality on the ground."

San Leandro has a long road to create the roadmap for the infrastructure and policies needed for a 100% carbon neutral City, but it is possible.

Pursuing a zero carbon city is a tremendous opportunity for us to rethink our economic development model, our approach to equity and inclusion, and for us to create a San Leandro that is more livable and loveable for everyone.

With many of the measures needed for carbon neutrality tied to housing and transportation systems and to the ways we provide social support and build community, we can create transformational change.

Our City Leaders must give climate change the money, the time, and the highest priority on the City's agenda. San Leandro 2050 is committed to carbon reduction and working on community solutions for climate equity.

The City too must take immediate actions and investments to stop climate change. We urge all San Leandro residents to add their voices to this fight by telling your Councilmember to prioritize climate action on the City's agenda, and to make funding of climate action available.

This is no longer a fight for our children or grandchildren, but for our own future as well.

—Patty Breslin, Executive Director
Community Climate Solutions
for an Equitable San Leandro

Skies Issue 'Orange Alert'

Editor:

Having grown up in San Leandro I know firsthand that the wildfires were never this bad. They seem to be getting worse each year: bigger, more destructive, deadlier.

Forest management is undoubtedly a factor, as is the increasing impact of climate change. It's not just about hotter and drier seasons — reduced snowpack and increasingly arid summers decrease the moisture needed to dampen the ignition and spread of fire. This is exactly why the military refers to climate change as a "threat multiplier."

What to do about a problem that no individual can fix? My favorite suggestion is to volunteer with an organization working on climate action. By working collectively our voice is much more powerful. That's why I volunteer with Citizens Climate Lobby to advocate for a price on carbon in Congress. But it doesn't matter which group—we need action now and being part of an organization is the best way to plug in.

—Max Broad, Oakland

The Failure of Recycling

Editor:

Recycling programs in California have largely failed. Recycling centers at grocery chain stores are gone. Isn't that against the law? Many other recycling centers have recently closed. It is no longer possible to get back the CRV deposits that are collected. I think it is time to either admit failure and abolish the CRV charges on beverage containers or make the program work as it does in other countries.

Every seller of beverage containers needs to be required to issue refunds for returned containers. Every wholesaler and manufacturer needs to be required to accept container returns.

I know there will be howls of opposition, but it really isn't rocket science. In Germany, for instance, next to the entrance of your supermarket there is a refrigerator sized machine that accepts glass, plastic and aluminum containers and issues refunds. American ingenuity should be able to do this as well and it can with your help.

Contact your state representative and senator. I have.

—Jim Mehner, Sheffield Village

Healing Racism

Editor:

The Bahá'ís of the United States join our fellow-citizens in heartfelt grief at the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and so many others whose lives were suddenly taken by appalling acts of violence. These heart-breaking violations against fellow human beings, due only to the color of their skin, have deepened the dismay caused by a pandemic whose consequences to the health and livelihoods of people of color have been disproportionately severe.

This has come to pass against a backdrop of longstanding racial injustice in virtually every aspect of American life. It is clear that racial prejudice is the most vital and challenging issue we face as a country.

Yet, amidst these tragedies, there are also signs of hope. Countless citizens have arisen to proclaim the truth that we are one nation, and to demand specific actions to address the pervasive inequities that for too long have shaped our society.

We have remembered who we aspire to be as a people, and are determined to make a change for the better. This moment beckons us to a renewed commitment to realize the ideal of E Pluribus Unum — out of many, one — the very ideal upon which America was founded. To create a just society begins with recognition of the fundamental truth that humanity is one.

But it is not enough simply to believe this in our hearts. It creates the moral imperative to act, and to view all aspects of our personal, social, and institutional lives through the lens of justice. It implies a reordering of our society more profound than anything we have yet achieved. And it requires the participation of Americans of every race and background, for it is only through such inclusive participation that new moral and social directions can emerge.

Whatever immediate results might come from the current demonstrations, the elimination of racism will require a sustained and concerted effort. It is one thing to protest against particular forms of injustice. It is a far more profound challenge to create a new framework for justice. Visit sanleandrobahai.com for the full statement and to learn more about the Bahá'í Community.

—Sherene Somerby
Public Information Officer
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Goaltending

It's tough to make a basket these days, judging by this basketball hoop at a park in Alameda where the court is shut down during the pandemic. Talk about a tough defense, not even Stephen Curry could score on this court.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The name of the business(es):
ANDI CAREY CONSULTS, located at 555
Pala Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, in
Alameda County, is hereby registered by
the following owner(s): Andi Carey, 555 Pala
Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business
is conducted by an individual. This business
commenced N/A.

/s/ Andi Carey
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The name of the business(es):
The Taco Concept, located at 16026 East
14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94578, mail-
ing address 30248 Santucci Court, Hayward,
CA 94544, in Alameda County, is hereby
registered by the following owner(s): AAM-
MLL LLC, 30248 Santucci Court, Hayward,
CA 94544. This business is conducted by a
Limited Liability Company. This business
commenced N/A.

/s/ AAMMLL LLC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The name of the business(es):
World Foods Center #2, located at 15907
Hesperian Blvd. Suite 5907, San Lorenzo,
CA 94580, mailing address 30248 Santucci
Ct., Hayward, CA 94544, in Alameda County,
is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
(1) Marisela Duran (2) Antonio Duran,
28304 Hayward Blvd, Hayward, CA 94542
and (3) Jesus Eduardo Vivanco, 17916 Via
Arriba, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This busi-
ness is conducted by a general partnership.
This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Marisela Duran, Antonio Duran, Jesus
Eduardo Vivanco
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and
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The name of the business(es):
Unforgettable Imprints, located at 836 Carmel
Ct., San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the following
owner(s): (1) Evettra Foster and (2) Dajah
Mitchell, 836 Carmel Ct., San Leandro, CA
94578. This business is conducted by a gen-
eral partnership. This business commenced
July 29, 2020.

/s/ Evettra Foster, Dajah Mitchell
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and
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The name of the business(es):
LT's Pretzel City Subs, located at 1855 Calle
Del Sueno, Livermore, CA 94551, in Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the following
owner(s): (1) Lawrence Timothy Heard and
(2) Jennifer Heard, 1855 Calle Del Sueno,
Livermore, CA 94551. This business is con-
ducted by a married couple. This business
commenced N/A.

/s/ Lawrence Timothy Heard, Jennifer Heard
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The name of the business(es):
Sunshine Boutique, located at 2271 Prosper-
ity Way, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the following
owner(s): Brittney Lackey, 2271 Prosperity
Way, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business
is conducted by an individual. This business
commenced N/A.

/s/ Brittney Lackey
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BART Adds More Trains During Commute Hours

This week, BART added more trains to certain lines during peak commute times to keep up with increased ridership, BART officials said.

On select BART lines, commuter trains at 15-minute frequencies will be added during the workweek, and trains at 30-minute frequencies will be added to the weekend schedule.

The changes come in response to increased ridership on BART in order to maintain social distancing aboard trains, and as an effort to provide riders with added flexibility in commute times.

The increase in number of trains marks "the largest week-day service increase since the Covid-19 pandemic hit," BART officials said.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

BART added a few more trains to the schedule this week.

The new schedule has been entered into BART's online Trip Planner, and the current as well as new timetables.

Bancroft: Need for housing

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mostly single-family residential neighborhood," Silva said during the presentation. "I heard that concern loud and clear and have focused a great deal of attention on reducing the number of residents while maintaining a financially viable project that fits well with the neighborhood."

The latest plan calls for 42 rental units consisting of two and three-bedrooms designed for families with children or working professionals. The 40,000-square-foot complex would include a total of 63 parking spaces, 58 on-site (including three chargers for electric vehicles) and five off-site parking spaces. Tenets would also get high-speed internet through the Lit San Leandro Fiber Optic Network.

Many people on the virtual meeting call wanted to know about opportunities for renters with special needs and inclusion of low-income apartments, citing



Plan calls for 42 rental units in building on Bancroft.

State Assembly Bill 957, which allows for long-term rental assistance. Silva noted the project includes six inclusionary units and two affordable units.

The project needs City Council approval but has had the backing of former City Councilmembers Jim Prola and Diana Souza, the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, and several local construction unions.

Bryan Azevedo, a City Council candidate for District 2, told the San Leandro Times he favors the project as long as it meets strict guidelines.

"I'm all for more housing in San Leandro. We need it," Azevedo said. "But it has to be the right size project for the area. I agree the project must lower the number of units, provide adequate parking, provide bundled parking, and have onsite affordable units."


Neighbors in Estudillo Estates have opposed all versions of the 1388 Bancroft development so far, saying it will bring additional traffic congestion to an already busy intersection given that Bancroft Junior High School is right across the street.

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