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Considering a Run for Council?

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The Lafayette and Orinda City Councils and the Moraga Town Council need a few good men and women to serve four-year terms. Nominations for the unpaid positions just opened up on July 16 and will close on Friday, August 10.

There will be three seats up for election this November in both Lafayette and Moraga, and two in Orinda. If any of the incumbents don't file by August 10, the window of opportunity will be extended until August 15.

Mayor Carol Federighi of Lafayette recently announced that she will not seek reelection (see sidebar).

The other incumbents whose current terms will end this year are Mike Anderson and Carl Anduri in Lafayette; Howard Harpham, Karen Mendonca and Mike Metcalf in Moraga; and Steve Glazer and Victoria Smith in Orinda.

Requirements include being a registered voter in the community you wish to serve and a willingness to spend many evenings in service to your fellow citizens. Interested parties should contact the City/Town Clerk:

Lafayette City Clerk Joanne Robbins, (925) 284-1968

Moraga Town Clerk Marty McInturf, (925) 888-7022

Orinda City Clerk Michele Olsen, (925) 253-4221

To run or not to run, that is the question

Having been an active member of the community since moving to Lafayette 35 years ago, serving on the Parking Commission, Planning Commission and since 1999 on the City Council, Mayor Carol Federighi has decided not to run again. She'll finish out her third term as Mayor in December of this year.

"I have made the decision not to run for a fourth term in November. This decision was not an easy one. Serving on the Lafayette City Council has been extremely rewarding. I'm so fortunate to work closely with dedicated and very competent staff, fellow Council members, other Lafayette volunteers, and Council members from nearby communities. While I will miss this close involvement, I look forward to more personal time in 2013," said Federighi in a statement. C. Tyson

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