

DARLENE K. GEE, Orinda Mayor – CANDIDATE STATEMENT

It has been a privilege to serve Orinda as a city councilmember for the last nine years, including two years as mayor. I've been a leader in our extensive infrastructure rehabilitation; in efforts the city has undertaken regarding wildfire prevention/emergency preparedness; and with our downtown planning. Throughout my city service I've strived to maintain excellent fiscal responsibility, increased emergency reserves, and supported ways to optimize our tax dollars. I'm also proud of furthering strong working relationships with MOFD, OUSD and our neighboring communities of Lafayette and Moraga.

I am eager to continue applying my professional engineering expertise to help Orinda find the best solutions to our long-term infrastructure maintenance and funding. I am confident that my overall experience will be an asset to the city's new senior staff leadership. I also look forward to continuing to listen to our residents' priorities and collaborating with them to find balance between local vision and numerous state and regional mandates.

My husband and I are 35-year Orinda residents that have raised two sons through every level of Orinda schools and activities. We treasure our family experience in Orinda, and I am committed to ensuring that Orindans continue to enjoy a safe, well-maintained community.

I'm a licensed California civil engineer with an MBA from UC Berkeley and over forty years of professional experience in infrastructure consulting. I have dedicated my expertise to enhancing Orinda, and with your vote, I will work hard to continue to make Orinda an excellent place to live. www.darlenegeeforcouncil.com