



Budget Update and Invitation to Picnic

Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb – July 2013

Dear Neighbor,

I am thrilled to share with you the results of one of the top projects I have been working on as your City Councilmember: The passage of the Fiscal Years 2013-15 “All-In” budget, which I jointly authored with my colleagues, council members Lynette Gibson McElhaney and Rebecca Kaplan. This budget reflects my strong stand for public safety as the number one priority for District One residents and the entire city.

Recognizing that public safety is interconnected to the overall quality of life for all Oaklanders, this budget also invests in blight mitigation and clean up, street repair, and youth and job outreach programs, all while setting aside funds to pay for unanticipated emergencies and longer term liabilities. The passage of this budget signifies our collective ideal of having a safe, clean, and prosperous city. It is an important step towards building the Oakland that we all want to live in, work in and enjoy.

The “All-in” budget includes:

- 4 police academies over the next two years boosting our police force to above 700 officers. We certainly need to go further, but this is a good start in the right direction.
- 11 new civilian positions at OPD to work on investigating and solving crimes and help free up sworn officers to work in our neighborhoods, including criminalists, fingerprint examiner, and police evidence technician positions.
- 5 additional 911 dispatchers to improve OPD emergency response.
- Enhanced illegal dumping removal.
- Enhanced code enforcement.
- A litter clean-up crew.
- A new Street patching crew to take care of our deteriorating roads.
- Funding for affordable housing efforts.
- Funding for Head Start.
- Increased funding for parks maintenance.

I am proud of the inclusive work that I, along with my colleagues and staff, have done to incorporate elements of proposals from other Oakland officials and the public to reach a budget that addresses our top priorities without leaving less visible but still other priorities behind. I wish to express my profound gratitude to all of the District 1 constituents and also residents, business

owners, and employees of Oakland in general who submitted their thoughtful input about budget priorities. Without your rich participation, the end product would not have been possible.

Much more work remains to be done to achieve the truly safe and prosperous city that we all seek and deserve. Thank you for your continuing engagement and support. I look forward to working with you in the coming months and years to improve our City.

District One Annual Community Picnic

Sunday, July 28, Lake Temescal Regional Park



My staff and I would like to invite you to:

**First Annual District One Community Picnic
Sunday, July 28, Noon – 3:30 PM**

**Lake Temescal Regional Park Streamside Picnic Site
(south side, off of Broadway Terrace next to Highway 13.)**

This is a great event to meet and chat with your neighbors. We will provide the main dish BBQ and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Parking is available in the lot for a small fee, or on Broadway Terrace. You can find additional parking on the north side of the park and walk a quarter mile around the lake to our picnic site.

We are grateful to Oakland Firefighters (IAFF Local 55) for assisting with this community event.

We are looking forward to seeing and talking to you soon!

Other Events

PedalFest

Saturday, July 20, 2013, 11:00AM – 7:00PM
Jack London Square

This fantastic outdoor festival brings out the best in cycling - with contests, classes, games, and shows throughout the day. Here is a sampling of some of the awesome things you can expect from Pedalfest 2013:

Get more details and see last year's photo gallery at pedalfestjacklondon.com

National Night Out in Oakland

Tuesday, August 6th, 6:30PM - 9:00PM

National Night Out is the nation's night out against crime. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, residents are encouraged to join with their neighbors to have a neighborhood block party, ice cream social or other outdoor event to build neighborhood spirit and unity - which is the first defense against crime. Research shows that when neighbors know each other and look out for each other crime goes down.

For more information please visit: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/nno>

Redistricting session District One

Sunday, September 8, 2013, 3PM - 5PM
Claremont Middle School, 5750 College Avenue

Beginning on Wednesday, July 10, the City of Oakland will host a series of Redistricting Town Hall Meetings to gather input from the community on boundary adjustments to Council Districts to equalize each district's population according to U.S. Census data. The Oakland City Charter mandates the review of City Council District boundaries every 10 years.

For more details please visit: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PBN/OurOrganization/PlanningZoning/CityCouncilRedistricting/index.htm>

Please contact our office with any questions or concerns at [510-238-7001](tel:510-238-7001) or visit our website at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityCouncil/o/District1/index.htm>

Wishing you and yours a beautiful summer,

Dan Kalb