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Orinda honors longest serving employee, ever

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Jennie Flores Photo Sora O'Doherty

of the accounts payable function in the city's finance department.

This August marks the 30th year of Jennie Flores' employment with the city of Orinda. Although she has no intention of retiring, the city marked the anniversary with a proclamation presented to her at the Aug. 21 city council meeting.

Flores joined the city of Orinda as an accounting clerk on Aug. 3, 1988, just three years after the city incorporated, starting even before the city moved to its new city hall.

Flores was born in Hawaii and moved to California when she was 16 years old in 1965. She got a job working part time for Aluminum & Chemical Corporation as an accounts payable clerk. She went to full time two years later in 1967, and stayed there until she moved to her job with the city of Orinda. Promoted to the Accounting Technician III position in 2002, she is primarily in charge

The proclamation declares, "Jennie is the longest serving employee of the City of Orinda EVER," and goes on to praise her as "thorough, reliable, and always willing to help." It continues, "Jennie has been with the City through four city managers, three interim city managers, and approximately eighteen city councilmembers, and somehow not one of them could feel anything but affection and appreciation for her work, her diligence, and her sense of humor. Jenny is a rock at the base of the foundation of our city government!"

Flores lives in Pleasant Hill and has probably taken BART to work over 6,000 times. In the course of her employment she has processed over 60,000 checks. The city council was pleased to note that Flores is loved for her cheerful attitude and is always quick to smile, and recognized her unfailing service and loyalty to Orinda, which has been appreciated by everyone with whom she works.

When Flores isn't working, she enjoys her vacations, sometimes returning to Hawaii to visit her aunt who lives in Lahaina on Maui.

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