

# Lafayette's Citizen of the Year, four decades of service



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**Don Tatzin with his wife Ellen Reintjes and border collies (from left) Cloud, Tenaya and Greylock form what the family calls a "Happy Pack."**

**By Pippa Fisher**

This year's Citizen of the Year needs little introduction to many in the community. Indeed if there are any residents who haven't heard his name, the odds are still pretty good that they have benefited from his 40 years of public service in the city, 33 years of which were served on the city council with seven of those years served as mayor. Still, Don Tatzin was surprised to be named Citizen of the Year.

"It is humbling," says

Tatzin, adding that last year's naming of the community hall at the library after him was more than enough of an honor.

Tatzin was born in Cocoa Beach, Florida but has lived in Lafayette since 1976. He earned a bachelor's degree in urban studies and planning as well as a bachelor's in economics and a master's in city planning from MIT, before earning a second master's in economics in Australia, where he worked for a time following his studies.

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# Lafayette set to outlaw FTPs



Photo Pippa Fisher

**Blazin' Jayz owner Adam Abdallah says the FTP ban will force him out of business.**

**By Pippa Fisher**

Lafayette is moving closer to banning flavored tobacco products and implementing a tobacco retailer's license.

The council unanimously agreed with an in-depth staff report, called for in December, recommending that the city ban FTPs and adopt a TRL, and requested that the staff bring back a draft ordinance with language clarification to the April 8 meeting.

Lafayette currently has 13 tobacco retailers, including

gas stations, pharmacies, convenience stores, liquor stores and one smoke shop. All of them sell at least one type of FTP.

The staff report included statistics from the Acalanes High School 2017-18 California Healthy Kids Survey, which showed that 50 percent of 11th graders found it very easy to have access to cigarettes and e-cigarettes, with 25 percent having used an e-cigarette in the past 30 days.

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# Lafayette to form 'hybrid' citizen group on gas safety



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**The city council deliberates at the March 11 meeting.**

**By Pippa Fisher**

It might not look exactly like what Save Lafayette Trees had in mind for establishing a safety task force, but, mindful of minimizing potential exposure to litigation, the Lafayette City Council has agreed to allow the formation of an independent citizens' task force from whom they will hear presentations at public meetings.

Late into the night at its

March 11 meeting, the council made the decision allowing SLT co-founders Gina and Michael Dawson to begin forming an independent advisory group and to enable Vice Mayor Mike Anderson and Mayor Cam Burks to work with City Acting Planning and Building Director Greg Wolff to schedule meetings with PG&E, the CPUC, the council and the community. Such a group will not have council or staff involvement.

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