



City of Oakland

## ACTION ALERT – East Oakland Needs You!

From the Office of Councilmember Loren Taylor



Dear Neighbor,

With tens of millions of dollars earmarked for East Oakland on the line, I am requesting that you support the [“Taylor, Reid, Thao Amendments”](#) at Thursday’s special council meeting at 10:30am. On our road to a just recovery, we must provide an equitable distribution of resources to the areas most impacted by COVID-19. In our proposed amendments, East Oakland will receive the necessary tools to effectively develop community parks, promote fire safety, better utilize city resources, provide workforce and job development, and enhance business corridors.

During the pandemic, East Oakland also saw a stark increase in public safety issues including increased levels of gun violence, sideshow activities, and armed robberies. This increase reinforces the need for us to ensure that Oaklanders have a rapid response when they call for help in a public safety emergency. As co-chair of the Reimagining Public Safety Taskforce, I am committed to bringing alternatives to police response that will reduce our overreliance on sworn officers for nonviolent situations, but I also realize that until those solutions have been fully implemented, it is premature to remove existing services. Therefore, in alignment with the perspectives of a majority of the Black RPSTF members who represent the East and West Oakland flatlands, I am also offering [Another amendment that calls for any new unanticipated revenue to be used to restore a 5th police academy](#) and not fall below our current staffing level.

Here is what District 6 will receive if both amendments are adopted:

- \$14M for a new fire station and regional fire-training/education center
- Millions of dollars in traffic calming infrastructure and sideshow deterrence including the MacArthur Blvd/Millsmont Traffic Corridor
- Surveillance cameras to improve public safety in commercial districts and to address illegal dumping
- Dangerous Tree Removal from Skyline Blvd. median
- Establishment of “City Hall East” to provide East Oaklanders with greater access to city departments and services
- Increased staffing for illegal dumping/litter enforcement and abatement
- Startup costs for a District 6 Business Improvement District (BID)
- Arroyo Viejo Park upgrades (including parking lot resurfacing, commercial kitchen upgrade, and funding for pathway lighting)
- Restoration and Reactivation of Tomas Melero and 85th Ave Mini Parks
- Dedicated resources to eliminate Race & Gender Disparities in City contracting
- Workforce development investment through community partners who are successfully serving East Oakland residents
- Faster and more robust response to public safety concerns

Join me as I work to ensure that we receive the necessary resources to build a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant East Oakland by:

- Emailing your support for the [Taylor, Reid, Thao Amendments](#) and CM Taylor's [supplemental amendment to add a 5th police academy](#) to the full council by email at [council@oaklandca.gov](mailto:council@oaklandca.gov)
- Logging in to Thursday's council meeting at 10:30am, to make a public comment
  - Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88555241060>
  - Phone: +1 669 900 6833, Webinar ID: 885 5524 1060
- Forward this email to your neighbors, District 6 listservs, and fellow East Oakland advocates

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with any follow-up.- [Email us at district6@oaklandca.gov](mailto:Email us at district6@oaklandca.gov).

In solidarity,



Loren M. Taylor, Councilmember  
Oakland - District 6  
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### Who do I call for...

- General social service issues: [211](#)
- Public Health issues & Shelter-in-Place order: [County Public Health](#)
- The City's 311 phone line and [OAK311 website](#) continues to be a resource to request routine maintenance and report urgent infrastructure issues

[The City of Oakland's COVID-19 page is updated daily](#)

### **Question or Concerns? Contact The District 6 Team:**

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