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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the voters of Orinda for their support of my re-election to the Orinda City Council. There are many residents who worked on my behalf and I am grateful to them as well for their confidence in me.

The election results are a strong affirmation of the path that the City Council is now on to promote open and inclusive city government, prioritizing infrastructure improvements and public safety while keeping a tight stewardship over our city budget.

It is humbling to serve in this capacity. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our wonderful Orinda community.

Steve Glazer  
Orinda

Dear Editor,

I want to thank everyone who helped re-elect me to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board. In particular, I thank those who hosted my signs, who made calls or sent emails of support to their friends and neighbors, and who voted for me. I appreciate your support and confidence, and pledge to continue to give my best efforts on behalf of all of the residents of the District. I give special thanks to Stan Holcenberg, Dick Olsen, Sam Sperry, Larry Hood, my son-in-law, David Brown, and, of course, my wife, Joan, for her ideas, hard work and patience.

Fred Weil

Editor:

On Moraga Land Development, Everyone Wins.

Thanks to all who endorsed continuing Moraga's open and fair planning processes by voting no on J and K. Common sense prevailed.

For those unhappy with the results, win by participating in the planning processes. For example, Rancho Laguna still needs town approval, significant issues remain, and public hearings will continue.

There's absolutely no development approved for the Bollinger Canyon Study Area. The only activity underway is focused on setting potential maximum housing densities for inclusion in the Moraga General Plan (like all undeveloped land). Ultimately the Moraga Town Council will set the potential maximum densities, and there will be public hearings.

Moraga's planning processes are open and fair. Win by participating. Yes, compromise will be necessary, but that's a fact of life for everyone.

Bob Reynolds  
Steve Woehleke

Dear Editor,

The United States has made great strides in disaster preparedness since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Happily, pets and service animals are being included in the planning process at both state and local levels. Unfortunately, as Hurricane Ike illustrated, not all pet owners are as prepared as they should. In Texas, about half of the pet owners left their pets behind. In many cases there was no happy reunion waiting for them when they returned, sometimes weeks later. Pet owners must take their pets with them when they evacuate. If they don't, the animal may not survive.

There are more than 30,000 pets in Lamorinda. Because many pet owners work outside our area there is no telling how many pets and other animals will involuntarily be left behind when a disaster strikes. Who will rescue your pet when you are not around? Who will help you evacuate with your pet?

Lamorinda is blessed with having a very active Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The (free) CERT program has trained more than 400 of our residents to survive disasters and to help their neighbors do the same. Pet owners in Lamorinda are doubly blessed now that Lamorinda CERT has started an animal rescue and sheltering group that can assist pet owners.

I hope that pet owners in Lamorinda will support the Lamorinda DART (Disaster Animal Response Team) and join us.

Please visit our web site at <http://LamorindaDART.org> or contact me at [DART@LamorindaCERT.org](mailto:DART@LamorindaCERT.org).

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