

City Council

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## Lafayette City Council Elects Mike Anderson as Mayor and Susan Candell as Vice Mayor For 2020

**LAFAYETTE, CALIF., Dec. 11, 2019**—It was a celebratory mood Monday night, December 9, 2019, at the City's annual Reorganization Meeting with Lafayette residents joining City Council Members in applauding the election of Mike Anderson and Susan Candell to continue to serve as Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City of Lafayette for another year.

On hand to present Mayor Anderson with proclamations were County Supervisor Candace Andersen and former mayor Don Tatzin, representing State Senator Steven Glazer.

Mike Anderson has served on the Council since 2004 and was Mayor in 2007, 2012, 2016, and 2019 when he filled the seat for Cam Burks, who had to step aside as Mayor due to work commitments. Susan Candell was elected to the Council last year and became Vice Mayor in 2019 when Mike Anderson became Mayor. Continuing their terms in 2020 on the five-member Council are Steven Bliss, Cam Burks, and Teresa Gerringer.

Mayor Anderson outlined his priorities for the coming year at the meeting. Among his goals for 2020, he emphasized increasing awareness in the community of the impact of passed legislation on Lafayette's planning and development review processes, such as SB 330 limitations on hearings, and having the City create a density transfer ordinance to focus density in locations with mitigating features, such as topography that lessens the impact of higher structures.

The Mayor also stressed that he wished to modify the Capital Project Advisory Committee to include three additional members who would evaluate the operation of public utilities in Lafayette. In addition, Mayor Anderson said that he would review and prioritize the strategies developed under the objectives established by Mayor Burks and develop a budget proposal for implementation of the strategies. The Mayor also asked the City to review and possibly expanding current video security systems to enhance city-wide safety, and begin the update of the Lafayette's General Plan.

"I am honored to be selected by the City Council to serve as Mayor in 2020," said Mayor Anderson, adding, "Representing the residents of Lafayette is an entirely rewarding experience, due to the awareness, empathy, and kindness I see every day in people of this truly special community."

Watch video of the Reorganization Meeting and see photographs from the evening.

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