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Welcome to Lafayette



Photo C. Tyson

make a statement. - C. Tyson

Drivers descending the off-ramps at Acalanes Road and at the Central Lafayette exit off of Highway 24 will notice the new modern signage that recently replaced the older deteriorating plywood signs, which had definitely seen better days. Local architect Ken Hertel, who sits on the city's Design Review Commission, donated his time to craft what he calls a clean, rustic contemporary style. The west end sign is solar powered with high efficiency LED lights. Look for low maintenance landscaping to be installed in the corten steel planters in the coming months. Hertel credits City Manager Steven Falk for seizing an opportunity to bring these signs from the 1970s into the "new millennium." Semirural, the ubiquitous term endlessly debated in town, is, like beauty, surely in the eye of the beholder - but the natural elements of stone, distressed wood, and soon-to-arrive landscaping do

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