

City Council

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Longtime Lafayette City Manager Steven Falk Announces Resignation Effective January 2019

LAFAYETTE, CALIF., Sept. 25, 2018—At last night's City Council meeting, Steven Falk, the longtime City Manager of the City of Lafayette, announced that he is resigning his position effective January 2019.

At the Council meeting, Falk, 56, who has worked for the City of Lafayette since 1990, and has held the City Manager position since 1996, made the following statement:

It has been the great privilege of my professional career to serve Lafayette for twenty-eight years, and I am proud of our many accomplishments on behalf of this splendid city. Our residents are engaged; the city council is a model of civility; and the professional staff is brilliant in every way. The time has come, however, for Lafayette to hear a new voice from the city manager's office and for me to discover my unexplored potential. I hereby resign the position of Lafayette City Manager, effective at the New Year. In the meantime, I will assist the organization in every way as it makes the transition to a new city manager. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this extraordinary community for so many years. I will always Love Lafayette!

Mayor Don Tatzin praised Falk for his nearly three decades of service to the City and observed that Lafayette has greatly improved during his tenure. The Mayor pointed to specific accomplishments under Falk, including extensive repairs to what had been failed infrastructure, the construction of the Veterans Memorial Building and the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, improvements to parks and recreation facilities, and the fiscal discipline he has instituted at the City. The Mayor also commended Falk's communications, *Lafayette Vistas*, Friday's *Weekly Roundup*, and *Lafayette Listens*. Falk, the Mayor noted, was the creator of the City's best-known slogans, "Love Lafayette" and "Green Hills, Great Schools."

The Vice Mayor and other Councilmembers present also applauded Falk's work on half of the City.

The City Council has not yet decided upon a process for choosing Falk's successor. There will be a reception for retiring public officials, which will include Falk, on November 27, at the Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette. Details will be forthcoming.

You can read the Mayor's entire remarks <u>here</u>. You can listen to audio of the Council meeting <u>here</u>, and see photographs <u>here</u>. You can read Steven Falk's letter of resignation <u>here</u>.

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