Letters to the editor

Danziger for MOFD

I am proud to endorse Steve Danziger for MOFD Board. He has done an incredible job for the District. During his four years as board member, MOFD has increased its Annual Fund Balance by 44% and paid off the Pension Obligation Bond. He is hard working, community minded, and demonstrates unwavering integrity. Steve brings 20 years experience as the Administrative Manager for the Oakland Fire Department. He gives time to multiple community groups; Orinda Parks & Rec, Art in Public Places, Friends of Orinda Library, Orinda Creeks, Orinda Nature Area. As a UC Master Gardener, Steve teaches gardening and composting, and home hardening instruction in multiple communities.

While improving MOFD's financial stability, Steve also pushed for reasonable compensation for firefighters. We need our firefighters to be invested in our community. Not maintaining competitive compensation would turn MOFD into a temp agency. Steve Danziger continues to lead the effort to keep firefighters for a career. Steve advocates increasing our ambulance service, reducing wait times and reducing the incidence of fire engines being unavailable for other emergencies.

MOFD Director is not a place for an experimental foray into government service. Re-elect Steve Danziger to Moraga-Orinda Fire Board District 3.

Robert Lipp – Oakland Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief, Retired Orinda

Hasler for MOFD board – champion for fire safety projects

Greg Hasler will bring a needed change to the MOFD Board. He will represent the tax paying residents of Moraga and Orinda and not outside special interests. During the past year I have frequently noted split voting by the five directors. It is time that the board consistently support and fund activities that will make the community safe from a catastrophic fire.

Greg will support yearround chipping services and other abatement activities. A unified district leadership and board are essential to accomplish these priorities.

Rob Browning Moraga

Support the independent candidates for MOFD Board of Directors

The first reports for candidate funding are in. Hasler, Dell'Aquila and Roemer are funded 100% by local individuals. Young, Danziger and Donner received no local funding; 100% coming from a state labor union. Four years ago, the union provided \$31,000 total to these candidates. A letter in the last issue praised Danziger for supporting Fire Prevention efforts. Just the opposite is true. He has overseen \$125 million in budgets over four years with only a few hundred thousand allocated to wildfire prevention. Chief Winnacker had to fund his wildfire prevention plan with donations from a local foundation and the North Orinda and Tunnel Firebreaks from state grants (which actually earned MOFD revenue which the board, controlled by Danziger and Donner, did not then use for more wildfire prevention).

Wildfire prevention should be MOFD's prime concern. If a wind-driven wildfire occurs, with the level of vegetation we have, MOFD's suppression resources will be overwhelmed. Only fuel mitigation, supported by our tax dollars, will be effective.

Please support (financially) and vote for the wildfire-prevention candidates, Greg Hasler, Vince Dell'Aquila and Mike Roemer. www.HaslerForMOFD.com www.VinceForMOFD.com www.MikeRoemer4MOFD.com Steve Cohn Orinda

Roemer for MOFD board

Mike Roemer is an exceptionally qualified candidate for our MOFD Board. Mike has a professional legal background, and a record of community service. With the high and growing risks of wildfires in our communities, it is vital that we have committed, knowledgeable and independent leadership on the MOFD.

Mike has been an active volunteer with MOFD since 2016. You may have met him at any of the evacuation exercises; he also functions as a fire support volunteer at prescribed burns. Mike is also a leader in CERT and is trained in emergency communications and uses these skills as a member of the Lamorinda Radio Interest Group.

Mike has good relations with community Firewise groups, Chief Winnacker and many firefighters with whom he has worked side by side for over 5 years. His is committed to prioritize fire prevention, including maximizing funding for our district for wildfire prevention and preparedness. He is committed to advocating for new technologies that can help us detect wildfires, support evacuations and more effectively fight fires.

We all want to be protected from wildfire risk. Mike Roemer on the MOFD board will give us the leadership we need to prioritize fire prevention and our safety. Marti Roach Moraga

Endorsing Vince Dell'Aquila

I had the privilege of serving on the faculty with Vince at Miramonte High School. He is highly skilled, communicative, and always prioritizes the safety and well-being of others. He will be efficient and effective on the MOFD Board of Directors! Jan Carlson Moraga

Hasler will bring valuable skills to MOFD board

We have known Greg Hasler for many years and value the professional skills he would bring to the board. He has the ability to identify and solve long-term financial issues which our community services must address. The District and California are facing an uncertain financial period that could have a dramatic negative impact on the District's financing position. Greg will represent the professionals who serve our community with fairness. At the same time, he will make sure the board keeps the needs and interests of our citizens his top priority, not the special interest groups that fund other candidates. Greg has spent his professional life dealing with similar issues for his large diverse clients and he has the insights and skills to meet the challenges of the MOFD board. Greg will also focus on fire prevention activities and be especially responsive to community concerns.

David and Julene Stevenson Moraga

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