



# Orinda Civic News

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 pm  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00 pm  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 pm  
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,  
City Hall, 22 Orinda Way

### School Board Meeting

**Orinda Union School District**  
Monday, November 5, 6:00 pm  
OUSD Office  
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200  
www.orindaschools.org  
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

### City of Orinda:

www.cityoforinda.org  
Phone (925) 253-4200

### Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

### The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



## Police Report

Learn your lesson yet? 10/1/12 Orinda police discovered an 18-year-old male and his female companion (no age given) near Miramonte High School tennis courts around midnight. They weren't practicing their backhands. He was carrying white powder and a glass pipe with residue. Police suspect the white powder was methadone; he was arrested.

Not setting a good example, 9/28/12 A simple traffic stop led to the arrest of a 20-something woman in the wee hours of the night. The suspect had an outstanding warrant from Long Beach. She listed her employer as a daycare provider. Let this be a lesson to you, kiddies – never skip out on a \$30,000 bail bond. Then there was the matter of the quarter ounce of marijuana which, to her credit, she 'fessed up to' while en route to Martinez Detention Facility. It was being stored... to put it delicately...on her very personal person. She retrieved the evidence herself upon arrival in Martinez.



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# Orinda's Measure L

By Laurie Snyder

On November 6, Orindans will be asked to ante up and kick in to support efforts by the City of Orinda to create a stable source of funding to repair and then maintain the community's roads and drains for the foreseeable future. The Orinda City Services and Infrastructure Measure – also known as Measure L – will enable voters to approve or reject a temporary half-cent increase to the City's current sales tax rate that would raise the rate from 8.25 percent to 8.75 percent.

Recent estimates from the City's 10-Year Road and Drainage Repairs Plan, which was adopted by the City Council on July 17, peg the total cost of raising the condition of Orinda's entire public road system from poor to good condition at \$52 million. That system currently consists of 92.5 miles of arterials, collectors, school routes and non-private residential roads. The City's total budget each year is roughly \$10 million.

If the measure passes, the increased sales tax would generate an estimated \$540,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2013. Those revenues have been projected by City

leaders to then increase to \$709,000 by the time the tax sunsets in FY 2022 – meaning that the total take for the City over the life of the tax increase would be roughly \$6.7 million.

City leaders have planned, in tandem, to increase the amount the government dedicates – from roughly \$878,000 in FY 2013 to \$1,019,000 by FY 2024 – or a total of \$11.4 million over the life of the roads and drains plan.

Future phases of the long-term funding plan call for the City to put forward additional bond or parcel tax measures for voter approval; the first would be in FY 2017.

According to the analysis written by Orinda City Attorney Osa L. Wolff for the Measure L Voter Information Pamphlet, "The proposed one-half cent (0.5 percent) sales tax would be levied in addition to and in the same manner as the other legally authorized sales taxes currently collected in Orinda.... Retailers collect sales taxes at the time of sale and remit the funds to the State Board of Equalization, which administers such taxes and allocates the proceeds between the State and various local gov-

ernmental entities, including the City of Orinda, based on applicable legal mandates. All proceeds from the sales tax proposed by [Measure L] would be allocated to the City of Orinda."

Wolff added that Orinda's proposed one-half cent sales tax increase has been structured as a general tax, which "means that all proceeds would be deposited in the City's General Fund and could be used by the City for any municipal government purpose...The Measure does not bind the City to use the proceeds from the proposed sales tax for any particular services, facilities, or programs."

Residents opposed to the measure have cited concerns about how future City Councils might spend the funds, the impacts of the additional tax on

seniors living on fixed incomes, and whether a higher sales tax in Orinda may send shoppers to nearby Lafayette.

Because it has been structured as a general tax measure, Measure L only needs a simple majority to succeed come November – unlike prior unsuccessful ballot measures attempted by the City which required a two-thirds approval by voters for passage.

Moragans will also be voting on whether to raise their town's sales tax rate (Measure K). Proposition 30, which is being promoted by California Governor Jerry Brown to generate statewide funding for public schools and public safety, could add an additional temporary one-quarter cent to the overall sales tax rate.

## The Ballot Language:

### Measure L – Orinda City Services and Infrastructure Measure

To help protect and maintain city services, including repairing failing roads, fixing potholes, improving traffic safety on local streets, fixing drains, and providing for other city services, shall the City of Orinda enact a one-half cent sales tax, for 10 years, with financial audits, public review of all expenditures, and a citizens' oversight commission?

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community.  
**Send a letter to the editor:** [letters@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:letters@lamorindaweekly.com)



RE-ELECT  
Mayor **Steve Glazer**  
Orinda City Council

### Accomplishments

- Maintained a balanced city budget and prudent reserves
- Streamlined planning process for home remodels
- Expanded citizen participation in city decisions
- Prioritized repairs of roads most traveled
- Strengthened partnership with Orinda schools

### Selfless Volunteer

"In a town with more than its fair share of talent, Steve Glazer stands out among the most capable, reliable, and selfless volunteers working on behalf of all Orindans."  
- Sue Severson, Orinda City Council

### School Champion

"For more than a decade, Steve has successfully led efforts to increase funding for Orinda schools. He has been a champion for our schools and our city."  
- Pat Rudebusch  
President, Orinda Union School District Board

### Fiscal Watchdog

"Mayor Glazer has been an effective voice in spearheading greater transparency and fiscal accountability. He has been a staunch advocate for the Orinda schools. I unequivocally support Steve for Orinda City Council."  
- Susie Epstein  
Governing Board Member Acalanes Union High School District

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**Jason Lurie**  
for Orinda School Board



"Orinda's public schools remain excellent during these difficult economic times. Our students, my children included, are the beneficiaries of a community that is committed to a first rate public education. If elected, I will bring a pragmatic and collaborative approach to serving our students and a spirit of cooperation with all stakeholders."

"Jason has a keen appreciation for Orinda's outstanding public schools. Jason is determined to build on this legacy of excellence to ensure that our students get the top notch education they deserve and our community expects."  
- Sue Severson, Member, Orinda City Council (2006-present); Member, OUSD Board of Trustees (1993-2002)

"I have no doubt that Jason Lurie will bring diligence, fairness, and a collaborative approach to the school board. Orinda students will benefit greatly from his leadership."  
- Pat Rudebusch, President, OUSD Board of Trustees (Member 2000-present)

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