Mayor Don Tatzin Shifts Positions

By Cathy Tyson



Council Member Don Tatzin with wife Ellen Reintjes. Photo C. Tyson

year serving the people of Lafayette, Don Tatzin gracefully wrapped up his sixth mayoral term ence, thanking wife Ellen for her and reflected on accomplishments of consistent support as delicious, the past year.

The last city council meeting of in the wings. 2014 is the designated time when members rotate positions, so going city-owned properties in 2014. It forward Mayor Tatzin becomes was decided that the old library Council Member Tatzin, and 2014's will be used for a public purpose, vice mayor, Brandt Andersson, will and that the parcel across the be Lafayette's mayor in 2015. Traci street will be used, at least for the Reilly moves from council member time being, for public parking. to vice mayor.

County Supervisor Candace Andersen came to pay tribute, thanking Tatzin for his amusing sense of humor and dry wit, bringing levity to lengthy and at times dry meetings they attend about fire service and transportation, and pointing out that he has "chosen to commit his life to public service. I admire that."

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Newly elected State Assembly Member Catharine Baker commended Tatzin for his service and working toward consensus on the city council, minimizing rancor. "I hope I can take that example to Sacramento," she said.

As is the custom, now former ow starting his astonishing 30th mayor Tatzin reflected on the challenges of the prior year with family and friends in the audicelebratory chocolate cake waited

Decisions were made on two

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rivers descending the off- LED lights. Look for low mainteramps at Acalanes Road and at nance landscaping to be installed in 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. on the city's Design Review Comwhat he calls a clean, rustic contemporary style. The west end sign is solar powered with high efficiency do make a statement. - C. Tyson

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." Semi-Local architect Ken Hertel, who sits rural, the ubiquitous term endlessly debated in town, is, like beauty, surely mission, donated his time to craft in the eye of the beholder – but the natural elements of stone, distressed wood, and soon-to-arrive landscaping



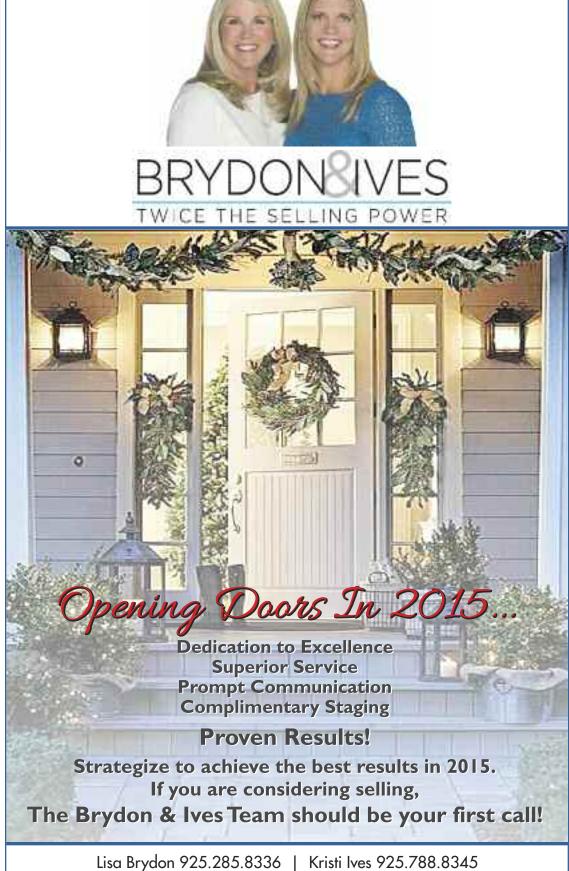


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