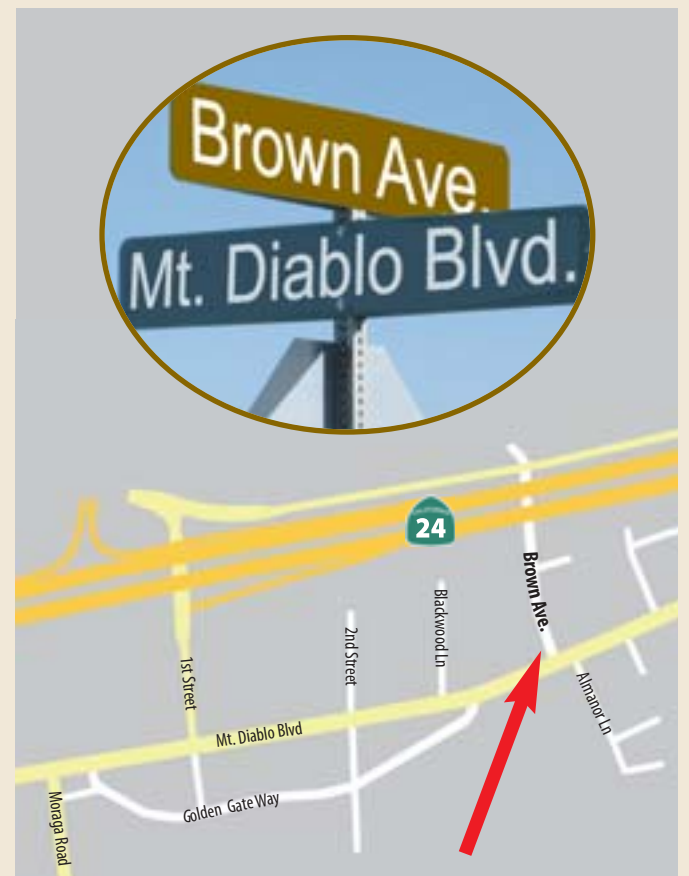


ALL ROADS LEAD TO BROWN AVE.

You might think you know Brown Avenue, but have you been here lately? Come check out the vibrant businesses and eclectic shopping on Lafayette's east side -- it's just a short way down the Boulevard!



Holistic Veterinary Center



Dr. Karen Rettig with a happy patient

Alternatives for Animals is one of the few veterinary clinics in the Bay Area that is exclusively dedicated to Holistic Medicine. Our focus is on energetic healing and while we have some western medications available, we rarely need to use them. We refer out for diagnostic procedures to enable our wellness center to remain peaceful, calm and tranquil thus allowing our patients to relax and receive the full benefit of their treatments. Holistic medicine encompasses many modalities that bring the body into balance. Through balance comes wellness and healing. The modalities offered at Alternatives for Animals are: Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Chinese Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Reiki, Craniosacral, Bioresonance Therapy, Nutrition, Flower Essences and Pulsed Signal Therapy. We are passionate about what we do and every day we are excited to make a difference in animals' lives, whether it be offering non-invasive options for a terminal illness to advising owners on natural methods for rearing their new puppy.

Dr. Karen Rettig
 1042 Brown Ave., Lafayette
 Phone: (925) 283-6160
 alternatives4animals.com
 Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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 Please call for an appointment



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Classy Consignment Store



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Rosie's Upscale Consignments
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The History of Creative Alterations



Joseph Jankochian, owner, operator

I first picked up a needle and thread in 1972. It was in my father's sewing shop – he was the inspiration behind my success. Years later, in 1991, my family and I left Armenia seeking opportunity; our search led us to the United States. By 1992 I had the good fortune to take over a tailor shop that was barely making ends meet. We began offering many services to clients, such as dress-making, tailoring formal dresses, wedding dresses and business suits. After 38 successful years as a tailor in my shop at The Forge in Lafayette, I realized that having a larger location would lead to even greater opportunity, so I decided to relocate to a 1600 sq. ft location at 1048 Brown Avenue. Over the years, we have integrated additional services for our clients. We now offer everything from tailoring to dress-making, dry cleaning, wedding dress preservation and our newest service – monogramming and embroidery. Creative Alterations is a family-owned business full of passion and dedication to hard work, providing expert tailoring services.

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Anthony Ruiz

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Anthony is an active member of the "Try Lafayette First" program and feels strongly about giving back to the community that inspires him. Anthony says, "We are very fortunate to have such a supportive customer base who appreciates our craft. One of our finer moments was being commissioned to do the majority of the framing for the new Lafayette Library."

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