

Who's Running This City, Anyway?

If you've got the time and the interest, the City of Orinda said, has the right volunteer position for you!

By Lee Borrowman

It takes more than dedicated elected officials and a competent and very busy city staff to make things happen in Orinda. Mayor Steve Glazer hopes Orindans will "look for an opportunity to participate so we can make our community an even better place to live, work and recreate." And there may never be a better time to look. Several City Commissions, Committees and even a Task Force will have positions to fill in 2008.

"The only way for our government 'of the people' to work is to have citizens volunteer to participate. These Orinda committees undertake critical matters affecting the well being of

our community," Glazer said. Interested? Available Commission spots include two on the Planning Commission, two on the Parks and Recreation Commission, three on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, two on the Citizen's Infrastructure Oversight Commission, three on the Public Safety Advisory Commission and one on the Art in Public Places Committee.

In addition, the newly-created Budget and Finance Committee will be composed of seven residents, and will review the City's proposed Operating and Capital budget and provide recommendations to the City Council and City Manager.

But wait, there's more. The Revenue En-

hancement Task Force, also new, needs four residents with a background in areas such as financial institutions, municipal financing or bond agencies. The goal of the Task Force will be to make recommendations to the City Council and City Manager on revenue enhancements to supplement current revenues. These could span an array of sources to provide funding for infrastructure challenges, downtown revitalization and other projects.

The application deadline for the Budget and Finance Committee and the Revenue Enhancement Task Force is 5:00pm on December 14, 2007. All other applications are due on Friday, January 11, 2008. Applications are available on the City website, www.ci.orinda.ca.us or from the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 2000, 22 Orinda Way, email molsen@ci.orinda.ca.us, phone 253-4221.

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