

# Letters to the Editor ... continued

## Moraga Town Council

### Korpus for Town Council

Dear Editor:

I have known Planning Commissioner Kymberleigh Korpus since she was born. I knew her as a child of energy, impatient to take on the world. I knew her as an Honor Roll and CSF Campolindo student working at Nation's in Moraga, and passionately playing varsity volleyball from her sophomore year to graduation. I knew her as, dare I say, a formidable opponent when negotiating for privileges and latitude as a teenager. I always knew her to be a strong advocate for herself in her callow youth. And now that she has educated herself, matured and gained experience in her chosen career, I know her as a passionate advocate for whatever she loves.

I remember when Kymberleigh could not wait to go to college and get out of "Bor-aga." I laughed to myself knowing that someday her youth in Moraga would be a grounding and beautiful memory. In 2011 her Moraga memories propelled her home to its golden hills with cows, its quiet streets, its excellent schools and its neighborhood safety. This year Kymberleigh's love for Moraga has propelled her to serve Moraga, first on the planning commission and now on the town council, to better protect Moraga's peaceful nature for everyone who loves it. Everything she offers her family and clients she now offers to Moraga residents: her ability to retain, organize, and analyze copious quantities of data, derive a thorough and cohesive understanding of how it all logically fits together, or identify contradictions within; her ability to simplify, explain and teach clearly what she understands; her integrity.

In her careers as attorney/advocate and wife/mother, Kymberleigh long ago learned how to treat everyone with respect, rationality and honesty. I've watched her skillful approach in public planning commission discussions regarding the controversial developments near the Moraga Way fire station and Rheem Boulevard. Her arguments persuaded more than one member of the commission. She never stoops to intimidate or browbeat. She works, simply and indefatigably, to convince. I think Kymberleigh is perfect for Moraga. Please join me in voting for her.

Roberta Thomas  
(Kymberleigh's mom)  
Moraga

### Wykle Will Preserve Open Space

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to express my strong support for Roger Wykle for Mor-

aga Town Council.

Over the past six years, Wykle has championed the principles of the Moraga Open Space Ordinance (referred to as 'MOSO') as a planning commissioner, council member and mayor. We need his voice on the town council to continue.

For example, as a Planning Commissioner, he was the lone vote against the Hetfield Estates subdivision which will require nearly 200,000 cubic yards of grading and landslide repairs to build houses in MOSO open space.

Two years ago, thanks in part to Wykle's support, the town began revisiting Moraga's open space development policies. In a few months, the council will decide whether to approve new regulations that will close the loopholes that have allowed damaging hillside and ridgeline developments like Hetfield to be approved, contrary to the General Plan's many policies discouraging such projects.

Wykle's support for open space preservation is urgently needed during this process to preserve what remains of Moraga's scenic open spaces. We need his continued good judgment and thoughtful consideration of all issues that have come before him.

Please vote for Roger Wykle on Nov. 8.

Tim Meltzer  
Moraga

### Elect Crossley, Wykle and Fritzy to Town Council

Dear Editor,

I have worked, participated and served in various capacities with all four of the candidates for Moraga Town Council. I strongly endorse Graig Crossley, Roger Wykle and Jeanette Fritzy for Moraga Town Council.

Craig Crossley's service to our nation, his students and the Town of Moraga (once Mayor) is without parallel and his record speaks for itself — plus he has great common sense, is moderate in his views, listens well and has unflinching good judgment.

Roger Wykle similarly has a lifetime of service to his nation and has served Moraga well on the Town Council. I usually agree with his positions on matters before the town and when I don't his reasoning is always sound and he clearly has Moraga's best interests up front. His thoughtful approach is needed!

Jeanette Fritzy's efforts as member and chair of the Moraga Planning and Recreation Commission has been exemplary. Her business experience has already contributed to Moraga's progress through her efforts with the Chamber of Commerce. Jeanette's great

outlook and ease of working with make her ideal for our town council.

I have worked with Kimberleigh Korpus and do not believe she would be a good candidate for town council.

Tom Marnane  
Moraga

### Reelect Roger Wykle

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to ask Moraga voters who value our town's hillsides, ridgelines and scenic corridors to re-elect Roger Wykle to the Moraga Town Council. Wykle has a proven track record on these issues.

As a Moraga Planning Commissioner, he was a committed defender of the Moraga Open Space Ordinance (MOSO). He was the only commissioner to vote against the Hetfield Estates development (now approved but not yet built in open space land off Sanders Drive), citing the fact that its massive grading in "high risk" land was contrary to MOSO and the General Plan.

When the town council tried in 2012 to sell town-owned open space to developers to generate revenue, commissioner Wykle objected, pointing to the General Plan's directive to "preserve open space to the maximum extent possible." His leadership on that issue helped persuade the council not to move forward with the sale.

As a town councilmember, Wykle voted against the new housing project currently under construction on Moraga Road across from Starbucks. He was in the minority, unfortunately. While not an open space development per se, this project's two-story homes so close to the road have now negatively impacted that scenic corridor and

obscured views of Rheem Ridge.

As a councilmember, Wykle has strongly supported the "Hillside Ridgeline Project," an effort to review and amend Moraga's open space development regulations. For the past two years, the town has gathered public comment regarding open space development and drafted revised regulations to reflect those comments. Not surprisingly, the feedback has overwhelmingly supported less development and greater protection. The council will soon vote on more restrictive regulations, and we need Wykle's voice and vote on that issue, as the pressure from developers to water down the new rules will be tremendous.

If you support preservation of Moraga's scenic beauty, open space, and semi-rural character, please vote for Roger Wykle.

Peter Bennett  
Moraga

### Clarifying Korpus' Points

Dear Editor,

In your last issue, you published a Letter to the Editor penned by Mr. Woehleke, chair of the Moraga Planning Commission. I write to put his disparaging comments about planning commissioner Kymberleigh Korpus' conduct (in connection with the highly controversial City Ventures project) into perspective, and to explain why I strongly support Kymberleigh's candidacy for the Moraga Town Council.

Perhaps Mr. Woehleke has forgotten why Moraga residents created the Planning Commission in the first place. The town asserts Planning Commissioners "are responsible for reviewing, evaluating and deciding land use applications in accordance with the Town's policies and regulations." Isn't that ex-

actly what Kymberleigh was doing (rather than meekly adopting the unsupported opinions of others for political expediency)?

Kymberleigh is a practicing attorney herself, and she invested a lot of time to research a complex situation and reduce her analyses to writing so others could benefit from her work. Even Mayor Metcalf acknowledged the accuracy of her core point (that the town was not following the review process set forth in the Municipal Code) when he stated at the Aug. 24 town council meeting that the town had "corrupted its own processes." The CV project was opposed by the Fire Department, and it created such conflict within the community that 1,500 residents signed a referendum to challenge the project by ballot. Mr. Woehleke mentioned none of this.

As most people who have listened to her speak on the subject (or read her open letters) know, Kymberleigh has always discussed her concerns about the CV project in a thoughtful, logical and respectful manner — despite commissioners Woehleke's and Marnane's repeated efforts to shut her down. Her arguments persuaded two other commissioners, and Mr. Woehleke's motion to approve the CV project failed. It makes one seriously question whether his letter was objectively written with pure motives, does it not?

I personally think the Planning Commission should be more than a rubber stamp for the town council, and I say "Bravo!" to Kymberleigh. She is a breath of fresh air, and we need more people in government like her.

Stephen J. Huxley  
Moraga

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- Sarah Butler, Orinda School Board Member
- Rebecca Saltzman, Bart Director Dist. 3
- Sue Severson, Former Mayor
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