

# New Parks & Rec Director - Ready to Jump into Work

By Steve Angelides



Jay Ingram Photo provided

Jay Ingram has been hired as Moraga's new Parks and Recreation Director. Ingram comes to Moraga from the City of San Rafael,

where he was recreation supervisor for almost five years.

Ingram has been working in city government for 20 years. His first job was as a part time recreation worker, and he knew from that time

that he wanted a career in city government.

"I am really excited about this opportunity because everything I've been doing for the past 19 years has been leading up to this," Ingram said. "Because this is a small community I look forward to working with people on a face-to-face basis," he said. "I am also ready to jump into the tasks the Master Plan has set forth for us," Ingram added.

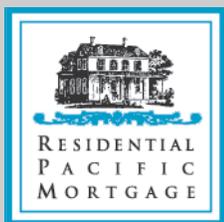
In addition to recreation, he has also been involved in emergency operations, planning, and union negotiations. He has also served for 8 years on the Alameda Recreation and Park Commission, including 4 years as chair.

Town Manager Phillip Vince, who hired Ingram, said he was "absolutely thrilled" that Ingram was coming to work for Moraga, and that Ingram had "very extensive experience for the position and great letters and references." In addition, because of Ingram's service on the Alameda Recreation and Park Commission, Vince said Ingram "can see both sides of the issues, which is a huge plus."

Ingram will start work for on September 4. Vince said Ingram is coming at a "very important time" because Moraga is taking over responsibility for its own recreation programs after several years of a partnership with Lafayette. Vince also plans to assign Ingram responsibility for the Town's open space, which comprises 51% of the Town's area.

Although Ingram has not yet officially started work, he is already busy reviewing the most recent draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which was printed in July. The Master Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in September and to the Town Council for approval in October.

Ingram has an undergraduate degree from Cal Poly in San Louis Obispo in Recreation Administration, and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. He lives in Alameda with his wife and daughters.



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