



Greetings Neighbor,



Happy New Year to one and all. January 2023 brings a new Mayor, two new City Councilmembers, and an array of continuing challenges. I first want to give my heartfelt thanks to Libby Schaaf for her hard work over the past eight years as our mayor, as well as many years as a City Councilmember and city staffer. Being mayor of our city is probably one of the most difficult jobs in the state.

I also want to congratulate incoming Mayor Sheng Thao and new City Councilmembers Janani Ramachandran and Kevin Jenkins on their election. I look forward to working with them and the entire City Council on addressing our challenges and moving our shared priorities forward--including, but not limited to, the need for more affordable housing in our city.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome the residents of the Upper Grand Lake/Rose Garden neighborhood and a portion of the Adams Point neighborhood to District 1. I look forward to representing residents in these neighborhoods in the weeks and months ahead.

***And, if you are eligible, please sign up to donate blood at my annual MLK Day **Blood Drive** (see details below) on January 16th. You can help save a life It's easy and painless.

Warm wishes,

-Dan

Winter Storms

We are in the midst of significant winter storms. While we need the rain to address our ongoing drought realities, severe storms can have serious impacts on our neighborhoods and roadways.

Timely Information can be found

here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/winter-storms>

Sandbag availability info can be found

here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/emergency-sandbags-and-plastic-sheeting>

For storm-related emergency issues on public property or in the public right-of-way (such as flooding, mudslides, landslides, and manholes overflowing onto streets and sidewalks, downed tree limbs), contact OAK 311 immediately. Call 311 from any phone within Oakland or call 510-615-5566.

For *non-emergencies*, OAK 311 can also be contacted in other ways: Email: OAK311@oaklandca.gov

Online: <http://311.oaklandca.gov/> \ Mobile App: [SeeClickfix](#) or OAK 311

Never approach downed power wires! Call 911 and PG&E (800-743-5000) for downed power lines.

Public Safety in Oakland

Back in October, I held a **Community Town Hall on Public Safety** at Bushrod Park. Joining me were OPD Area 2 Captain Robert Rosin and Department of Violence Prevention Program Analyst Jennifer Argueta. We must redouble our efforts to reduce the number of guns on the street, address the root causes of violence in our community and bolster our intervention programs. This will require that Oakland work with NGO community partners as well as federal, state and county officials to further build up our violence reduction strategies and fund critical quality of life programs in our most marginalized communities. I will continue to make public safety a priority and fight for additional funding for prevention, intervention and enforcement.

While shootings and other violent crimes have gone down somewhat compared to the summer months, we still have work to do to bring crime down even further.

We were all stunned and saddened when on October 1st brothers Jazy and

Angel Soletto, students at Berkeley High, lost their lives during a party at an Airbnb in North Oakland. This senseless tragedy must remind us all of the importance of not only violence intervention and enforcement, but of prevention. I want to highlight the program strategies that our Department of Violence Prevention provides for young people in our community [here](#). These programs are run by wonderful, capable community organizations like Youth Employment Partnership, Youth ALIVE!, Community Works West Inc., and the Young Women's Freedom Center. Please consider donating to or volunteering with one of these fine organizations.

On December 31st, I joined with Faith In Action East Bay, community leaders and other elected officials at St. Columba Church to remember and mourn the victims of gun violence in Oakland over the past year.



The Oakland Police Department (OPD) welcomed 30 new officers as members of the 188th Basic Recruit Academy graduated at a ceremony held at the Scottish Rite Center back in October. The 188th Academy Class is a diverse group with five females and 25 males; members of the group speak multiple languages including Spanish, Arabic, Punjabi, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. More academies are planned in 2023 to fill the already-budgeted OPD vacancies.

MLK Day BLOOD DRIVE



Oakland Community MLK Day of Service BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Councilmember Dan Kalb

American Red Cross Blood Donation Center
6230 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

Monday, January 16, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for
more information visit redcrossblood.org
and enter zip code: **94618**
or scan the QR Code

If you have questions regarding your eligibility
to donate blood, please call **1-866-236-3276**.



Schedule a blood donation appointment today:
Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Help Save a Life!

MLK Day of Service BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 16, 1:00 - 6:00pm

If you are eligible, please join me in donating blood at my annual MLK Day of Service BLOOD DRIVE. Sign up in advance for a specific time slot by going to redcrossblood.org or contacting the number on the flyer. Contact Keara in my office at kodoherty@oaklandca.gov for more information.

COVID-19 Updates

The Centers for Disease Control Has Determined the Alameda County COVID Rate has Increased to Medium

The CDC has indicated that the COVID 19 Community Level of Alameda County has gone up to [Medium](#) with new COVID-19 admissions are 21 per 100,000 people and 149 inpatient beds in use by patients confirmed with COVID-19. Given the new Rating, a number of protections are now required. The State of California's mask guidance requires universal masking at homeless shelters, emergency shelters, cooling and heating centers, and Alameda County correctional and detention facilities. Indoor masking is also required in health care and long-term care facilities. <https://covid-19.acgov.org/covid19-assets/docs/press/press-release-2022.12.09.pdf>

New variants more resistant to immunity

The new COVID subvariants appear to be more resistant to vaccines and are better able to overcome immunity gained from vaccination or prior infection. Read more [here](#). This means that masking when indoors with a lot of people is still strongly recommended.

Bivalent Vaccine:

As of August 31st, the FDA authorized bivalent formulations of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for use as a single booster dose at least two months after completing primary or previous booster vaccination.

The [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#) is authorized for use as single booster dose in individuals 18 years of age and older.

The [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#) is authorized for use as a single booster dose in individuals 12 years of age and older.

Travel guidance

If you are traveling for the holidays this year, please take a look at the CDC recommendations regarding traveling including if you should travel if you test positive (no) and how to [protect yourself and you family](#).

City of Oakland Reinstates Indoor Masking in City Facilities

Vice-mayor Kaplan and I put forward a Resolution recently that was adopted by the Council to reinstate masking for city employees and visitors in city buildings--including City Hall and our public library branches. N95, KN95, and KF94 are considered the higher quality masks. The city will have one of these masks available for those who do not bring their own mask. This continuing requirement expires on March 31st.

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Please get tested if you have symptoms. You can read more [here](#). To get vaccinated or receive a booster, go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/> to find a location and book an appointment.

Additional information can be found at these links:

Preventative Measures: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR22-160.aspx>

Boosters: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Vaccine-Booster-QA.aspx>

Long COVID: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/OPA/Pages/Communications-Toolkits/long-covid.aspx>

Dan's Community Office Hours



Dan continues to hold monthly **Community Office Hours** to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood or citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents -- currently via phone due to Covid safety protocols -- and looks forward to eventually doing these in person again.

Please contact Keara O'Doherty (kodoherty@oaklandca.gov or

510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month -- next ones are Saturday, January 7th, and Saturday, February 4th.

Oakland Fund for Public Innovation Receives \$3M to Advance Violence Prevention

In partnership with the Oakland Public Fund for Innovation, the Gilead Foundation, through the [Gilead Foundation's Creating Possible Fund™](#), has awarded a 3-year grant to invest in health equity strategy, including a focus on prevention and intervention services to school-age youth, disrupting the pattern of violence.

This funding is focused on the family systems model, targeted specifically, at Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) schools, for school-site violence intervention and prevention teams. Students who are routinely exposed to violence, at home or in the community, often experience toxic stress that leads to cognitive impairment, hyperactivity, and attention deficits that make it challenging to succeed in the classroom. Exposure to violence also contributes to lower school attendance and a higher likelihood of suspension, which further promotes disengagement from school. Using a public health approach, the DVP will strengthen family, school, and community contexts for OUSD school students living in neighborhoods with high rates of violence, to reduce their exposure to violence and increase their chances of succeeding academically.

CA Office of Gun Violence Prevention

I am grateful to Attorney General Rob Bonta for announcing the creation of California's new [Office of Gun Violence Prevention](#), which will deliver additional state resources to help us address and prevent the gun violence epidemic that has caused so much injury and trauma in Oakland and across the state.

National Hispanic Heritage Month



National Hispanic Heritage month was celebrated from September 15 through October 15. Our District 1 honoree was **Cassave Restaurant & Taqueria**. Cassave Restaurant & Taqueria has been a part of the Oakland community for over 20 years. The story began when a Mexican restaurant owner

married a Salvadorian restaurant owner, and after tying the knot, decided to combine the best of the flavors of home. At their restaurant, owners **Antonio and Yanira**, share their heritage through their food. Thank you Cassave for your delicious food, for being a welcome part of the Oakland community and for your community service providing free meals during the pandemic. They are also available for catered events.

Alameda County Small Business Recovery Program

The Alameda County Small Business Recovery Grant Program launched in October. The program provides funding to small businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible brick-and-mortar businesses can apply a one-time grant of \$10,000 and eligible home-based businesses can apply for \$5,000. Grant funds will not require repayment.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors authorized the program when it appropriated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in response to and recovery from the public health emergency and negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is open to all eligible small businesses (1 to 25 employees) and is administered by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) and the Alameda County Community Development Agency's Economic & Civic Development Department.

Please visit acbusiness.org to learn about eligibility, read the FAQs, and

more.

Bulky Block Parties

Join the last Saturday of every month for a Bulky Block Party to dispose of your large unwanted items -- the right way, and for free! Residents only. Please bring proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

Curbside Bulky Pickup service is provided by Waste Management of Alameda County as a part of the City of Oakland's Zero Waste program. Information about curbside Bulky Pickup service is online at www.oaklandrecycles.com/bulky-pickup-services.

Dan in the Community





(clockwise from top-left: With Senator Alex Padilla and Congresswoman Barbara Lee and other electeds discussing violence prevention; speaking at the annual fundraising gathering for Rebuilding Together Oakland-East Bay; at a regional introductory firefighter workshop in Oakland for college age women; participating in Oakland's Community Climate Action Day with a couple hundred volunteers; at the Longfellow Community Association's holiday party at Arthur Macs; and with Mistah F.A.B. at his annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway for those in need.)

Contacts:

Dan's [COVID Resources](#) page.

Oakland SeeClickFix -

Call **311**- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

Alameda County Social Services and Referral -

Call **211** - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>



Dan Kalb's Council Office - 510-238-7001

OPD Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211)

OPD non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283

(recycling@oaklandca.gov)

Oakland Animal Services: <https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org>

Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/oakland-launches-in-person-one-stop-permit-center-2>

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[Dan's list of Good Books worth Reading](#)