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MOFD board races loading up with candidates

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Three seats on the Moraga-Orinda Fire District board will be up for election this November, and if the early announcement period gives any indication, two of the races will be hotly contested this fall.

Board President Brad Barber announced his candidacy for Division 4, in Orinda. "We've made great progress on several fronts on the board, but I don't think we are quite finished. I would like to finish what we started," he said. Barber will be opposed by Michael Donner, a business owner and a retired firefighter from the Oakland Fire Department. "I hope to bring some balance to the board with my firefighting and business experience," Donner said.

Division 3 Director Steve Anderson will also run for re-election. "There is a lot more to be done, particularly with the labor negotiations," Anderson said. "I realize how critical it is to provide service to the community and to maintain the district's financial sustainability."

Opposing Anderson is Steve Danziger, a retired city of Oakland and Oakland Fire Department administrator. "Fire safety in our area is a critical community concern and I believe that my city government and fire service experience can benefit the area," Danziger said. Both Division 3 candidates live in Orinda; the division includes portions of Moraga and Orinda.

"I've pulled papers, and I expect to run unopposed," said Kathleen Famulener, director from Division 1 in Moraga. Though Famulener expects no opposition, unconfirmed reports swirl that Divisions 3 and 4 will have even more candidates running for those seats.

All qualified candidates' positions will be presented in the Oct. 17 issue of the Lamorinda Weekly.

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