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Election deadlines, some incumbents won't run again

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The general election on Nov. 8 will fill local seats on city or town councils and school district boards. The nomination period for candidates opened at 8 a.m. on July 18. The deadline for nominations is Aug. 12, but if an incumbent chooses not to run again, the deadline is extended to Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. for non-incumbent candidates.

In Orinda, there will be three seats up for election on both the city council and the Orinda Union School Board. Mayor Dennis Fay and council members Amy Worth and Nick Kosla are at the end of their current terms. Kosla has announced that he will not be running for reelection, a decision he says he made when he first ran for the council. "Four years is a long time," he said. Kosla has previously served on the Orinda Planning Commission as well.

OUSD Board Members Carol Brown, Jason Kaune and Liz Daoust also have terms ending at the end of the year. Brown has stated that she will not be running for reelection. Therefore, both races, Orinda city council and OUSD board, will be subject to the extended deadline of Aug. 17 for non-incumbents to file nomination papers indicating their intentions to run for those offices.

Candidates for city council are encouraged to contact City Clerk Sheri Smith at ssmith@cityoforinda.org or (925) 253-4221 to schedule an appointment to take out and/or file nomination papers.

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