

Moraga Candidates Speak to a Crowd

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She highlighted that the Town's operating budget had been balanced all along. That part was not challenged by any candidate, but Freeman, who pointed several times during the debate to instances when the Town had, in his view, wasted money.

Arth indicated that his position on wineries had somewhat evolved over the past weeks and that he was now favorable to the creation of a

Lamorinda wine label, but he reiterated his opposition to large commercial wineries in residential areas.

The candidates remained very courteous with one another. At one point, two candidates even congratulated Freeman for his proposal to create a teen center in the old post office.

Three seats are open on the Council.

Candidates Night Videos

If you missed "Candidates' Night," you can check the Lamorinda Weekly web site www.lamorindaweekly.com/html/MCN-Candidates-night-2012.html for video clips of each question asked.

The Other Debates - Moraga School Board

School Board candidates will debate again tomorrow night

On the morning of October 1 the three candidates for two seats on the Moraga School Board debated at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School. Parker Colvin, Dexter Louie (incumbent) and Shari Simon will debate again on the evening of October 11. The ubiquitous issue for the District is the budget. The candidates indicated how aware they are of the issue and discussed their ideas to resolve the crisis.

Simon, a former vice president at Oracle, insisted that the District needs to measure the educational value of its investments in order to make a decision of what should be cut, if cuts became unavoidable. She believes that the District needs to complete the strategic plan the Superintendent has been working on. Her priorities are professional development, technology, and implementation of best practices.

Colvin, head of municipal underwriting for Stone & Youngberg, said that we should expect a miracle and the District needs to try again to pass a parcel tax to secure a funding source independent of the State. Colvin has helped hundreds of districts throughout the State sell bonds that have raised billions of dollars for facilities projects; he believes that his financial expertise will be needed to build the District's long term financial plan. Louie, a M.D., believes that his 14 years on the Board give him a wealth of practice and experience needed in these difficult times. He too thinks that the school will need to try again to pass a parcel tax, otherwise the district will have to cut positions and increase class size. He believes that better communication and consensus building will help to reach that goal.

The next debate will take place in the auditorium at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, October 11.

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- 10/20 9 a.m. Dharma Talk at Chung Tai Zen Center of Sunnyvale**
- 10/20 1 p.m. Transmission of Three Refuges and Five Precepts**

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