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## **MOFD Board Candidates Run Unopposed Members will be appointed in lieu of election**

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Three candidates stepped up to run for the three seats available on the Moraga Orinda Fire District's (MOFD) Board of Directors. With the candidacy application deadline passed, all three Board of Directors seats went unchallenged, and according to the Contra Costa Elections office, those running will be appointed in lieu of election and their names will not appear on the November Ballot.

Two of the Board seats had been vacant since the end of February and current Board President Fred Weil's term is set to expire in November. Weil chose to run for reelection in Moraga's Division 2, while District residents Alex Evans and Stephen Anderson each filed to run for one of the remaining empty spots- Evans in Orinda's Division 5 and Anderson in Division 3, which encompasses parts of Moraga, Orinda and Canyon.

In February, former MOFD Board Members Brook Mancinelli and Dick Olsen resigned their seats. In March, the three remaining MOFD Board members voted to fill the two vacant seats by way of election and have it coincide with the General Election held in November.

Olsen, who represented Division 3, had several years remaining in his tenure and Anderson will serve out that term. The other two positions will be for the full, four-year term. Weil, Evans and Anderson will join current Board members Frank Sperling and John Wyro.

The new and returning Board members will be sworn in at MOFD's December Board of Directors meeting.

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