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# Brisbane's Loss is Orinda's Gain as Sheri Spediacci is Hired as City Clerk

By Sora O'Doherty



for Orinda School Board

Experienced Leadership in Orinda Schools

I am proud to have served the past four years on the Orinda School Board! With our new Superintendent in place, it's an exciting time in our district!



- Providing an exceptional educational environment and a supportive and safe school climate for all students, teachers, and staff;
- Improving communication, transparency, and collaboration among all stakeholders; parents, students, staff, and our community;
- Monitoring our budget process, for fiscal stability and accountability, and to attract and retain quality staff, while ensuring long-term financial health.

Endorsements, partial list:

**Tom Torlakson**, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joan Buchanan, former CA Assembly Member, District 16, Orinda Education Association (Orinda Teachers) California School Employees Association, Orinda Chapter

Experience Matters!

I respectfully ask for your vote. Sarah Butler

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Photo Sora O'Doherty

rinda has a new face to greet the public. Sheri Marie Spediacci steps into the office vacated by former city clerk Michele Olsen and shares Olsen's pleasure in meeting and helping the citizens of Orinda navigate their city government. And Spediacci has lots of experience, having served as the city clerk of Brisbane for nearly two decades. (If Brisbane rings a bell, you might be recalling that it was the only small city to avail of a Technical Assistance Panel by the Urban Land Institute, a move currently under consideration by Orinda.)

Spediacci recently moved to Orinda from Burlingame, but for years she has been spending a lot of weekends in Orinda and loves the city. Brisbane considers its loss to be Orinda's gain.

"Sheri has been a constant source of support for me and the city of Brisbane organization and will be sorely missed," remarked Brisbane city manager Clay Holstine. "The residents and community (of Orinda) will soon find they have found a true gem in Sheri."

Spediacci confirms that she is very excited to be here. Like Olsen, she says she loves helping people and making them feel welcome when they come to the city's offices. Sheri replaces Sherry Kelly who served as Interim City Clerk during the search for Olsen's replacement. While welcoming Spediacci, the city council has expressed its deep appreciation to Kelly for filling in so ably.

#### **Other Personnel Changes**

There have been a number of recent personnel changes in Orinda. Charles Swanson retired as Public Works Director after seven years in Orinda, and whisked off to live in Reno, Nevada. Larry Theis, Senior Engineer, is now the Acting Public Works Director. Following the departure of Michelle Lacey, Todd Trimble is serving as Interim Parks and Recreation Director. The city conducted an open recruitment for the position, and is now in the process of interviewing candidates for the post.

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