

# Opinion

## Diridon's choice much appreciated

I was pleased to hear last week that Rod Diridon will not run for the state Assembly and instead will remain as a city clerk and lead the California Ethics Project. Let me say that, on behalf of many city clerks and as a city clerk in Los Altos, we're glad to keep him. I had my doubts about him initially, going from city council to city clerk. But, Rod's enthusiasm and dedication to the profession quickly proved that he was not only skilled at the work, but also understood and practiced the ethical codes of the office. As the

leader of the California Ethics Project for the City Clerks Association of California, Rod offers a refined focus for our profession in the practical application of good government programs. Rod is the only person in the state who has the credibility as a city clerk, the skill set of having pioneered these programs and the practical experience of being a candidate that are necessary to see an effort like this be successful. It took a real dedication to high ideals for him to back out of a race that the polls showed he was winning, in order to pursue greater goals for California.

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