

City Council

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## Statement on Vandalism at Lafayette Home

LAFAYETTE, CALIF., October 27, 2020—Today, Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the Lafayette Police Department responded to a report of vandalism in an area of the city adjacent to Lafayette Circle. The Suspect(s) had spraypainted a swastika and the word "Trump" on the garage of a home.

"There is no place for hate in Lafayette," said Mayor Mike Anderson. "This is an inclusive and diverse city where everyone is welcome. The spray-painting of a swastika, a symbol of oppression, genocide, and xenophobia, on an individual's home will not be tolerated," said Mayor Anderson.

"Lafayette stands together in the face of any act involving prejudice or racism; this act will not be overlooked and will be vigorously prosecuted," the Mayor added.

The Lafayette Police Department is actively investigating this crime and all potential aspects of it, including as a possible hate crime. Lafayette Police take all types of acts that could be bias- or hate-related seriously and will investigate thoroughly. Lafayette Police have contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the investigation is ongoing.

The Lafayette Police Department is asking anyone with additional information regarding this case to contact detectives at (925) 283-3680 or (925) 299-3234, or to email Sergeant T. Rossberg at troos@so.cccounty.us, or to email 94549tip@gmail.com.

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