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Veteran and American Legion Post 117 Vice Commander Steven Johnson spoke to crowd at San Leandro's Memorial Day ceremony on May 26.

City Remembers Fallen Soldiers

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Veterans and civilians alike gathered at City Hall on Memorial Day to remember military personnel who died serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Several dozen people came together in front of the police station for the ceremony that also honored Joe Trujillo

of San Leandro. Trujillo died recently at age 100. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and later volunteered for years in the Alameda County Sheriff's Air Squadron.

Jennifer Diaz, adjutant of American Legion Post 117 in San Leandro, welcomed the group and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance before introducing

Mayor Juan Gonzalez.

"We're here to remember and honor," the mayor said, adding that the loss of service member's life affects others, too.

"A lost life is a hug not provided," Gonzalez said. "A lost life is tears of joy not shed at the wedding of a child."

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Council Has to Make Decision On Budget

Budget gap needs to be closed by end of the fiscal year, June 30

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City Council reacted to an ongoing structural budget deficit at its meeting Monday, June 2 by hearing departments' plans for cuts in the next two fiscal years and talking about a revenue measure to raise taxes in the near future. The meeting ran over four hours.

A structural deficit means that expenditures consistently run ahead of revenues, regardless of whether overall economic conditions are good or bad. While unusual events or larger economic changes

can push any given year's budget into the black (surplus) or into the red (deficit), with a structural deficit it stays in the red year-in, year-out, city officials explained.

To solve it, the city needs to increase revenues or cut spending, or both, so says both Mayor Juan Gonzalez and City Manager Janelle Cameron.

City departments have been struggling to close deficits in the upcoming budgets for fiscal years 2025-26 and for fiscal years 2026-27 and 2027-28. see BUDGET, page 11

Feds Investigating Azevedo for Bribery

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Federal prosecutors informed City Councilman Bryan Azevedo last month that he's a "target" in an investigation into bribery.

The letter from the U.S. Attorney reads, "This letter is to advise you that you are the target of a federal investigation regarding criminal

violations of federal laws..."

It goes on to say those laws include, but are not limited to, conspiracy to commit bribery, bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds, and false statements in a federal investigation.

The letter then reads, "If see INVESTIGATION, page 12

Cherry Festival: Parade, Bands Lined Up

The Cherry Festival parade kicks off at 10 a.m. this Saturday with the Acorn A's Model A Ford Club among the 39 entries.

The parade will have everything from American Legion Riders motorcycles to the Floreta Little League and the San Leandro High cheerleaders.

But when the parade ends, the music begins.

Bands will play on two stages from 11 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. One of the headlining bands, Dee Coco and the Mixx, will hit the Main Stage

at 12:15 p.m.

Dee Coco and the Mixx is an incredible talent with loads of energy and a wide range of music – delivering a show that's guaranteed to entertain.

Dee Coco has worked with a number of bands in the Bay Area and abroad. She was one of the halftime entertainers for the Golden State Warriors for five seasons and sang the National Anthem at numerous events.

Orquesta Borinquen

At 2:15 p.m., Orquesta see FESTIVAL, page 11



PHOTO COURTESY ORQUESTA BORINQUEN

Orquesta Borinquen will take the stage at 2:15 p.m. with lead trumpet player Bill Ortega, Jr. setting the pace for their powerhouse sound.

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Tropical Gala Raises Funds for Davis Street Community Center

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Special to the Times

The Davis Street Community Center transformed into an island paradise on a recent Saturday evening for its annual Tropical Escape Gala, a festive benefit event dedicated to raising crucial funds for the center’s social and health services.

Decked out in tropical décor, the gala welcomed community members, supporters, and local leaders for a night of celebration with a purpose. Everybody enjoyed live entertainment, island-inspired cuisine, and a spirited auction featuring exclusive items and experiences generously donated by local businesses and residents.

Proceeds from the gala support Davis Street’s core services, including primary care, affordable child care, basic needs assistance, and support for individuals with

developmental disabilities. These programs serve thousands of San Leandro residents each year, many of whom rely on Davis Street as a critical lifeline.

“This evening was about more than just a celebration—it was about coming together as a community to make sure every neighbor has access to the care and support they need,” said Daniel Johnson, CEO of Davis Street. “We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and enthusiasm of our attendees.”

The Tropical Escape Gala highlighted the center’s ongoing mission to provide equitable, wraparound services that help families not just survive—but thrive.

The Davis Street Community Center, founded in 1972, serves low-income individuals and families across Alameda County, offering integrated health and human services under one roof.



PHOTO COURTESY DAVIS STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

The Davis Street Community Center held its annual Tropical Escape Gala to raise funds for the center’s services.

St. Gerard Annual Country Hoedown

St. Gerard Women’s Club Saturday, June 28, with a No- Big bag raffle, dancing and fun
of St. John the Baptist Church, Host Bar starting at 5:30 p.m. stuff as well. For reservations/
264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in with dinner beginning at 6 tickets call Pat at 510-278-
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Community Calendar

Join the Masters Swim Team

MEMO swim team is coming to San Leandro. Masters swimming is competitive swimming for adults, and begins monthly sessions in June at Farrelly Pool, 864 Dutton Ave. The team is led by Marcia Benjamin and has sessions Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The rebuilt Farrelly Pool has showers and everything you need to get ready for work in the morning after a great workout. Must be 18 years old and able to swim 200 yards. Sign up on the City of San Leandro's Recreation and Parks Department site, and search for MEMO Swim Team. Workouts are a mixture of endurance, speed, technique, and fun. For more information, call Coach Benjamin at 510-517-2738.

Eden Japanese Community Center Bazaar

The Eden Japanese Community Center's annual bazaar will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and June 8, at 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo. Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. Kids games both days. Food: barbecued teriyaki chicken and rib dinner, sushi udon, curry rice and shaved ice. Website: edenjapanesecc.org

Cherry Festival Parade Broadcast

This year's Cherry Festival Parade on Saturday, June 7, will broadcast live at 10 a.m. from the steps of the historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Leandro and simulcast to Comcast 15, AT&T 99, Facebook Live, YouTube Live, www.SanLeandro.org/TV, and the San Leandro TV app.

Senior Book Club

Join a book club that offers adults 50+ a welcoming space to explore the joys, challenges, and wisdom that come with growing older through insightful literature and meaningful conversation. The club meets on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Each gathering invites reflection, connection, and celebration of the aging journey in all its complexity.

Tobacco Recovery Support Group

The Support Group for Tobacco Recovery meets on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., one block from the San Leandro BART Station. No prerequisites, no prior experience, no requirements. Discussion topics include your relationship with tobacco, self-care and stress relief, medicines that can help, wellness and recovery, and the new you. Sponsored by Lifelong's East Bay Community Recovery Project and the Alameda County Tobacco Control Program. For more information, visit ACTobaccofree@gmail.com or call 510-268-2030.

Life Skills for Youth Ages 14 to 22

Join the San Leandro Public Library for a series of life skills workshops in June and July. Please register in advance at: sanleandro.libcal.com. Open to youth ages 14 to 22. Introduction to Investing on Tuesday, June 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Learn about stocks, index funds, and wide world of investing. Join an interactive session with financial professionals from the Bay Area Financial Education Foundation. No experience or prior knowledge needed.

Knit, Crochet, Sew, Handcrafts

Join other crafters to share techniques, patterns, crafting skills, and enjoy each other's company on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Please bring your own needles, yarn and craft supplies.

Rainbow Seniors Meet at the Senior Center

Are you wanting a place where you can feel connected to other LGBTQ adults ages 50+? Rainbow Seniors is a safe space for LGBTQ adults to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support with each other. Second and fourth Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

City to Raise Pride Flag on Saturday in Front of Main Library

San Leandro to Celebrate June as Pride Month at Cherry Festival

In honor of Pride Month, the City of San Leandro will raise the Progress Pride Flag on Saturday, June 7, at 11:30 a.m. in front of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

This year's event will focus on inclusion and belonging.

According to Cornell University, belonging is the feeling of security and support in a person's community, and inclusion welcomes them into the community without prejudice.

The speakers will be Mayor Juan González, City Councilmember Victor Aguilar, and SLUSD School Board Trustees James Aguilar and Peter Oshinski.

"As a proud resident of San Leandro, I believe that

our city's diversity is inspiring and impactful," said Mayor Gonzalez. "We must continue to cultivate an inclusive environment where each person feels welcomed and celebrated. Our LGBTQ+ community has my unwavering support, as we work together to ensure that everyone is treated with dignity and respect."

Elected officials and community leaders have confirmed their attendance at the ceremony. Parking is limited because of the preceding Cherry Parade that day.

The City of San Leandro encourages attendees to park in the City parking garage at 122 Estudillo Ave. There is limited free parking on public streets near the Main Library.

Hearing Loss Assoc. Meeting on June 14

The Hearing Loss Association of America – East Bay will have its June meeting on Saturday, June 14, at Kaiser Permanente Oakland, Fabiola Building, 3801 Howe St, Basement Room G-26.

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m., pizza at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Erik Breitling, AUD, FAAA, Lamorinda Audiology, is an audiologist, who will explain the basics of how to interpret your hearing test results.

The meeting is available both in-person and virtual (Zoom). Please register at: www.HearingLossEB.org by 5 p.m. on Fri June 13.

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More Events

Game of Shrooms 2025: How Medicinal Mushrooms Can Improve Your Health

Learn How the top six mushrooms can support your health, then make your own mushroom-themed art piece on Sunday June 8, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd.

Meditation Mondays

Calm your stress with this free, drop-in, relaxation practice the first Monday evening of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Use meditation, gentle stretches, breath-work, poetry, and journaling to find balance in life's stresses. Ages 18+, all abilities.

Join the Summer Library Program

RooRoo the Raccoon invites you to Level Up and join the free, all-ages Summer Library Program.

Visit any San Leandro Public Library to receive your Summer Library Program booklet or sign up online. You'll earn 10 points just for joining. Earn more points by reading, listening to a book, or completing activities. Then visit the library to use your points to select prizes from the prize board.

Earn 100 points by July 31 to receive your invitation to a special event for your age group. The Summer Reading Carnival for kids will be on Saturday, Aug. 2; the Field Day Party for teens will be on Saturday, Aug. 9, and the adult finale will be on Friday, Aug. 15.

The Summer Library Program runs from June 2 to Aug. 2. Stop by the library or join online at SanLeandro.org/SummerReading

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Turning Potato Salad into Something Special

Potato salad is a summertime favorite, whether it is served at a picnic or for a Sunday night supper.

Of course, making potato salad is not an exact science. You can make it the way you've always made it, which would probably be the way your mom or dad made it. But if you want to tweak tradition, consider some variations.

CLASSIC PICNIC POTATO SALAD

- 6 eggs
- 10 red potatoes
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1/3 cup dill pickle relish



- 2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard

- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)

Place the eggs into a saucepan in a single layer and fill with water to cover the eggs by 1 inch. Cover the saucepan and bring the water to a boil over high heat. Remove from the heat and let the eggs stand in the hot water for 15 minutes. Pour out the hot water; cool the

eggs under cold running water in the sink. Peel and chop the cooled eggs.

Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and refrigerate until cold. Peel and cube once cold.

Stir together the mayonnaise, ranch dressing, relish, mustard, salt, pepper, paprika, and celery seed in a mixing bowl. Add the eggs, potatoes, onion, and olives; stir until evenly mixed. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Yields 12 servings.

BLUE CHEESE POTATO SALAD

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup minced shallots
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon plus 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives, divided use
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 pounds small, red-skinned potatoes, quartered
- 12 Romaine lettuce leaves
- 8 bacon slices, cooked, drained and crumbled
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1 hard-boiled egg, grated

Whisk oil, vinegar, shallots, parsley, 1 tablespoon chives, mustard, honey and lemon peel in large bowl until well blended. Season dressing to taste with salt and pepper.

Cook potatoes in large pot of boiling salted water until just ten-



Tips for a Better Potato Salad

- Use waxy potatoes: reds, yellows, Yukon Gold and fingerlings hold their shape better than russets when tossed with the dressing.
- Whether cooking potatoes whole or in quarters, make sure they are all about the same size so they cook evenly.
- Put them in cold water, turn heat to medium high, bring them to a boil slowly; cook till fork tender, but firm.
- Watch potatoes carefully on the stove; they often cook more quickly than recipes say. Overcooked, they will fall apart whether peeled or not.

der, about 10 minutes. Drain; add warm potatoes to dressing and toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate.

Arrange lettuce around edge of platter; mound potato salad in center. Sprinkle with bacon, blue cheese, egg and remaining 1/4 cup of chives. Serves 8.

RANCHERO POTATO SALAD

- 1 (1-ounce) package ranch dressing mix
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup chopped green onion
- 1 pound bacon slices
- 5 pounds unpeeled red potatoes

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add whole potatoes, and cook until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain, run under cold water to cool, and chop into 1 inch cubes. Transfer to a large serving bowl, and refrigerate until completely chilled, about 2 hours.

In a small bowl, stir together the ranch dressing mix, mayonnaise and green onion. Cover, and refrigerate for about 2 hours to blend flavors.

Wrap bacon in paper towels

and place on a plate. Cook in the microwave until crisp, about 15 minutes depending on the power of your microwave. Cool.

Stir the mayonnaise mixture into the bowl of potatoes. Crumble bacon into the bowl, and stir to distribute. Serves 16.

BLUE RIBBON POTATO SALAD

- 1-1/2 pounds red potatoes
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup diced yellow onion
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1 cup diced sweet pickle
- 1 (4-ounce) jar pimientos, drained, dried on paper towels and diced

Dressing:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1-1/2 teaspoons yellow mustard
- Dash of sugar
- Dash of salt

Place cut potatoes in saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer; cook until pieces are easily pierced with a fork, about 15 minutes. Strain and set aside. When cool to the touch, peel and cut into bite-sized pieces.

In large bowl, mix together cooled potatoes, celery, green bell pepper, onion, eggs, sweet pickle and pimientos.

To make dressing: In a separate bowl, mix together mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard, sugar and salt. Add to potato mixture, toss gently but thoroughly. Cover and chill before serving.

Yields 6 to 8 servings.

LOW-FAT POTATO SALAD

- 4 to 5 Russet potatoes
- 3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup non-fat yogurt
- 1 teaspoon tarragon
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Scrub potatoes thoroughly. Steam until tender. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients. Set aside. Cut potatoes into chunks (don't remove skin). Pour sauce over potatoes so they are thoroughly coated. Serves 6.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BIENNIAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 and 2026-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City Council of the City of San Leandro in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California, on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the below matter:

Adoption of the City Manager's Proposed Biennial Budget (including the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Leandro, Parking Authority, Public Financing Authority and Establishing the City's Appropriation Limit) for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person at the Council Chambers located at 835 E. 14th Street, online by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/506831637>, or by phone 1-888-788-0099 Enter Webinar ID: 506 831 637.

Public comment may be made live during the meeting in-person, via zoom or through the eComment feature at <https://sanleandro.legistar.com>. Please note that the eComment period will close at 11:59 pm the Monday before the scheduled council meeting and distributed to City Councilmembers prior to the start of the City Council meeting. Written public comment will not be verbally read out loud.

The proposed Biennial Budget can be found on the City of San Leandro website by visiting <https://www.sanleandro.org/306/Finance-Department> or at the City of San Leandro on file in the Finance Department for public inspection, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Kelly B. Clancy
City Clerk, City of San Leandro

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week. Someone might, indeed, be trying to pull the wool over the Sheep's eyes.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Your watchword this week is "tact"! While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Nothing pleases our LEOs and LEOnas more than to know they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation! You earned it.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding. Also, reconsider a job move that you rejected earlier.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Cupid rules the CAPRICORN Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members!



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

SENIORS

Governor Proposes to Restore Medi-Cal Resource Caps

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
Special to the Times

Q. I just heard that Governor Newsom has proposed the reinstatement of the former asset test to qualify for Medi-Cal benefits. Is this true and, if so, what does this mean for seniors who might need long term care in the future? Is there anything we should do now to plan for this change?

A. Yes, you heard correctly. Just last week, in his proposed budget bill submitted to the legislature, Governor Newsom proposed that California return to the decades-old “resource caps” necessary to qualify for Medi-Cal. Here is a summary excerpt from that proposal:

- “Medi-Cal Asset Test Limits—Reinstatement of the Medi-Cal asset limit for seniors and disabled adults of \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for a couple, effective no sooner than January 1, 2026. Estimated General Fund savings are \$94 million in 2025-26, \$540 million in 2026-27 and \$791 million ongoing, inclusive of IHSS impacts.”

Of note is that this proposal both recognizes budget constraints in California and likely anticipates “cost-cutting” at the federal level, as the federal government pays roughly half of the cost. As I write this, the Congressional budget bill, which includes dramatic cut-backs to Medicaid (the name the rest of the country gives to what we call Medi-Cal) is still pending in Congress. While its status in its present form is presently uncertain, it would seem that, at least in part, our own governor wishes to be pro-active in order to keep California on sound fiscal footing.

That said, the change, if implemented, would be dramatic for the disabled and seniors over age 65, i.e. the traditional Medi-Cal population. As many readers know, California fully abolished the “asset limit” for Medi-Cal eligibility for this group, effective in 2024, enabling many more senior and disabled Californians over the last year and a half to seek the medical care, facility care and in-home care they needed without bankrupting their families.

The proposed changes would now be dramatic for these individuals and families.



Gene Osofsky

When I last checked, nursing homes in our area were charging as much as \$19,000 per month for care on a private pay basis. And these changes would affect, not only seniors, but also the disabled of any age who need the care that Medi-Cal now subsidizes.

My advice to readers and their families is to anticipate the full implementation of these changes and take the following steps now:

- 1) Make sure that your estate planning documents are fully compliant with “time-tested” Medi-Cal planning strategies, long employed by Elder Law attorneys under the old rules. For example: these strategies would include express authorization to your trusted agent, to undertake what I call “strategic gifting” to trusted family members, if

you were then incapacitated and could not do so yourself.

Where appropriate, this strategy would help accelerate your own Medi-Cal eligibility, without spending away a lifetime of savings on your own care and potentially impoverishing your well spouse or other family members. Unfortunately, many estate plans that we have reviewed over time contain restrictions on “gifting”, which would undermine this strategy, and often those restrictions are written in “legalese” so that their full import is not apparent to the signers of these documents.

- 2) Assess your own financial ability to meet the cost of long term care from your own, private savings and resources and, if you can qualify at reasonable cost, consider the purchase of long-term care insurance. Unfortunately, the prospect of qualifying for reasonably priced policies diminishes as we age or our health changes, and so this option may not be suitable for everyone. Even if you can qualify, know that it is unlikely that such a policy will subsidize the full cost of care, still requiring the expenditure of your own savings to make up the difference.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Options to Make Your Kitchen Wonderful

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

Since some of us spend significant time in our kitchens, carefully thought-out renovations can spark new life into a tired space and make food prep more rewarding. Additionally, if you are looking to sell in the near future, a new kitchen is a major selling feature. Kitchens have changed over the years and with new products available every

year, the options are endless. Here are some ideas to consider when looking to upgrade your kitchen.

Start with the appliances. Appliances have undergone radical changes in the past few years, with the advent of under-the-counter microwaves, appliances connected to your home's Wi-Fi network and more. Begin your renovation by selecting the appliances you want and then build the kitchen around them.

Consider more than one sink.

My wife and I used to converge around our single sink: I would be doing food prep and cooking while she would be focusing on keeping the mess under control. Our current kitchen now has more than one sink, so we can both be working at the same time: it is a marriage saver!

Look at installing a pot filler. Instead of dragging pots full of water from the sink to the stove, you can simply fill them on the cooktop.

Think about touchless features. If your hands are dirty from food prep, the last thing you want to do is contaminate your faucet. Touchless faucets have dramatically improved over the years and can make access to water incredibly easy and efficient. While you are at it, you can also install garbage cabinets that open with a touch of your knee, further reducing the risk of contamination.

White is headed out. While white cabinets ruled the roost for many years, colors have been changing lately. Grays and other colors are moving into the mainstream, along with differing wood options as well.

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June Is a Good Time to Root Clematis Cuttings

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q We're planning a room addition, and two Clematis "Jackmanni" vines are in the way. I know that moving them now isn't ideal. If I transplant them now, should I take as much of the vine as possible, or cut the foliage back to the ground and move only the root system? The vines are four years old, fully leafed out, and blooming. Is it worth transplanting them, or is it likely to fail?

A I would take the time and energy to move the Clematis plants. There isn't much to lose other than your time, as the plants

are doomed by the project anyway. The key to transplanting established Clematis is to take a root ball as large as possible. I would cut the foliage back fifty to sixty percent or more to make the move more convenient. The new holes should be pre-dug and amended. You don't want to expose the root ball to the elements for too long. The best time to transplant them is in the morning when it's cool. After transplanting, insulate the root balls with a two-inch layer of mulch. An alternative, especially in a heat spell, is to temporarily place them in containers and relocate them to their permanent home later in the fall. They're going to look sad for a while, and the growth may collapse, so don't be overly concerned. New shoots



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will develop from the base of the plants. The watering needs are drastically reduced with little to no leaves, so avoid overwatering. I would position the containers in a shady spot during the afternoon to protect them from the heat of

the day. Your transplanting success will be influenced by the daytime temperatures, with mild temperatures below eighty degrees working in your favor. Several days before moving the vines, I would take several cuttings as your backup

plan in case the original plants do not survive. June is an excellent month to root Clematis cuttings. You don't want to use new or old growth; instead, select the growth that is in between, often referred to as semi-hardwood. You'll need a sharp knife, scissors, or hand shears to cut the shoots, as you don't want to crush the thin stems. Each cutting should be the length between one set of leaves. When taking cuttings, gather more than you need, dip the ends in rooting hormone, and place the cuttings in six-inch containers of moist potting soil, or you can root them in individual pots. The container(s) should then be placed on a heating mat available at many independent garden centers and positioned outdoors in filtered or morning

sun. Clematis doesn't root quickly; roots may take six to eight weeks or longer to form, and then you can replant them in their new location next spring. By October, you should have a good idea of how the original plants are doing. You'll find more information on rooting Clematis at <http://gardenofeaden.blogspot.com/2011/08/how-to-take-cuttings-from-clematis.html>. Although this is a UK website the propagation techniques are universal.

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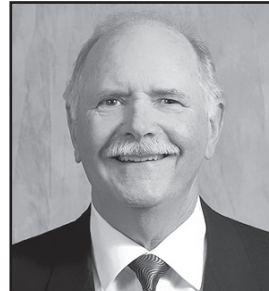
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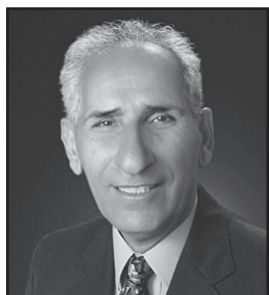
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The name of the business(es): Kerry & Associates, located at 151 Callan Ave., Suite 300, San Leandro, CA 94577 / 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffrey Kerry, located at 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 / Dolores Kerry 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by Married Couple. This business commenced 2005
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/s/Sherry Mae Calcagno
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/s/Veronica Martinez
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Memorial Day: Honoring fallen soldiers from all walks of life

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Post 117 Vice Commander Steven Johnson gave the regional national speech, on the history of Memorial Day and the sacrifices we are honoring. Johnson served four tours in Iraq and retired with the rank of sergeant major after 35 years of military service.

The holiday itself started

just after the Civil War, when communities in both North and South honored their war dead, Johnson said. It started as an holiday in a many states on May 30. In 1968, Congress changed the date to the last Monday in May, and in 1971 standardized its name as Memorial Day.

Johnson said of the fallen

soldiers, “They came from all economic classes and backgrounds, and from all 50 states. The heroes we are honoring are not exclusive to any race or religion.”

‘Their Debt Will Never Be Repaid’

He quoted President Harry Truman as saying, “Their debt will never be repaid.”

Johnson called on people to remember not just those who fell in battle, but also those veterans whose hidden war wounds drove them to suicide after leaving active duty.

Post 117 members Jennifer Diaz and Sandy Wong carried out a flag-folding ceremony, with the meaning of each fold of the flag revealed. They ended with a fully-unfurled Old Glory.

The crowd moved next door to the flagpoles in front of City Hall, where “Taps” was played by bugler Grant

Hughes and the flag raised to half-staff in memory of the fallen. Traditionally, the flag is returned to full-staff on the afternoon of Memorial Day.

Post 117 Past Commander Luis Diaz, who raised the flag, said afterwards that he wants the veterans’ stories known to civilians as well as to the veterans who make up most attendees at Memorial Day events.

Diaz added that the common greeting of “Happy Memorial Day” doesn’t quite fit the spirit of the day.

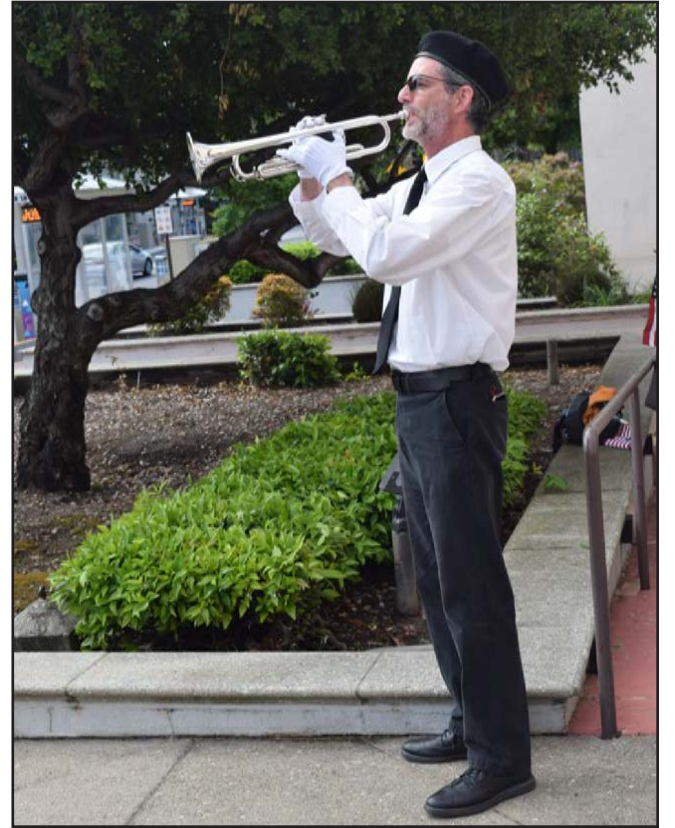
“One should have a good Memorial Day, but it’s not a happy occasion,” he said.

Diaz noted, too, that commemorations of those who fell in wars are not limited to the United States, noting such commemorations as Remembrance Day in England.

“We had allies in those wars, and they all honor their war dead as well,” Diaz said.



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGUIRE
American Legion Post 117 Vice Commander Steven Johnson served four tours in Iraq and retired after 35 years of service.



Bugler Grant Hughes sounds “Taps” at San Leandro’s Memorial Day ceremony at City Hall.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Gratitude for Shoreline Crime Reduction Efforts

Editor,

As general manager of the Marina Inn, I know how critical public safety is to the strength of our local economy. Since the pandemic, crime has taken a serious toll on the Bay Area hotel industry— affecting occupancy, guest confidence and the perception of safety in our cities.

In recent months, I’ve observed a positive shift in San Leandro’s crime reduction efforts. Under the guidance of Police Chief Angela Averiett and with the leadership of City Manager Janelle Cameron, there have been visible results— particularly in the shoreline area. I’ve noticed quicker response times, a steady officer presence, and a greater sense of safety for guests and staff. These improvements reflect a clear, coordinated effort focused on outcomes.

In my view, this progress stems from strong leadership and focused investment. I want to thank the San

Leandro City Council for their role in appointing Ms. Cameron and subsequent hiring of Chief Averiett—two individuals who have brought clarity and purpose to the city’s public safety strategy. Their support, along with that of Mayor Juan González, has made a clear difference through visible investment in frontline resources and community-focused policing.

I also want to recognize the officers on the ground. Their professionalism, responsiveness, and steady presence in the shoreline area have made a real difference. I’ve seen how they handle challenges with care and engage the public with respect.

These are demanding jobs. While I believe in high standards and accountability, I also believe these officers are meeting—and often exceeding—expectations. They’ve earned our gratitude and support.

San Leandro is moving in the right direction, and those working every day to keep our community

safe deserve recognition.

Khushil Naik

General Manager, Marina Inn
San Leandro

On Government Efficiency

Editor,

Allan Lindsay-O’Neal (Letters to the Editor, May 29, 2025) is troubled by several aspects relating to city employees. There are different answers related to each one.

He, like many others, is upset that city employees have wage increases. It is no secret that the cost of living is increasing. City employees are not immune from rising costs. Perhaps he would like to freeze employee wages and force them, and their families, to do without because of the costs.

Of course, even Social Security recipients receive a Cost of Living Adjustment — like a pay raise. The rising cost of living, of which government agencies are also the victim, does not mean that those “agencies are not managing the public’s money in a responsible manner,” to quote Lindsay-O’Neal.

Then there is the charge that the “government promotes by seniority, not merit.” It appears that Lindsay-O’Neal is not aware that there is a civil service system with examinations, and education requirements for promotion. On the national scene, it is the current administration which wants positions and promotions by personal choice, not examination and qualifications.

The desire for “metrics proven by private industry” may be misplaced. Those metrics have

given us high medical bills while the “metrics” in the private “health care” industry are designed to provide salaries in the millions of dollars for executives.

As for “performance reviews,” I believe they already exist as a normal function of departmental reviews. They did years ago when I was a county employee in another county.

In a series of questions Lindsay-O’Neal properly wants budgetary accountability, and increased efficiency. There are situations in which rising costs, delays for court processes, and newly-imposed higher governmental mandates affect city contracts and budgetary matters. Efficiency? Sometimes an operation is already the most efficient. There are other times when budget factors do not permit increased efficiency— such as the lack of appropriation for new electronic equipment. On the national scene that is exemplified by the current crises in the FAA and air traffic safety.

John Rawlinson

San Leandro

Solution to Class Disruption

Dear Editor,

Earlier I praised Edendale Middle School principal Kristian Hinz and described my difficult day there as a substitute teacher. This week I returned to the same classroom — but lasted only halfway through the third period, driven out by intolerable student behavior.

Until recently, I worked as a software engineer but was laid

off in the great wave of high tech layoffs. A clean background and bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Cal qualified me to work as a sub. I accepted assignments for every grade level, in all subjects, in San Lorenzo, San Leandro and Alameda.

Working across that economic spectrum gives me a broad view of the educational experience in our area. For me the big differences are not in faculty or facilities but rather in student behavior. In San Lorenzo it’s significantly worse.

The problems are caused by a small percentage of students but are so bad that they impede the learning of all other students. It also makes life harder for teachers.

The good news is that there is a simple solution, and it shouldn’t cost much. First, let me ask what you think happens when a student runs around the classroom, wrestles with another student, throws things, simply refuses to sit down, won’t stop talking, etc.? A sub can try to send him to see the principal — though often the student refuses to go, requiring someone to come get him. In any case, generally the student is sent back to class within the same period.

Here’s a better idea: any misbehaving student should be immediately removed from class, sent to a supervised space and kept there until he is capable of behaving correctly — however long it takes. I want kids to see being in class as a privilege and not an inevitability.

David Silva
San Leandro



PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNA HEWITT KING

The San Leandro High Lady Pirates softball team pose with their trophy for second place in the NCS Tournament. Front row, Camryn Gilbert, Jade Orta, Destini Simmons, Bella Orozco, Gia DeLaLuz, Marley Santos, Isabella Lopez Puertas. Back row, Yumi Cobbs, Lana Mason, Malia Bromstead, Jacella Onate, Julianna Morales, Marina Sacrey, Mari Ramirez

San Leandro High Softball Advances to NCS Finals

The San Leandro High softball team's playoff run led them to the Division 3 NCS finals against Alhambra on Saturday.

To make it to the finals, the Lady Pirates softball team had a surprising run through the playoffs — upsetting Moreau Catholic in the first round, 14-4, the Arroyo Dons, 4-3, in the second round, and the Maria Carrillo of Santa Rosa, 11-10, in the semifinals.

In the championship game versus Alhambra, the Lady Pirates rallied to tie the game going into the last inning, before Alhambra won on a walk-off home run.

The Lady Pirates struck first with a two-run home run by pitcher Marina Sacrey. Alhambra answered with a run in the bottom of the third making the score 2-1.

Alhambra went on to score 3 runs in the fourth inning and 2 more in the fifth, 4 of them unearned, gaining a 6-2 lead.

A resilient San Leandro team answered with a single run in the top of the sixth on an RBI single by Camryn Gilbert, scoring Destini Simmons.

Marina Sacrey shut down the Bulldogs on seven pitches in the bottom of the sixth to keep the score 6-3.

In the top of the seventh, Pirates pinch hitter Lana Ma-

son lined a base hit up the middle to start the inning. Pinch runner Mari Ramirez then went from first to third on a base hit by Marley Santos.

Next, Isabella Lopez Puertas grounded out to second base driving in Ramirez to narrow the score to 6-4. With Santos on third, Jade Orta hit a shot to the shortstop that was too hot to handle. Santos scored and Orta ended up on third base making the score 6-5.

The next batter Marina Sacrey promptly singled to left field, scoring Orta and tying the game at 6-6. Courtesy runner Simmons stole second and third, but was left stranded as the Alhambra pitcher retired the final two batters of the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Alhambra second baseman led off with a home run over the right field fence to win the game for Alhambra, 7-6, in walk-off fashion and end the historic SLHS run for the NCS title.

The San Leandro team was led in the NCS Tournament by Marina Sacrey who hit .533 with 6 RBIs, and had 3 wins in the circle; Jade Orta with a .471 average, 6 runs, 6 RBIs, and 5 stolen bases; and Malia Bromstead with 6 RBIs.

The Pirate coaching staff is led by Head Coach Kel-

si Thomas, and supported by assistant coaches Jessica Lemmon, Ajay Bromstead, and Kayla Hidalgo, as well as athletic director Nick Thomas.

The Lady Pirates made history this year by becoming the first San Leandro softball team to reach the NCS finals. They walked away with a second place banner and a spot in the regional bracket.

Their season continued in the Nor Cal 4-D Championships, hosting their first game on Tuesday, June 3 vs. University Prep at Burrell Field.

Budget: Cuts by not filling vacancies

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They had said they were getting close at a City Council Finance Committee meeting May 19, but the committee members insisted they find more savings and report back at the June 2 meeting.

Department heads' suggested budget cuts Monday night included eliminating Sunday hours at the Main and Washington Manor libraries, closing libraries earlier on some week nights, reducing street paving where roads have cracked, and filling potholes more slowly.

Before the current budget discussions, the library had closed its South Branch at East 14th Street and 147th Avenue.

Closing the San Leandro History Museum to the public, while keeping it available for school visits, was also proposed by the Library Department.



PHOTO COURTESY SHANE DWIGHT

Shane Dwight, who records on Red Parlor Records, will take the stage at 4:15 p.m. with his mix of blues, rock and country.

Festival: Music for everybody

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Borinquen takes the stage, featuring some of the youngest and most talented musicians in the Bay Area salsa scene today.

Lead trumpet player Bill Ortega, Jr. sets the pace for the band and is the root from where the term Powerhouse derives.

Singer Carlos Xavier contributes to the range of Orquesta Borinquen, from salsa dura to salsa romantica. Xavier is a front man who can cover a whole night's worth of singing and make it seamless.

Shane Dwight

At 4:15 p.m., loaded with his six-string, Shane Dwight fires off a mix of blues, rock,

country and soul to create his own swagger sound.

Dwight's "No One Loves Me Better," out on Red Parlor Records, will pull you into his house on the opening chord. Shane nails life to the wall like a "Wanted" sign in the old West. The heartbeat of the drums entangled with guitar mixes well with Shane's raspy voice.

Shane grew up on a ranch in Morgan Hill, Calif. At the age of nine, he was diagnosed with Perthes bone disease in his hips that prohibited from him walking for about a year as a young boy.

Since then, the debilitating illness does go into temporary remission but when it returns

it forces Shane to live with severe chronic pain.

Shane began to learn how to play guitar back in high school, playing with friends and bands along the way, he started The Shane Dwight Blues Band at 28. His musical roots were FM radio, Album Oriented Rock artists like Led Zeppelin, The Rolling Stones, and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

He dug deep into their influences and found a stack of others, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, and Albert King — those greats gave him the nod to take it even further.

So whether it's music, food or drinks, there's something for everybody at this year's Cherry Festival.

Make the Garden Look Great for the Cherry Festival

This Saturday, many visitors heading to the Cherry Festival will walk right by the San Leandro Butterfly Garden. Help make the garden look its best by pulling weeds and cleaning up litter

on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the garden on San Leandro Blvd. and W. Estudillo Avenue, across from the San Leandro BART Station. Bring garden gloves and clippers if you have them.

Seniors: Advance planning

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under age 65, and who presently qualify for Medi-Cal under the federal "Affordable Care Act" (the "ACA") implemented during the term of President Obama, wherein eligibility is based only upon income, know that under present proposals your eligibility for Medi-Cal under ACA rules will cease when you reach age

65, unless you have strategies in place (such as the above) to continue Medi-Cal coverage under the then reinstated Medi-Cal asset limit change.

With proper advance planning, seniors, the disabled, as well as those younger individuals planning for their future, can still provide for themselves and their families even under the old rules, when

and if they are reinstated.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney who has been helping East Bay families for over 25 years with Trusts, Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Medi-Cal Planning, and related matters. To contact his office, send an email to Gene@Lawyer-ForSeniors.com or call (510) 247-2555.

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Investigation: Feds put the heat on Azevedo

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you are interested in resolving this matter, short of an indictment, please have your attorney contact the undersigned..." followed by the phone number. And the letter also provides the number for the Federal Public Defender.

There was nothing more in the letter about how the matter might be resolved. The letter gave Azevedo until May 30 to contact the U.S. Attorney.

"If no contact is made with our office prior to May 30, 2025," the letter reads, "the matter will proceed in the ordinary course of prosecution."

The U.S. Attorney's letter to Azevedo was dated May 12. The *San Francisco Chronicle* received a copy and broke the story on the letter this week.

Azevedo had not returned a call from this newspaper by Wednesday afternoon. So it's unknown if he had contacted the U.S. Attorney by May 30.

In January, the FBI raided



**City Councilman
Bryan Azevedo**

Azevedo's house on Dillo Street. Prosecutors haven't said whether the raid is in connection with the raids, followed by indictments, of the homes of former Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao, her romantic partner Andre Jones and California Waste Solutions owners David and Andy Duong.

The Duong family made contributions to Azevedo's

City Council campaign with contributions of \$2,000 and \$3,000.

In January, the City of San Leandro also received

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"

**— Letter from the
U.S. Attorney**

a federal subpoena asking for documents related to the Duongs and their businesses, California Waste Solutions and Evolutionary Homes.

The subpoena required the city to provide any communications related to prospective contractors for the city's garbage and recycling contracts, and for communications related to a delegation that traveled to Vietnam in the summer of 2023, sponsored by the Vietnamese American Business Association, led by the Duongs. Azevedo was also one of those invited and went along on the trip to Vietnam.

Azevedo has previously said he did nothing wrong. He told this newspaper earlier this year, "This is all a big distraction. I'm going to continue to help the community, being out there every day because I love San Leandro."

Hearing Loss Assoc.

The Hearing Loss Association of America – East Bay will meet on Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at Kaiser Permanente Oakland, Fabiola Building, 3801 Howe St, Basement Room G-26.

Budget: 'In the hole'

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year and helped some 95 small businesses, she said.

Councilman Fred Simon also said that paving and street repair cutbacks would likely draw negative public reaction.

"The community will be impacted," Simon said. "I know we're trying to minimize it, but reducing pavers and people to fix cracks in the roads, we're going to hear about it. It's just obvious. We already know that we're \$250 million in the hole with streets. And we're going backwards."

Simon, along with the mayor and several other council members, supports a ballot measure to raise more revenue for the city. Simon said that the timing of such a measure, and a campaign to educate the public of its need, was vital. But the estimated half-million-dollar cost of such a campaign is an obstacle, he said.

The City Council had discussed putting a revenue measure on the 2026 ballot and spending up to \$500,000 for informing the public on the need for the measure. That amount will be discussed in the upcoming meetings on the budget, according to City of San Leandro spokesman Paul Sanftner.

Both Simon and District 4 Councilmember Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton suggested the money for an educational effort could perhaps be drawn from saving the money on a special election over district elections, and having the

council pass district elections by resolution.

This is favored by some advocates of switching to electing the city council district-by-district instead of citywide. It is also supported Robert Bulatao, who ran unsuccessfully for City Council, and who brought the lawsuit that forced the city to put district elections on the ballot.

Changing Election Has to Be Up to the Voters

A resolution passed by the City Council in January said that San Leandro's current at-large system does not violate the California Voting Rights Act, which Bulatao claims it does. At that same January 6 meeting, the council set up the timeline that would lead to a public vote on the matter.

Mayor Gonzalez asked City Attorney Richard Pio Roda if it would be legal for the city to pass district elections by council resolution, and the city attorney said no. Pio Roda explained that San Leandro's City Charter specifies that council elections are at-large, and any change to that charter requires a public vote. A city council vote is not sufficient, Pio Roda said.

Further council consideration of the budget will occur at a special city council meeting next Monday night, June 9, and the following evening, Tuesday, June 10, at an online town hall meeting, led by the city manager.

By law, the city must pass a budget by June 30, the last day of the fiscal year.

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June 10, 2025

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 & 2026-27

CITY MANAGER TOWNHALL
VIRTUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025
6:00PM - 8:00PM
FOR MEETING LINK, PLEASE USE FOLLOWING QR CODE:

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