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Moraga's Planning Department hires new administrative assistant

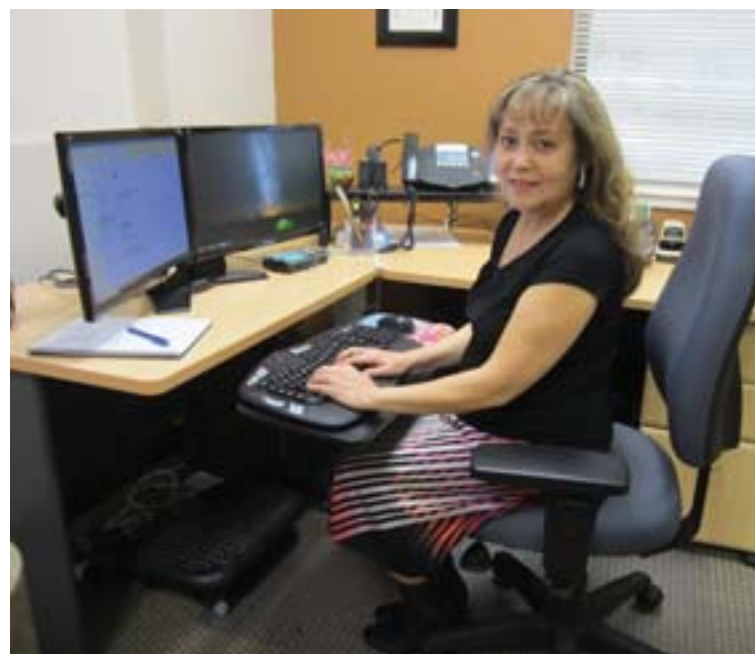


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Planning Dept. Administrative Assistant Raquel Segovia

By Vera Kochan

For first-time visitors to the town offices in Rheem,

Raquel Segovia is often mistaken as the building's receptionist due to her desk's location. However, the new administrative assistant for the Planning Department is much more than that.

Segovia holds a degree in business administration/marketing management from Cal State East Bay. She has over 20 years of experience in the business field, and one of her earlier jobs was working over 12 years for the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. "I worked for the IT Department and Disaster Recovery Business Resumption for the bank," she explained. "We were responsible to keep things operating in case of a disaster such as an earthquake." Her most recent work experiences were with the cities of Pinole and Rich-

mond.

Hired in late September, Segovia has jumped right into her position as a primary point of public contact for the Planning Department. "Most inquiries are concerning plans," she said. "People want to do a modification for a home or business and want to know the procedures. I help educate the customers and then direct them to a planner for technical support. I'm the first level of communication."

Besides managing the front counter for customer inquiries and phone calls, she assembles packets for Planning Commission meetings, prepares rooms for meetings, handles accounting functions and performs support duties for the department.

When asked to compare working for Moraga as op-

posed to larger cities, Segovia replied, "I like working for a small town like Moraga, because I get to meet more people, and it's family oriented." As far as the job goes, "if I need anything to perform my duties, I don't have to go through a lot of red tape. I work with a good group of people in the Planning Department. They're very supportive and help me out when I need it. On my first day, the town manager introduced herself, and I felt very accepted. That was nice."

Segovia commutes to work from El Sobrante, but was familiar with the town thanks to friends who live here. "I love Moraga," she said. "It's such a unique place and really beautiful."

Unfunded Needs Assessments survey results

By Vera Kochan

The town of Moraga gave its citizens the opportunity to weigh in where tax dollars should be spent. There were two community outreach meetings at the Hacienda de las Flores and one during a Kiwanis meeting, all held in December. The town also informed the public through the About Town newsletter, the town website, and on social media platforms. Additionally, Lamorinda Weekly's Dec. 11 issue contained an article urging residents to fill out the survey. In a town whose population contains approximately 17,000 people,

only 26 surveys were turned in as of Jan. 8.

Town staff is seeking public input involving three top priority areas: capital asset replacement; California Public Employees' Retirement System unfunded pension liability; and the Storm Drain Master Plan.

With regards to capital asset replacement, the town's services are asset dependent. Parks, the library, the Hacienda, town offices, landscaping, police vehicles and public works trucks are just some of the town's major capital assets.

The town's unfunded pension liability is the gap between the amount of future

benefits a pension fund is expected to pay out and the assets presently in the pension fund.

The Storm Drain Master Plan involves visual and closed-circuit television inspections, debris cleanup and repairs to damaged storm drain pipes.

The feedback questionnaire allowed residents to prioritize each need according to a low, medium or high order of importance. With only 26 citizens weighing in, it is difficult to properly assess ratings; however all but the area of pension liability were ranked by respondents at a medium to high level of importance. Pension liability

ranking at low to medium based on the surveys received.

The feedback survey also gave ample space for comments, and responses involving the Storm Drain issue included, "Mother Nature is hitting Moraga with a vengeance. Fire, earthquakes, power outages, etc. Let's not add floods to the mix." Others stated, "We clearly need to get this done, experiencing another significant failure is not an option." And, "The storm drain issue isn't new, it's just been ignored. Not good policy - which is why we have the problems we have now."

In comments involving capital assets, some residents

recommended selling the Hacienda, or making sure that town-owned assets be maintained to avoid a negative feeling about living in Moraga. One respondent simply said, "Invest now; save for the future."

Resident comments on pension liability questioned whether the town should continue to hire staff. "How many employees does a town of 17,000 really need?" Others suggested installing a 401k plan for new hires. Dropping out of CalPERS was mentioned, but that option would come at a steep cost to the town.

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