



Orinda

Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Special Meeting:
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting:
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office, Vintage Building
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200
www.orindaschools.org
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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The Orinda Association:

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OUSD Board Candidates Talk Arts, Libraries and Learning

By Laurie Snyder

Each candidate for the Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees has budget management experience. All agree that, while sometimes helpful in mitigating funding shortfalls, the cuts U.S. schools make to the arts and other "soft" programs when struggling through economic crises ultimately are detrimental to America's long-term health.

"Do we have enough elementary level arts?" asks Julie Rossiter. "Not necessarily. There are so many requirements for other subjects that kids need, but school shouldn't just be about language arts and math. It should be about creating well rounded kids."

"Each child has a different way of expressing himself or herself," says Hillary Weiner. "It's critical for all kids to have some other outlet than just the basic core subjects. The same is true of having physical edu-

cation programs at the schools."

"My mother-in-law and older son are artists so I know the power of the arts," says Jason Kaune. "My son has this creativity; not every child has that, and that's fine. It's not a 'soft' ability. It's a talent like mathematics or sports."

"Corporations are hiring more liberal arts majors because they know how to think," says Carol Brown. "The arts and humanities are critical for learning. They teach us about the humanity of the other, and that informs everything we do in life."

On Libraries and Reading

"Books are essential," says Kaune. "The first thing you want your children to do is to enjoy picking up a book and see the world through it. Even though libraries are changing in the 21st century, they're still the heart of the community and school. Even in tough budgetary

times, libraries are important to a full education."

"Ideally, I think the adoption of cost-saving, digitized textbooks should progress more rapidly in high schools and colleges, but libraries are also important, whether in our community or schools," says Rossiter. "My mother was an elementary school librarian for 25 years. When you're lying in bed with your child at night reading, having the book there is really important."

"Books are life giving. I don't think you get that same life from a glowing screen," says Brown. "I used a Kindle for book club, but

eventually realized that I wasn't remembering the books. I've since learned through Scientific American that you remember a book better when you have it in your hands and are turning the pages."

"Personally, I now read on the Kindle," says Weiner. "But technology has its place. With bookstores and libraries, you glance through the shelves and your eyes settle on books you might not have otherwise read, and there's something to be said about going through a book and making notes. You don't get the same perspective when you're online."

Council and School Board Candidates to Discuss Orinda's Most Pressing Issues

Orinda City Council Candidate Forum: 7 p.m. on Oct. 6
OUSD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum: 7 p.m. on Oct. 16
Location: Orinda Library Auditorium. Sponsor: Orinda Association.



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report, Aug. 31 to Sept. 13

Alarms 78
911 Calls 16
Battery Orchard Rd/Scenic Dr
Burglary, Auto
Starbucks
Reported to Police Dept
10 block Orchard Rd
400 block Wovenwood Dr
10 block Orinda Wy
Burglary, Residential
10 block Wanda Ln
Counterfeit
50 block Acadia Dr
Custody Violation
500 block Moraga Wy

Disturbance
60 block El Toyonal
10 block Orinda Wy
10 block Rich Acres Rd
Health & Safety Violation
Orinda Park Pool
Hit & Run
Bear Bridge Rd/Tappan Ln
10 block La Noria
Shell station
Missing Adult
200 block Crest View Dr
100 block Village Sq
Petty Theft
200 block The Knoll

Panhandling Safeway
Promiscuous Shooting
20 block Greenwood Ct
Public Nuisance
100 block Rheem Bl
10 block Linda Vista
El Caminito/Camino Sobrante
Moraga Wy/Ivy Dr
Reckless Driving
Moraga Wy/Brookwood Rd
San Pablo Dam Rd/Bear Creek Rd
Glorietta Bl/Glorietta Ct
Glorietta Bl/Moraga Wy
Moraga Wy/Overhill Rd

Hwy 24/Oak Hill Rd
Glorietta Bl/Moraga Via
Suicide Attempt
Estabueno Dr
Suspicious Person 6
Circumstances 6
Vehicle 23
Traffic Stops 215
Trespass
10 block Frogs Leap Wy
Vandalism
100 block Fiesta Cr

CAROL BROWN FOR ORINDA SCHOOL BOARD

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- Listen to all stakeholders
- Be a **responsible** policy maker and problem solver
- Be **transparent** with how your money is spent

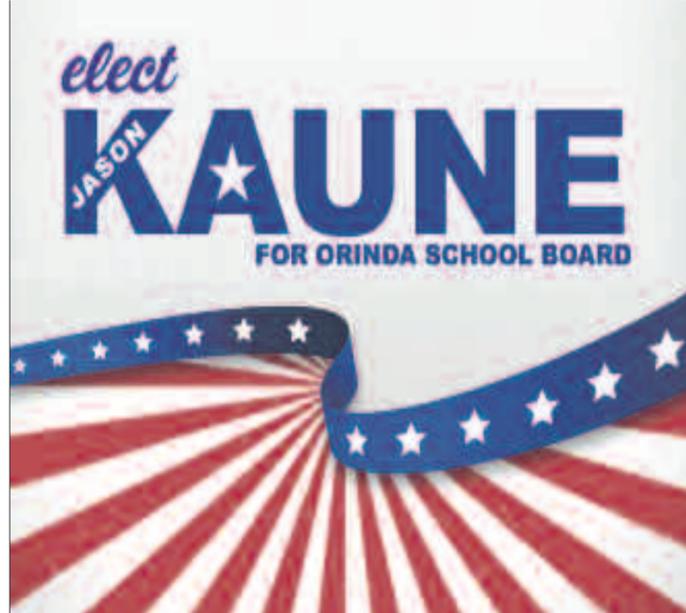
Vote for Carol Brown November 4th.

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Jason is a product and parent of our Orinda schools, running as an **experienced consensus builder** who will bring independent thinking and fiscal prudence to the school board.

He has been **endorsed by city leaders, parents, teachers and others.** See more at JasonKaune.com!



Orinda Union School District Seeking Applicants to Serve on Measure B Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

The Orinda Union School District seeks applicants to serve on its Measure B Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. Members must be able to serve a four-year term. The committee meets twice annually during normal business hours. The primary objective and purpose of the Committee is to ensure that the parcel tax proceeds are spent for their authorized purpose and to report annually to the Board of Trustees and the public regarding the expenditure of such funds.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, please submit an application to the Superintendent's Office, Orinda Union School District, 8 Altarinda Road, Orinda, CA 94563, via email to kfrenklach@orinda.k12.ca.us, or by fax to (925) 254-5261.

Applications are available on the district website: www.orindaschools.org or by email from kfrenklach@orinda.k12.ca.us

Application Deadline:
Tuesday, October 14, 2014, by Noon



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