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Mancinelli to Join the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board

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The Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board will have a new member seated at the table at their meeting in December-one that brings active fire fighting experience to the position. Brook Mancinelli, who works as a fire fighter in San Francisco, will join the Board having defeated incumbent Gene Gottfried in race for the seat representing Division 5. "I am pleased to have won. I'm glad to have the opportunity to give something back to the community that I live in," states Mancinelli. After growing up in the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood, Mancinelli returned to Orinda to raise his own family and lives just 50 yards from his childhood home.

"One of the big reasons that I ran for the Board is that I don't want our Fire District to face the financial problems that they are having elsewhere." Mancinelli wants to focus on bringing the long-term pension and healthcare costs of the District under control. "The District needs to be responsible for what they can maintain," he adds.

In the race for the Fire District Board representative for Division 2, incumbent Fred Weil defeated Bob Nelson to retain his seat.

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