

# New Mayor for Lafayette

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From left, Former Mayor Carol Federighi and current Mayor Mike Anderson Photo Cathy Tyson

At the late November City Council meeting Lafayette's former Mayor Carol Federighi, turned over her gavel to current Mayor Mike Anderson. Unlike City Council Members, which are elected by the public, the mayorship is rotated annually and elected by City Council Members. As anticipated, the former Vice Mayor, Mike Anderson is the new Mayor of Lafayette, and Don Tatzin is the new Vice Mayor. Both were elected unanimously.

"We're blessed in this City with fine staff, and a dedicated City Council. It's been an honor and privilege to be Mayor," said Federighi.

Reflecting on the past year, Federighi recalled that she started her term with the controversial crosses to deal with and ended it with the twinkle lights. Along the way she almost learned how to open a champagne bottle with a saber. Apparently it's harder than it looks. At the birthday celebration for the Marquis de Lafayette, she was having some difficulty opening the ceremonial cham-

pagne bottle. The French Consul General attempted this difficult maneuver, and ended up getting sliced by flying glass and enjoyed the cultural highlights of the emergency room for stitches.

Clearly Lafayette has moved forward under her leadership. The crosses were indeed challenging, she recalled, but the City came out of it with a revised residential sign ordinance. Other highlights include, the Downtown Strategic Plan, the new library, the Mercantile Building, Whole Foods, the Woodbury, some senior housing in the pipeline along with the Park Terrace condominiums moving through the approval process.

One thoughtful resident summed it up; "We thank you for taking time away from your family to take care of us."

New Mayor, Mike Anderson, inspired by the success of the Measure J campaign, used a take-off of the three r's to outline his goals for the coming year: roads, resources, redevelopment and respect.