

# Carl Anduri: Mayor for 2011

By Cathy Tyson



Carl Anduri was appointed mayor for 2011 at the final Lafayette City Council meeting of the year. He thanked his family and the City Council for the great privilege and pleasure of serving and enjoyed cupcakes with his constituents. Carol Federighi will be vice-mayor in 2011.

Anduri sees roads as Lafayette's main concern: "I hope we can all agree this is our biggest priority, and now is the time to solve the problem." Look for a Meet the Mayor story in early January that will spell out his agenda.

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# This Year's Mayor and a Council Member Say Goodbye and Hello

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Council members Don Tatzin and Brandt Andersson

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Both Brandt Andersson and Don Tatzin won re-election; Andersson steps down as mayor, but returns to the City Council with Don Tatzin, a council member since 1985.

New Mayor Carl Anduri introduced former Mayor Brant Andersson, saying he was particularly good at bringing order to chaos. Anduri recognized the importance of the acquisition of the Acalanes Ridge Open Space as one of the hallmarks of Andersson's tenure.

"It's been a real pleasure –

time well spent. The Mayor gets credit for what a lot of other people do," said Andersson. He recognized and thanked his family and city staff for all that they accomplish along with citizens who fill up the Community Hall every other Monday trying to make the city a better place.

Andersson credits much of the success this year to planning, "Acalanes Ridge didn't just happen – the City gained a beautiful open space for a quarter of the cost with a coalition of Muir Heritage

Land Trust, East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Walnut Creek."

"Winning is a lot better than the alternative," said Don Tatzin, who will continue his record-breaking quarter century position on the City Council. He estimates he visited 1,000 homes in the area, knocking on doors to ask voters for their support. Looking forward he envisions, "Continued periods of uncertainty and we will continue to be in a weak economic environment."

# Downtown Plan Ready for Action in Spring

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Calling the last two workshops on the Shield Block and Golden Gate Way, "fruitful and productive," the Lafayette Planning Commission is looking forward to taking action in the New Year. "We should be ready to get on with it," said the chair of the Planning Commission, Tom Chastain, referring to the proposed framework for growth in the downtown for the next twenty years, also known as the Revised Draft Downtown Specific Plan.

Working on this project

since December 2006, Planning Commissioners, who volunteer their time, are understandably exhausted with this topic. Now the workshops are completed, the economic and fiscal analysis and the Draft Environmental Impact Report are done – the Revised Draft Downtown Specific Plan is slowing lumbering into the home stretch.

In the spring, look for the Planning Commission to review major issues, economics and plan implementation, along with goals,

policies and programs. A public review of the revised Draft Specific Plan is slated for April. Public hearings on the Final Environmental Impact Report and revised Draft Specific Plan are tentatively scheduled for May. The City Council public hearing will be in June.

Look for comments and photos from the Workshops on the city website. All the documents to date are also available at www.lovelafayette.org under the subhead Downtown Specific Plan and EIR.

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