



**City of Lafayette
Police Department**



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To: Mayor Mark Mitchell, City of Lafayette
From: Eric Christensen, Chief of Police 
Subject: Community Partnership Coin, Vanessa Vironchi

Throughout history, military units have used challenge coins emblazoned with their unit insignia or crest to recognize members who perform acts that reflect their tradition of service or valor. This same practice has been adopted by police departments throughout the United States. Although some coins are sold as commemorative gifts, others are presented by police departments as recognition of individuals who perform acts that demand special recognition. The City of Lafayette Police Department's Community Partnership Coin is presented to those who have gone above and beyond to serve their community, the police department, and the City of Lafayette.

This Community Partnership Coin is presented to Vanessa Vironchi, an employee of the Lafayette Safeway Store.

Vanessa Vironchi has been an employee of Safeway, working at the Lafayette Store for a number of years. As an employee of the store, Vanessa has demonstrated a unique skill in identifying, and arresting individuals who commit crimes within the store. Vanessa has assisted the police department in making dozens of arrests of individuals for a variety of crimes over the years. By addressing these behaviors in her store, Vanessa has aided us in reducing the number of other crimes committed by these same individuals.

Vanessa serves as an excellent example of someone who works to create a great working relationship with her local police department. She can be counted upon to be an excellent witness and partner in prosecuting offenders. This reduces crime not only within our business district, but throughout the entire community. Vanessa is an excellent example of someone who is unafraid of "becoming involved" and taking action. She serves as an example for all of us. Her actions are well deserving of this special recognition.

Thank you for all you do to make our community a safer place.

A copy of this document will be maintained at the police department along with a cataloging of the coins that have been presented throughout the history of the program. While not serialized, each coin is assigned a number that relates to the order of presentation. Records will be stored in order of presentation.