

To: MOFD Board of Directors  
Cc: Orinda City Council  
From: Steve Cohn, resident of Orinda  
Subject: June 15, 2022 MOFD Board Meeting Agenda item 10.4  
Establishing the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Fire Flow Tax Rates  
for the Orinda and Moraga Service Zones

I request that the Board set the Fire Flow Tax Rates for the both the Orinda and Moraga Service Zones to their maximum level, 6 cents for the Orinda Zone and 30 cents for the Moraga Zone.

This year property taxes to MOFD from Orinda properties totaled \$20.6 million, \$20 million allocated from ad valorem taxes and \$615,000 from fire flow parcel taxes. This equated to \$2,900 per household for the 7,150 Orinda households.

In comparison, property taxes to MOFD from Moraga and Canyon properties totaled \$10.8 million, \$10.3 million allocated from ad valorem taxes and \$480,000 from fire flow parcel taxes. This equated to only \$1,900 per household for the 5,750 Moraga and Canyon households.

When this topic was discussed three years ago at your May 15, 2019 meeting, Richard Olsen, who was involved in the formation of MOFD back in 1997, stated "it would be a violation of the requirements for the approval of the formation of the District to charge Moraga residents more than Orinda residents for the District's services." I was not involved as Mr. Olsen was in the formation of MOFD, but I assume that if it would be a violation to charge Moraga residents more for services, it would also be a violation to charge Orinda residents more.

If the Moraga Zone parcel tax rate was increased to 30 cents, the revenue per household in Moraga would increase from \$1,900 to \$2,200. Still not the \$2,900 Orinda residents are paying, but closer.

Please consider this action.

Sincerely,

Steve Cohn