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Moraga is my kind of town! My two sons grew up here since 1985, my husband passed away in 1988 and I am now an empty nester with a ten year old mini poodle as my walking partner and personal trainer. Businesses have come and gone and fortunately I took photos of some of them - Fudge Alley, Apple Market, Blockbuster, Baskin Robbins, just to name a few. Buddy and I often walk around Rheem Shopping Center and recently thought about all the new establishments since moving here from Oakland - Shish Kebab Show, Moraga Produce, CVS instead of Long's, TJMaxx, Homegoods, Tuesday Morning and many more.

My profession was teaching piano and I have taught an Olympic water polo player, his Mom and sister, a current Campolindo volleyball starter, a former United airline employee, children 7 years and older, adults who are grandparents, just to name a few. I belonged to Kiwanis when they held meetings at St. Mary's College, volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, Shelter, Inc. and Loaves and Fishes. My volunteer positions pale in comparison to the people that I met at Kiwanis.

I met former mayors, men and women who served dual positions on the town council and the Moraga Commons board. All the members impressed me by their enthusiasm and love of Moraga. I am the first one to admit that I don't understand politics. Today I read an article that confused me about Moraga town politics. How is the mayor chosen? I don't know but I commend anyone who is chosen or voted in to become a town leader. My hat's off to anyone who runs for a political position.

Please thank anyone from the police force, fire fighters, town council and volunteers for all their effort who make Moraga the best place that I have ever lived. I will continue to enjoy Moraga and all my friends and neighbors who make it such a special place.

Sincerely, Mary Mark Moraga

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