

Seeking Applicants to Serve on Parcel Tax Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Orinda Union School District seeks applicants to serve on its Parcel Tax Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Currently there is a two-year term vacancy. The committee meets twice annually during normal business hours. The primary objective and purpose of this committee is to ensure that the parcel tax proceeds are spent for their authorized purpose and to report annually to the Board of Trustees and the public regarding the expenditure of such funds.

If interested, please submit an application to:
Orinda Union School District
Attn: Debbie Jamieson
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Orinda, CA 94563
or via email to djamieson@orinda.k12.ca.us
or by fax to (925) 254-5261.

Applications are available at:
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Application Deadline:
Friday, March 23, 2018, by Noon



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Orinda library parcel tax increase likely to appear on June ballot

By Sora O'Doherty



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At a special Jan. 25 meeting of the Orinda City Council to receive the results of a poll on the acceptability of a ballot measure to increase the existing library parcel tax, the council agreed to place a measure on the June ballot. The details of the ballot measure are yet to be fixed. Council members also asked staff to return with a capital assessment of the future expenses likely to be necessary for the maintenance and repair of the library

building. The poll was conducted by public opinion and research firm Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Mertz & Associates (FM3) via telephone and online polling. Paul Rankin, finance director, was pleased by the very good response to the survey, which also cost less than anticipated. Miranda Everett of FM3 reported the results of the survey to the council. More than 700 registered voters responded online and on the

telephone to the survey, conducted in early January.

The city has had a voter-approved library parcel tax since 2001. The tax, approved in 2001 by 75 percent of the voters, established a \$27 tax per residential unit per year. The tax was set to expire in 2009. In 2008, the council proposed and the voters approved the replacement of the 2001 tax with a \$39 per year tax that has no sunset date. The tax did not have a provision for any increases, and it was expected that a future adjustment would be required.

The poll asked Orinda voters if they would approve an increase of \$25, bringing the library tax to \$64 per year, which would generate approximately \$164,000 more per year than the current tax. The poll also tested the acceptability of an annual adjustment for inflation, with no sunset provision for the tax. The library is well regarded by Orinda voters, and is an element of city pride, according to the report.

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Public can help choose Orinda's summer movies in the park

By Sora O'Doherty



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Family movies will return to Orinda Community Park next summer, starting on June 14 and running every other Thursday through Aug. 9. "Movies in the Park," which typically attracts around 100 people in normal circumstances, was started by Michelle Lacy and the Parks and Rec Department in 2014. It is the direct descendant of Danville's Moonlight Movies, which was also started by Lacy during her tenure as Danville's recreation manager.

Orinda is seeking help deciding which five movies will be screened

this summer and is asking the public to vote on the summer lineup for the Orinda Movies in the Park using the online survey website SurveyMonkey. The current choices are: "Coco," "Wonder," "Sound of Music," "Beauty and the Beast (2017)," "Smurfs: The Lost Village," "Cars 3," "The Goonies," "Mary Poppins," "Despicable Me 3," and "Leap!"

You may vote for five, or you may suggest a movie not included in the list at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Orindamovies2018>.

Voting will close on Feb. 9.

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