

Library Parcel Tax Passes

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Measure E—the Orinda Library Parcel Tax—was approved in last week’s election with 73% of voters in support of increasing the annual tax to \$39 per residential parcel (a \$12 increase). “We are really pleased that the citizens of Orinda came out and supported the library,” stated Nancy Kaible, a member of the Friends of Orinda Library. Like Measure H, the initial library parcel tax that passed eight years prior, Measure E was approved with more than the requisite 2/3 majority. “You can

never take getting a 2/3 majority vote for granted,” said Kaible. “We are really very happy.” The library tax was approved without a sunset clause, and Kaible estimates that it would be at least ten years before the library will have to revisit the parcel tax issue again.