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I strongly endorse Steve Cohn for Director, Division 3 of MOFD.

I have known Steve Cohn for many years and have seen firsthand how seriously he takes the safety and future of Orinda.

Steve brings integrity, independence, persistence and the courage to take unpopular positions when the facts support them. In 2020, he warned Orindans that Measure R was committing too little of its revenue to wildfire prevention. Subsequent City reports supported that concern by calling for more Measure R funds to support wildfire-risk reduction and emergency preparedness. Steve saw the problem early, spoke up when it was highly unpopular to do so, and got it right.

Steve wants MOFD to take a stronger role in wildfire-risk modeling, fuel mitigation and coordinated evacuation planning across Orinda and Moraga. He also believes the district should preserve its strong emergency medical response while using more of its substantial reserves for wildfire prevention.

Steve is an engineer by background and has decades of experience in financial analysis. He digs into budgets, plans and assumptions rather than accepting them at face value. He asks hard questions and keeps pushing when he believes public safety or infrastructure deserves greater attention.

I have watched Steve put enormous time, thought and energy into making Orinda safer. He cares deeply about this community and approaches public issues with independence, preparation and integrity.

For Orindans concerned about losing fire insurance and protecting public safety, Steve's relentless focus on reducing wildfire risk deserves their support.