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Moraga hires new Admin Services Director

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New Administrative Services Director Annie To
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The town wasted no time in filling the barely vacant administrative services director position vacated by Norm Veloso. With almost a month under her belt, Annie To has hit the ground running in order to keep Moraga's day-to-day financial business up to speed.

Formerly the financial director for the city of Alameda, To has also held the deputy financial director position with the city of San Jose and the finance director job for the city of Hercules. "I've not worked in the private industry - just local governments," she stated.

Her love of number crunching came before studying business administration and accounting at San Francisco State University. To also earned an MBA from JFK University when the campus was located in Orinda, and she has passed her CPA exams.

Some of To's duties for the town will include managing the finances; overseeing the operation of Human Resources; working on the upcoming labor negotiations; and involvement in recruiting for the various vacated positions within the town offices. "Right now I am focusing on the mid-year budgets," she explained. "The next project is for labor negotiations. When we get fully staffed it will be a big help. I have managed 35 employees before. Here, the directors wear many hats and multi-task."

To currently lives in Oakland with her husband and children. When her two boys were young, she used to bring them to Moraga for private painting lessons. "I was so excited to get this job in Moraga. A small town is so nice. I used to live in Danville, and I love small towns."

Finding Moraga to be a great fit, To stated, "So far it's been good trying to get to know the executive staff and getting to know all of the aspects of the job. It's been very interesting. Every day has been exciting for me, and I'm trying to wrap my arms around the finances of the town."

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