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Incumbents and taxes win the day in Orinda

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Current mayor Darlene Gee and former mayor Inga Miller staved off a challenge from attorney Latika Malkani, but by a slim margin of nearly 700 votes. As of Nov. 6, with 6,437 votes, Gee took 34.65% of the votes cast, as Miller took 34.52% with 6,414 votes. Malkani came in at 30.83% with 5,727 votes. In addition, Orinda voted for a one-cent sales tax by a majority of 59.35%. That tax rise will be joined by a county-wide sales tax of one-half-cent that passed with 58.26% of the vote. Neither tax measure required a super-majority vote. In other results, Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan was elected with a decisive 69.94% of the votes cast and State Senator Steve Glazer received 67.89% of the votes. Semi-official results were updated Nov. 6 with 100% of precincts reported. The vote tally was earlier than previous years owing to the very large number of ballots cast early in the election.

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