

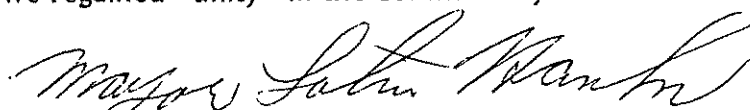
## MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION - JANUARY 9, 2003

As Mayor of the City of Lafayette, I would like to usher in not only a new year, but a new era of co-operation and a resolve to look forward to the possibilities of the future, not the disappointments of the past. A split city will never be able to achieve the success deserved by its citizens.

So let us all march on for the betterment of the community and let by-gones be by-gones. To that end, let us reflect on the accomplishments of 2002, not the turmoil. The city is moving forward with the joint water project with Dayton that should ensure both cities a reliable source of water for many years to come. The soda ash/chlorination project to provide treatment necessary to ensure safe drinking water is almost complete. New pump stations for our sewer system will address surcharge and line capacity issues. Interim improvements to our wastewater treatment plant, completed by our Public Works staff, will allow us to meet our obligations until the new plant is completed. A group of committed individuals have spent numerous hours developing a recommended plan for the protection and enhancement of the city's watershed. Property continues to be developed and homes built at a record pace, all within the guidelines established by the city to ensure that new development will be done right and not place a burden on existing taxpayers.

In the coming months, the city will be looking forward to finalizing plans for the new wastewater treatment plant. The council also will be appointing a committee to help prepare a parks master plan. I will also be asking the council to establish policies dealing with requests for public information that will allow our city hall staff the best opportunity to provide the requested information in the most efficient way possible and still meet all legal requirements. I will also ask that the existing policies dictating council actions be reviewed to ensure that as ideas or problems are brought to our attention, we will not act until we and the staff have had sufficient time to research the issue thoroughly to enable us to make good decisions.

I look forward to working with this city council and all of the citizens of Lafayette to make 2003 the year we regained "unity" in the comm"unity".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mayor Lubin Wank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.