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## Survey Results

The survey concludes that although a total of 75 percent of Orinda voters are willing to pay something additional to fix the worst streets, repair potholes, and address safety issues (especially for children), among other street maintenance priorities, there is uncertainty about whether enough support can be mustered to pay for it all at once. Experience in the past has demonstrated that an incremental approach is probably more palatable, but this piecemeal option clearly caused council members Dean Orr and Darlene Gee considerable discomfort as they discussed the sur-

vey results. In short, they expressed a desire to take the greater risk of failure and approach the voters with a proposal to fund the repairs fully and, hopefully, get it over with. Mayor Victoria Smith and Vice Mayor Eve Phillips were not so sure this would be a good idea.

On the basis of the survey results, FM3's Metz recommended that the city approach the voters with a proposal for a general obligation bond in an amount less than the full \$47 million, "maybe in the range of \$20 million."

The council readily accepted the

first recommendation, but hesitated at the second, setting the stage for a possible stalemate at this critical moment. To the rescue came the former mayor, now state Sen. Steve Glazer, who had arrived too late to participate in the public hearing, but was granted leave to speak on the issue.

Having been chastened by the results of earlier efforts to approach voters to pay the full tab during his administration, he expressed the opinion that "we do have a path forward in the \$20 to \$25 million range." His remarks apparently broke the deadlock, and in short order city staff was

instructed to bring back a \$25 million general obligation bond proposal for the council to consider on Feb. 16.

Putting the issue on the upcoming

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ballot promises to be a cliffhanger, but the prospect of achieving a final resolution of Orinda's vexing road repair problem appears to be at hand. Or not.

## New Planning Director Named

By Victor Ryerson

Orinda has selected Drummond Buckley as its permanent planning director, filling a vacancy that has existed since last September. Buckley succeeds Interim Planning Director Victor Carniglia. He will officially assume office on Feb. 29.

Buckley worked as a Senior Planner in Orinda from 1996 to 1999. His other planning experience in the public sector includes

planning director for Sausalito, and he has held various private sector planning positions. He returns to Orinda from Worley Parsons Corporation, a global engineering design and large scale project implementation company, where he served as an urban management and economics expert.

Buckley holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz, and a

master's in Urban Planning from UCLA.

"Drummond has a profile blend of experience, education and skills that is well suited to meeting our organizational needs in the Planning Department and the Orinda community," says Orinda City Manager Janet Keeter. "I look forward to having Drummond join our organization and ... welcome him to our Orinda family."



### Orinda Union School District Seeking Applicants to Serve on Parcel Tax Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Orinda Union School District seeks applicants to serve on its Parcel Tax Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Currently there are two openings: one two-year term and one 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](mailto:kfrenklach@orinda.k12.ca.us), or by fax to (925) 254-5261.

Applications are available on the district website: [www.orindaschools.org](http://www.orindaschools.org) or by email from [kfrenklach@orinda.k12.ca.us](mailto:kfrenklach@orinda.k12.ca.us)

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