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## Mayor Mike Anderson bows out

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Mike Anderson retires after more than 20 years of service to the city, seen here with Supervisor Candace Andersen in an archived photo. Photo Pippa Fisher

control, and he said that it's not over yet.

He expressed confidence in the current council and gave special praise to City Manager Niroop Srivatsa and her staff. "We have a very lean operation in Lafayette and yet we are able to get everything that we need to get done, done with a reserve in our financial position."

Anderson's remarks focused largely on the community. He noted that this is an intimate community where people wave to you. "I think that going forward that will be a challenge to maintain that and that those of us here now are going to have to make sure we welcome new residents."

Members of the council thanked Anderson for his calm manner of leadership, for welcoming all, for his integrity, and for his ability to bring people together. As Lafayette resident Wei-Tai Kwok commented, for the example he sets in being able to disagree without being disagreeable and in the words of Lafayette resident Kathy Merchant, a most effective listener and facilitator.

Merchant perhaps summed up the general sentiment best when she referred to Anderson as "the ultimate diplomat."

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