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Letters to the Editor
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Editor:
 MOFD's increasingly awkward attempts to explain away the tax funding inequity, with Orinda taxpayers subsidizing Moraga taxpayers by \$1 million annually, is becoming painful to watch. Their previous explanation for the inequity, that the million dollars was in compensation for service provided into Orinda by Moraga based emergency units, turned out to be false when operation records showed that Moraga units only provide about 100 ambulance operations to Orinda residents net of the service Orinda units provide to Moraga residents; and that the cost to MOFD for those 100 operations was about \$50,000.
 Now MOFD is attempting to rationalize the inequity by explaining that if the taxes from an area of south Orinda were dedicated to pay for service in Moraga, that this would answer for the majority of the inequity. The area in question was served by and its emergency service taxes went to the Moraga Fire Department prior to the formation of MOFD. However, examining service records and comparing them with tax dollars generated by this area, it becomes apparent that rather than explaining the inequity, it demonstrates that Orinda taxpayers were subsidizing Moraga's emergency services costs even before the creation of MOFD.
 Why Chief Bradley, who knows where his units serve and where his revenue comes from, would propose such an argument that could so easily be dismissed by those knowledgeable of MOFD's finances and operations, is perplexing. Obviously, he is being directed by his superiors to create some rationalization, however tenuous, for MOFD's unwillingness to address the situation. This is dangerous. MOFD was formed because Orinda taxpayers were unwilling to subsidize the rest of the county with \$700,000 of their tax dollars annually. After only four years of being served by ConFire, they voted to detach and spend their tax dollars as they wanted and the bitter taste of how they were treated by the county lingers for some even after 15 years. In an attempt by MOFD's Moraga representatives to save their taxpayers money; and an unwillingness by MOFD's Orinda representatives to stick up for their taxpayers; the very existence of MOFD is being put at risk by their behavior.
 A detailed evaluation of MOFD's claims, including tax and operation statistics, can be found on the FAIR website, www.FairForOrinda.org.
 Steve Cohn
 Orinda

nary success.
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 Editor:
 I recently visited a new business in Moraga and was very pleased with their service. Wonderful Spa Center is struggling to get started in Rheem and could benefit from a "New business" highlight in the Lamorinda Weekly. I had an outstanding full body massage there for an exceptionally reasonable price. My massage therapist, Coco, not only did a great job, but she also tailored the massage to my individual needs. Wonderful Spa Center is located at 450 Center Street in Moraga. Their phone number is (925)376-9988. They are open every day from 10 am to 9 pm. They also operate a Wonderful Spa Center on Sycamore Valley Road in Danville. I know that we all want to support Lamorinda businesses and Wonderful Spa Center gives the kind of value that makes it easy. I hope that they can do well here because I want to continue using them in the future. (I already bought my daughter a gift certificate).
 I want to be clear that I have no connection with the owners or anyone else connected with this business. I walk the Rheem Center most mornings and noticed they had opened. I hope the Weekly can give them a little introduction to Lamorinda in your pages. Thank You.

Sincerely,
 Sally Swanson

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