

Doesn't Understand Flap Over Police Photo Program

Editor:

□ So we have a public official, Mike Katz-Lacabe (*"Police Photo Program Questioned, Page One, The Times, Oct. 4)* , why is he worried about being photographed?

□ He is at ribbon-cuttings, ceremonies, dedications and so forth. No one cares about your picture. You got caught up in the notion, I'm important.

□ You're a public official, that's it. You should thank the police department for looking after your neighborhood. Some neighborhoods never see a patrol car. Here's a thought: serve the public.

—Larry Arnold, *San Leandro*

Concerned Over Closing of St. Peter's Adult Care Center

Editor:

□ I am greatly concerned because the only affordable Adult Care Center at St. Peter's has been closed.

□ This center was a low-cost facility where adults with different disabilities could be left for care

during the day in a safe environment. This Center had approximately 55 registered clients. The closing of the center has left these clients in dire need of an alternative place. □

□ Some of the clients have been sent to East Oakland or Fremont. As a city with 15.88% senior population, this is a great disservice to the community. The cost of care provided by in-home care agencies is extremely high and is beyond the means of some of the seniors of this city.

□ Since the life expectancy of the seniors has risen to 80 years, it is important to have some affordable care for the seniors who are otherwise not eligible for government assistance.

—**Bella Comelo**, *San Leandro*

Coliseum Noise Complainers Told to Get Used to It

Editor:

□ Re the complaints of too much noise from the Oakland Coliseum Beyond Wonderland event (*"If You Were Disturbed by Saturday Night's Racket at The Oakland Coliseum," Letters, Oct.. 4*). Our entire East Bay is a noise corridor. The Oakland Airport opened in the 1920s, the 880 Nimitz Freeway in the 1950s, the 580 MacArthur Freeway in the 1960s, the Coliseum and Arena opened in 1966, and BART opened in 1972.

□ If you have lived in this area since the 1920s then you voted for and approved the building of these noise conductors. If you moved in after the 1970s, then you bought into the noise. Fireworks go off after sporting events. Jet planes fly overhead. Many freeways now have sound walls but they do not block out all the noise. BART runs late at night and in the early morning. City sirens and train whistles sound off all the time.

□ People don't flood the complaint lines during these events. They learn to adjust. I live in San Leandro and yes, I can hear the noise. I simply adjust to it or I put my headphones on and listen to my own noise.

□ Perhaps a solution would be that any noisy events be advertised so that surrounding areas can prepare for the disturbance. People can then go to a loud movie or have their own loud party or go out to visit friends in the quiet countryside. Or you can stay home and realize that noise like the Wonderland event happen once in a while and when the noise is going on the city and county are bringing in tax and fee monies.

□ Living in a congested area is always going to be noisy. If it is peace and quiet you want then country life is awaiting you. Personally, I would much rather hear all the above mentioned noises than the all too frequent sound of gunfire.

—**Astrid Rednas**, *San Leandro*

Urges Support for Measure L: ‘Lots of Bang for the Buck’

Editor:

□ Measure L will improve education in San Leandro Schools. Measure L deserves our support.

□ In the face of challenging economic conditions, and ambivalent leadership in Sacramento, the voters of San Leandro have continuously stepped-up to support their schools. Voter approved infrastructure improvements are revitalizing our schools and our community, creating a more attractive place to live, work and play. Let’s keep the ball rolling.

□ State budget cuts have decimated funding for our public schools. I know first-hand the overwhelming frustration our teacher/coaches feel when trying to reconcile their meager budget with the needs of their program. Measure L is a local measure that will provide a lifeline to preserve Art, Music and Athletics in San Leandro Schools. That’s why it is so important that we join together and approve Measure L.

□ I am well aware of the negative impact state budget cuts have on our athletic programs. It is only by the heroic fundraising actions of our coaches and teachers that our sports programs have survived thus far. Student/athletes are asked to pay to play, and coaches spend their own money on equipment, transportation, and meals on road trips.

Fundraising has always been a part of school program funding – but never, until now, the entire part. We have wonderful kids and everyday they make us proud. We *have* to support them and vote yes on Measure L.

□ For less than a dollar a week, you can help preserve vital school programs for *our* children, *ou*
r schools and
our community. That's a lot of bang for the buck.

—**Martin Capron**, *San Leandro*

Complains Kerr Letter 'Left Out Many Facts'

Editor:

□ I disagree with Howard Kerr's attack on Benny Lee (*"Supports Daevu, Hutchison For Council, District 4," Letters, Oct. 4*) as he has left out many facts from long ago.

□ This fresh-water treatment facility he referred to was the EBMUD Bayside Ground Water Project and it was far from fresh. Unlike the Halus Wind Turbine Project, the EBMUD had several EIRs amounting to thousands of pages which Benny Lee and others extensively analyzed.

□ Of particular note, the EIRs noted two towers emitting 3,700 pounds of cancerous pollutants annually into surrounding communities. The EIRs further noted that elevated cancer risk even deaths will occur in the surrounding population. Had it not been for the actions of Benny Lee and others using their personal time in outreaching to the other San Leandrans along with

bringing legal challenges to this project, cancers and deaths due to this project may have become an eventuality.

□ Mr. Kerr's other hat is the President of Board of Directors of Oro Loma Sanitary District which has a sewage treatment plant right next to the project site.

□ Regarding the used wind turbines, Howard Kerr's letter leaves out many details such as impacts to health, property, and the adjacent environmental eco-system. That's exactly why an EIR is needed and should be demanded.

□ Benny Lee gave thousands of hours over the past decade to protect and serve our communities as he did with the EBMUD Project and many other matters. While he's a strong supporter of economic development, he's also one who supports enhancing our quality of life through public safety and sustainability.

□ I've known Benny Lee for more than a decade, seen him in action, and can definitely attest to his character, integrity, and intelligence. These are but some of many reasons we should elect Benny Lee to City Council. Because San Leandro is a ranked choice voting process I

recommend that you should consider Benny Lee among your top choice.

—Richard Zheng, *San Leandro*

Impressed by Mack-Rose's 'Wisdom and Moderation'

Editor:

□ Morgan Mack-Rose has the leadership we need on the San Leandro City Council. She listens to the community, cares for the future of San Leandro and actively engages in the issues.

□ I have been impressed by the thoroughness she has shown as President of the San Leandro School Board, as well as her follow-through with everyone from local neighborhood groups to state lawmakers.

□ Morgan is willing to roll up her sleeves and do what is needed to keep us going in hard times. She's been effective and brings a deeply needed voice of wisdom and moderation to the table, as we work to attract new business to our city with the development of Lit San Leandro, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center and the Village Marketplace.

□ We cannot afford to sit back and wait for our city to succeed. Our Council members have to be active, responsive and have the energy and spirit to do the job.

□ A City Council member has to earn my vote and as a School Board member, Morgan has shown she is capable of the position of City Council Member for District 2. We need strong leadership in all of the districts of San Leandro. This time around, I am voting for Morgan.

—**Gayle Hudson**, *San Leandro*

Warns Against Believing Ads for Prop. 38 School Tax

Editor:

□ One of the interesting things about political debates and ads is not so much what is said, but what is not.

□ Take the ad for Prop. 38. Who could argue with the sincere looking PTA parents and their cute children at the playground advocating for the restoration of funding for schools. They don't get around to mentioning how much this would cost and how it would be paid.

□ According to the Insight section of the Oct. 7 Chronicle, it would be \$10 billion of increased income taxes. That would effect almost all of us, not just the “rich.” These funds, we are assured, would be protected from the Sacramento politicians.

□ Into whose sagacious and prudential hands would these funds be entrusted? Local politicians, like the school board who opened up the vote on the parcel tax to people who won't actually have to pay it? Coincidentally enough, two of those members are using the school board as a springboard for city council (not like that hasn't been done in the past).

□ It all sounds good until it's time to pay the bill, much like the “3 Strikes” Law. What citizen doesn't want to lock up the bad guys and keep them off the streets? What politician wants to appear to be soft on crime or have a “Willie Horton moment?” According to an Oct. 3 opinion piece by Andy Kroll, “The Slow Death of California's Higher Education” in Mother Jones (motherjones.com), state funding of prisons has increased 436%, while being decreased for California's public colleges and universities. How many would have voted for the law if they knew the eventual consequences?

□ Political ads are designed to sell something or someone, not to inform. Think and ask

questions. What are the likely trade-offs. Who stands to benefit, how? Don't simply accept what is being said.

—**Jeff Sturm**, *San Leandro*

'Swept Away' by SL Players' 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'

Editor:

□ It isn't often that I am swept away by a production in my town, but that happened recently.

□ The small but dedicated group of actors called The San Leandro Players Theatre Company did just that to me. Their production of “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” will run through Oct. 29 at the San Leandro Historical Museum’s theatre next to Casa Peralta. It is a lovely, small and intimate setting that draws the theater-goer into the production, a pleasant experience. The author, Tennessee Williams, wrote about subjects he found fascinating and said that “Cat” was perhaps his favorite work. One who enjoys good theatre should see this show before its closing.

—**Glenna M. Barrette**, *San Leandro*