

Letters to the **WEEKLY**

To the Editor

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, 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.

Due to the impartiality of the profession, ethics have always been in style for City Clerks. Now, 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. I cannot think of anyone more suited to fill this role and as a member of this pioneering committee, I am excited to be part of the California Ethics Project.

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.

I'm sure he'll be missed in the State Assembly, but we're

happy to keep him as a Clerk!

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not for the City of Los Altos)*