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**Lafayette City Council Recognizes Two City Residents in
Annual Lafayette Green Awards**

LAFAYETTE, CALIF., Apr. 25, 2018—At the Lafayette City Council meeting this week, Mayor Don Tatzin presented the annual Lafayette Awards of Environmental Excellence, more commonly known as the Lafayette Green Awards, to two City residents. The Council recognized the award winners for their outstanding contribution to making Lafayette a more sustainable community and helping the City achieve its environmental goals.

Kelsey Levante received her Lafayette Green Award for inspiring and educating the Lafayette community about environmental sustainability. Kelsey has been part of the Campolindo High School Environmental Club, where she has participated in the weekly lunch meetings, helped in the garden after school on Thursdays, has taken a course to learn how to build an aquaponics system for Campolindo High School. The system will be used by the AP Environmental Science classes and the Biology classes as an example of symbiotic, closed-loop system. She has been involved with decreasing the waste stream, growing food on a small scale, and encouraging and inspiring her peers to take on more sustainable practices in their everyday lives. Kelsey's passion for all things green is contagious and has had a tangible and positive impact on the community.

Receiving a Lafayette Green Award also this year was James Leach for educating local residents on the climate crisis. James was trained by the Climate Reality Project and is the author of "The Sustainable Way: Straight talk about global warming - what causes it, who denies it, and the common sense transition to renewable energy." James has been working with Sustainable Lafayette with an emphasis on promoting air quality monitoring. James' numerous outreach efforts have educated residents on the importance of reducing emissions helping the community contribute toward the core goals of the City's Environmental Strategy. James has generously shared his knowledge and insight and has inspired many to follow his example in living more sustainably.

These Lafayette Green Awards are for work done in 2017, and they mark the eleventh year of the awards. Winners were selected by Lafayette's Environmental Task Force using three criteria: 1) How successfully do the candidate's activities reduce their footprint, current and future; 2) How much has the candidate's activities helped achieve the city's environmental goals; and 3) How much has the candidate's activities inspired others in the community and can it be replicated.

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