



Letters to the Editor

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Editor:

Please join us in supporting Julie Rossiter for Orinda School Board. Julie is the only incumbent running and her breadth of knowledge and experience make her the ideal candidate for this important role.

Julie has three children currently in the Orinda schools, and has spent years as an active volunteer in our community. In addition to her role on the School Board, she currently serves on the board of the Friends of the Orinda Library and the Miramonte Parents Club.

In Julie's four years on the School Board, including serving as President in 2013, all five of the OUSD schools were honored as California Distinguished Schools.

Julie is a dedicated and collaborative leader who demonstrates high integrity and transparency in all of her actions. She welcomes the opportunity to discuss the issues currently facing the District and regularly updates her blog and social media platforms on issues ranging from Common Core to Zero Tolerance to Fiscal Stability.

Julie sees issues from all sides given her experience as a parent, volunteer, and business litigator. Her ability to solve problems, negotiate with others in a positive and collaborative manner, and advocate for change when necessary, allows her to build consensus and obtain results.

Julie is also a wonderful person - she is a kind, thoughtful, active and engaged mother, wife, friend, and member of our community - the type of person we want representing our community and our children.

People who know Julie, and have had the opportunity to work with her, agree. Julie has been endorsed by numerous current and former School Board Trustees, City Council Members, former Mayors, Citizens' of the Year, and countless Parent Club Presidents' and community volunteers.

We support Julie Rossiter for Orinda School Board and urge you to do the same. The Orinda Union School District, our children, and the community as a whole, will benefit from her experience, dedication, and leadership.

Sincerely,
Seanna and Jeff Allen
Orinda

Editor:

Bob Thompson is the best candidate for the Orinda City Council. He has substantial financial expertise that no other candidate comes even close to matching. (Let's not forget recent examples of other Cities in California neglecting their finances and going broke.) But Bob is more than just a financial expert. He's ethical. He's genuine, and he cares about his community and his family. He doesn't just talk. He listens and he collaborates. He gets things done. Join me and many others in Orinda and vote for Bob Thompson.

Paula Goodwin
Orinda

Editor:

Ken Chew, our current Town of Moraga Mayor, who has served for almost eight years on the Moraga Town Council, is running for re-election to the Moraga Town Council for a third term. Ken has demonstrated that he is an effective leader as the mayor in 2010 and 2014. Under his watch, the Town Council meetings have been civil, transparent and efficient.

The reason why I will be endorsing and voting for Ken--and encouraging you to join me--is because of his leadership priorities. His voting record has stood consistently for what is fair and best for the entire community, and I have been impressed by his courage to stand up to pressure from those who are solely special interest advocates.

Ken has also been a staunch supporter for creating the town's Climate Change Committee, which is now recommending steps to curb the pollutants that blight our society's healthy future. We need Ken's leadership to preserve and enhance the blessed quality of life we enjoy in Moraga.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Fish
Moraga

Editor:

Four years ago I wrote this paper to encourage Moraga voters to support Dave Trotter for re-election to the Moraga Town Council. At that time he had demonstrated an integrity and commitment to the positions he had run on in his initial campaign in 2006. His re-election validated the trust the voters placed in him. His leadership on these issues since 2010 further validates the importance of re-electing Dave to the Town Council.

Dave has been a consistent supporter of the preservation of open space in the Town. He was the only council member who voted to oppose ridgeline homes in the Rancho Laguna II project in 2011, upholding the policies of our General Plan. He will continue to vote to protect the Towns' remaining open ridgelines. His current work as a member of the Town's Ridgeline and Hillside Steering Committee is needed to strengthen the Town's open space ordinances and policies.

While serving as our mayor and as the Chair of the Planning Commission Dave has demonstrated the ability to encourage full and open discussion of controversial issues, respecting the views of all speakers. He is an independent thinker and a problem solver. We need these qualities on the Town Council.

Please vote to re-elect Dave Trotter to the Moraga Town Council on November 4.

Sincerely,
Malcolm J. Sproul
Moraga

Editor:

Dave Trotter is our choice for the Moraga Town Council. He has ably served the Town as a councilmember for the past eight years. During that time he has consistently demonstrated his leadership abilities and commitment to the community values that Moraga residents cherish.

As mayor, Dave served on the 2009 Revenue Enhancement Committee. Out of that effort came Measure K, a realistic strategy for funding much-needed repairs to Moraga's neighborhood streets and other critical infrastructure. Dave campaigned for the successful passage of Measure K in 2012, and last year as mayor oversaw successful implementation of the first year of the street repair program. Dave has consistently shown fiscal discipline in approving only balanced budgets. And Dave has been an advocate for our community's young people, spearheading new efforts to work cooperatively with our local schools to jointly plan for and build improved recreational facilities and sports fields.

The Town Council needs proven leadership as it deals with the opportunities and issues that face Moraga. Dave Trotter's understanding of these issues, sensible decision-making, and commitment to strong fiscal discipline make him the best candidate for election to the Council. Check out his web site at www.davetrotter.com for more information.

Carolyn and Tom Westhoff
Moraga

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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**

CAROL BROWN FOR ORINDA SCHOOL BOARD

I WILL LISTEN TO YOU!



Our public schools belong to the people they serve. As a Trustee, I will:

- 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.

www.CarolBrown4SchoolBoard.org
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925.351.9144

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Elect KATHY Famulener

Your Current MOFD Fire Director



- ✓ Member of the Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- ✓ Experienced public safety professional and community leader
- ✓ Alameda County Deputy District Attorney for 37 years
- ✓ Thirty-year Contra Costa County resident, raised two children who are proud third-generation graduates of UC Berkeley
- ✓ Endorsed by former MOFD Directors Gordon Nathan, Dick Olsen and Frank Sperling
- ✓ Endorsed by every current member of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors
- ✓ Endorsed by Moraga Town Council Members Phil Arth, Michael Metcalf, Dave Trotter, Roger Wykle
- ✓ Endorsed by our local Moraga-Orinda Firefighters
- ✓ Endorsed by a broad coalition of leaders and public safety professionals and organizations at the national, state, county and local levels

Top Objectives

- ✓ Fiscally responsible and sustainable budgets
- ✓ Optimal response times to emergency calls
- ✓ Disaster preparedness
- ✓ Protecting Moraga with the best qualified, best trained and best equipped emergency response personnel



Join these community leaders who support KATHY FAMULENER for MOFD FIRE DIRECTOR

- Rep. Eric Swalwell, United States Congress
- Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, California State Senate
- Rep. Susan Bonilla, California State Assembly
- Rep. Joan Buchanan, California State Assembly
- Supervisor Candace Andersen, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors
- United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa, Local 1230
- Contra Costa County Central Labor Council
- Democratic Party of Contra Costa County
- Director John Wyro, President, MOFD Board of Directors
- Director Stephen Andersen, MOFD Board of Directors
- Director Alex Evans, MOFD Board of Directors
- Director Fred Weil, MOFD Board of Directors
- Richard Olsen, Former Director, MOFD; 2013 Moraga Citizen of the Year
- Gordon Nathan, Former Director, MOFD; 2011 Moraga Citizen of the Year
- Frank Sperling, Former Director, MOFD; former Moraga Town Council member
- Mike Metcalf, former Moraga Mayor, current Moraga Town Council member
- Dave Trotter, former Moraga Mayor, current Moraga Town Council member
- Roger Wykle, Moraga Town Council member
- Phil Arth, Moraga Town Council member
- Teresa Onoda, Moraga Planning Commissioner
- Bill Carman, Vice-Chair, Moraga Parks and Recreation Commission
- Brad Kearns, former Moraga Police Chief; retired Chief of Inspectors, Alameda County District Attorney
- Darrell Lee, retired MOFD Division Chief
- Victoria Smith, former Orinda Mayor, current City Council member
- Amy Worth, former Orinda Mayor, current City Council member
- Laura Abrams, former Orinda Mayor
- Julie Pierce, Clayton Mayor
- Tim Sbranti, Dublin Mayor
- Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County
- Robert Chenault, Chief of Inspectors, Alameda County District Attorney
- Alameda County District Attorney's Investigators Association
- Oakland Police Officer's Association
- Berkeley Police Association
- University of California Berkeley Police Officers Association
- Suzanne Jones
- Joan Eidson
- Frank McEnaney
- Brian Sullivan
- Mike Nieto
- Joffa and Ellen Dale
- Dave and Theresa Ortega
- Dick Callahan
- Dave Esquer
- Tom Worth
- Wick Smith
- Bob and Shelley Hubner
- Glenn and Ricki Oleon
- Kitty Guptill
- Matt and Kathleen Haley
- Bob and Bobbie Hartman
- Marian Shanahan (partial list)

Contact Kathy: famulener@gmail.com

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