

Letters to the editor

Vote Dell'Aquila & Roemer for an Independent MOFD Board

It's in the best interest of the Community that the MOFD Board be independent; not beholden to nonresident, interest groups. Four years ago, three candidates, whose campaigns were 100% funded by the Fire Union, were elected, and immediately became the majority of the 5-member MOFD Board (including electing one the three Board President). Since that time, this 3-member, non-independent majority, has voted as a 3 to 2 block against proposals by the independent minority members regarding funding for Key Fire Prevention measures, including: 1. Rather than spending \$450,000 of State prevention grant funding on fire break maintenance, they Transferred it

into the General Fund; 2. Reducing MOFD Fire Prevention grants for fuel reduction by \$250,000; and 3. Not budgeting even \$15,000, of the over \$30 million budget, to extend the critical Wood-Chipper program, into the hot summer of 2020. Both Vince Dell'Aquila and Mike Roemer are independent candidates, who are highly qualified, long-time community residents, well experienced in budget management, prioritizing goals and working collaboratively with all stakeholders. They will only represent the best interests of our community; not the non-resident entities, who fund their competitors' campaigns.
Bill Cosden
Orinda

A Statement from Former & Current School Board Members

AUHSD needs Board Members who are informed, engaged, independent thinkers.

Public schools rely heavily on state funding. School Boards transparently make educated fiscal decisions, with community input. The county certifies AUHSD's 3-year projected budget indicating it will meet all financial obligations. This reflects an understanding of education finance and prudent fiscal management.

The expressed goal of three slate candidates is to secure a majority of the board and immediately change the direction of our high schools. This is confounding given AUHSD continues to be ranked amongst the highest perform-

ing districts in the state/nation.

Effective Board Members use independent judgment to evaluate data and make decisions. Because these candidates are running as a slate with shared beliefs, there's significant risk that independent judgment and the community's desires will be usurped as acting in lockstep is prioritized over making decisions in the interests of students.

As former/current Trustees, we're concerned when individuals who have no prior involvement in our schools maneuver to advance a particular partisan agenda. Doing what is best for our students should transcend political ideology.

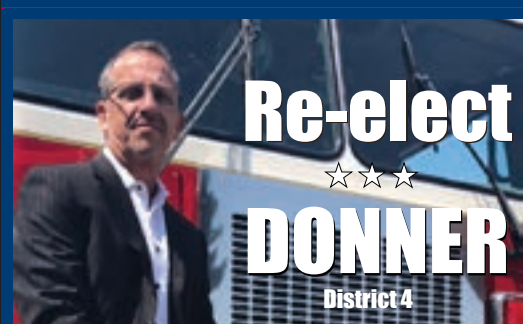
Please vote for the three candidates who have the requisite qualifications and who've demonstrated their commitment to acting in the best interests of students: Jennifer Chen, Nancy Kendzierski, and Christopher Severson.

Ann Appert, Trustee, Lafayette School District (2002-2010)
Liz Bettis, Trustee, Walnut Creek School District (2012-2021)
Angela Borchardt, Trustee, Walnut Creek School District (2003-2014)
Larry Briggs, Trustee, Moraga School District (1989-1992)
Judy Carney, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (2000-2008); Trustee, Lafayette School District (1993-2000)
Janelle Chng, Trustee, Moraga School District (2019-2024)
Kathy Coppersmith, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (2000-2020)
Vanessa Crews, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (2001-2010)
Liz Daoust, Trustee, Orinda Union School District (2018-2022)
Heather Davis, Trustee, Moraga School District (2018-2022)
Barby Eppinger, Trustee, Moraga School District (1983-1992)
Susie Epstein, Trustee, Acalanes

Union High School District (2010-2018)
Roger Falcone, Trustee, Lafayette School District (1999-2004)
Teresa Gerringer, Trustee, Lafayette School District (2000-2018)
Bob Hockett, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (2014-2022)
Cara Hoxie, Trustee, Orinda Union School District (2016-2024)
Kym Leserman, Trustee, Moraga School District (2010-2014)
Mary McCosker, Trustee, Lafayette School District (1989-2002)
Sherri McGoff, Trustee, Walnut Creek School District (2014-2018)
Aimee Moss, Trustee, Walnut Creek School District (2014-2022)
Maridel Moulton, Trustee, Moraga School District (1976-1982)
Tom Mulvaney, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (2006-2014)
Jon Nickens, Trustee, Moraga School District (2014-2022)
Jim Obsitnik, Trustee, Moraga School District (2014-2018)
Katie Peña, Trustee, Walnut Creek School District (2000-2020)
Julie Rossiter, Trustee, Orinda Union School District (2010-2018)
Richard Severy, Trustee, Moraga School District (2016-2024)
Shayne Silva, Trustee, Lafayette School District (1995-2012)
Shari Simon, Trustee, Moraga School District (2012-2016)
Margot Tobias, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (1993-2006)
Fred Weil, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (1987-2000)
Hillary Weiner, Trustee, Orinda Union School District (2016-2024)
Richard Whitmore, Trustee, Acalanes Union High School District (2002-2016)

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MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT



- I have fully supported our fire chief in his fire prevention efforts. The chief and I have a shared vision for district safety
- 4 decades of public Service
- Safety of the District is my number one priority
- Continue our increased efforts in Fire Prevention
- Restore Dedicated Ambulance Staffing in Orinda

Endorsed By:

State of California Democratic Party, Democratic Party of Contra Costa County, Lamorinda Democratic Club, Moraga Orinda Professional Firefighters Association, Orinda Teachers Association, California Professional Firefighters, International Association Of Firefighters, Matt Moran former Orinda Union School District President, Sarah Butler Contra Costa Board of Education President, Eve Phillips former Mayor of Orinda, Brian Offtedal Contra Costa County Fire Commissioner, San Ramon Firefighters, Alameda County Firefighters, Oakland Firefighters, Retired Assistant Chief Richmond Emon Usher, Contra Costa Firefighters, Retired Chief Vallejo current San Ramon Board Director Don Parker, Contra Costa Labor Council AFL-CIO, Diane Dwyer, Lecturer UC Berkeley Retired News Reporter, Local Business Leaders and many more.

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Elect Greg Hasler

Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD)

Certified Public Accountant + Community Volunteer
PRIORITIZE FIRE PREVENTION - Keep MOFD Locally Controlled



Dick Olsen, Greg Hasler and Gordon Nathan



"During the 50 years our family has lived in Moraga I have been extensively involved in our local Fire and Emergency Medical Services. As a result of those experiences, I sincerely believe that at this November's MOFD Board Election Greg Hasler is the right choice to represent the interests of the residents of South Moraga (MOFD Division 1) -- as well as the interests of all the residents and taxpayers of the MOFD."

Dick Olsen, Former MOFD Board & Moraga Fire Commission
Past President of County Fire Commissioners Association
Moraga Citizen of the Year 2013

"As past two term member of the MOFD Board of Directors and three term member of the old Moraga Fire Protection Board, I think it is important to have Greg Hasler represent residents of MOFD as he has the financial skills and experience to add strength to the Board. He will listen and learn and ask hard questions on difficult issues. Therefore, I am supporting Greg Hasler for MOFD Board."

Gordon Nathan, Former MOFD Board & Moraga Fire Commission
Past President of County Fire Commissioners Association
Moraga Citizen of the Year 2011

"Please join me in supporting Greg Hasler for the Moraga-Orinda Fire Board. Greg supports the three fundamentals of a strong fire district: a laser focus on fire prevention (utilizing innovative technologies), strong financial oversight, and support for an independent fire district. Please, do what is right for Moraga's safety and our fire district's future: Elect Greg Hasler, MOFD board."

Anne Obsitnik, Co-chair, Bluffs Firewise community

Greg HASLER is endorsed by our Community Leaders and Hundreds of Community Members

(Titles for identification only. Partial list of supporters.)

Steve Glazer, California State Senator
Don Peralta, Former California Senator
Steve Woehleke, Mayor of Moraga
Ken Chew, Former Moraga Mayor
Karen Mendonca, Former Moraga Mayor
Dave Trotter, Former Moraga Mayor
Rochelle Tocchini, Former Moraga Town Council
Chris Severson, Acalanes High School District Board
Gordon Nathan, Former MOFD Director
Gene Gottfried, Former MOFD Board
Marna Eyring, Co-Founder Moraga Education Foundation
Dick Olsen, Former MOFD Director

John Jex, MOFD Board
Craig Jorgens, MOFD Board
Brad Barber, Former MOFD Board President
Dennis Fay, Mayor of City of Orinda, MOFD Liaison
Chris Laszcz-Davis, Lamorinda Presents Chair
Kathleen Duffy, Moraga Ridge HOA & Firewise Leader
Larry Jacobs, VP Sanders Ranch HOA
Anne Obsitnik, Co-Chair Bluffs Firewise Community
Melanie Light, Founder Lamorinda Firewise Neighborhoods
Dick Wilcox, Moraga-Orinda Citizens for Fire Safety
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