



## DISTRICT ONE NEWSLETTER – JULY, 2014

### Public Ethics Reform in Oakland

For the first time since the creation of the Oakland **Public Ethics Commission** (PEC), we have a chance to create a stronger watchdog over Oakland government. With the assistance of an expert working group over the past several months, I have introduced a PEC Charter Amendment ballot measure for consideration by the Council. The Charter Amendment would improve the PEC by:

- ✓ Increasing its independence;
- ✓ Providing it with stronger enforcement authority;
- ✓ Giving it greater responsibilities and oversight over local ethics and campaign finance laws; and
- ✓ Increasing its staff resources so it can be an effective watchdog.

The overarching goal of an independent and empowered PEC is restoring and safeguarding the public's trust and confidence in city government. Since its inception in 1996, the PEC has never been sufficiently funded to perform its duties ordained by the Council and desired by the public. There is an inherent structural conflict of interest in having the budget of a government ethics agency or watchdog set by the officials it regulates. Read [my Tribune-Montclairion OpEd here](#).

At our July 15 meeting, the Oakland City Council will vote on whether or not to place the Charter reform measure on the November 2014 ballot. If you want the opportunity to vote in November to strengthen the Public Ethics Commission, please [send an e-mail to the entire City Council](#) and spread the word among your friends and colleagues throughout Oakland asking them to send an e-mail as well.

### City Council Adopts Mid-cycle Budget Revisions—Including Dan's Proposed Library Funding

Because the City has a bi-annual budget process, we have an opportunity every other year to make necessary and helpful revisions to the current two-year budget. This opportunity is called the mid-cycle budget. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the City Council adopted the 2014-15 mid-cycle budget.

With the improvement of our local economy, the City realized more than \$25 million in additional revenue over the amount that was projected last year. Though this is a relatively small amount of funding compared to the City budget as a whole, it is a positive sign that the City is improving. I was pleased to support the Mayor's proposed mid-cycle budget, with some modifications as outlined below. The budget proposal incorporated allocations for police and public safety—including funding additional police academies and our Ceasefire crime reduction outreach program—as well as the city's animal shelter, an improved City website, additional IT staff, and more.

I am thrilled to report that the Mayor incorporated, and a majority of my colleagues supported, my proposal to shore up our Oakland Public Library system by setting aside \$500,000 in the Library reserve. This was critical due to anticipated future deficiencies in Measure Q library funding starting in July of 2015.

Furthermore, I proposed that the City address an anticipated \$35,000 shortfall in the Hunger Relief Program. The Council voted to use surplus Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the shortfall and make up any modest difference if the surplus is inadequate.

Finally, I and three of my colleagues—Councilmembers Gallo, Kaplan, and Schaaf—proposed additional investments for the mid-cycle budget, including: (1) funds for road improvements, (2) infrastructure mitigation funding related to the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvement project, (3) removal of litter, illegally dumped trash, and graffiti, and (4) the placement of over \$2 million into a new Vital Services Stabilization Fund. The latter proposal is a step in the direction of the City adopting a true Rainy Day Fund, as has been done in other cities. Councilmembers McElhane and Kernighan joined the four of us to adopt these allocations with the Mayor’s proposed budget.

## Welcome Our New Community Services Coordinator



Jamila Edwards Brooks joins Councilmember Kalb’s staff with over ten years of experience in state and local policy and advocacy. Most recently, Jamila was the Northern California Director for the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF), a national nonprofit child advocacy organization. Jamila managed CDF’s Oakland office where she coordinated the overall policy and advocacy agenda for California. Jamila holds a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego. A Bay Area native, Jamila lives in Oakland with her husband and son and is an avid fan of all Oakland sports teams. Jamila is excited about the opportunity to work directly with the vibrant communities of North Oakland.

## Seeking Summer Interns

We have openings for two Summer Interns at my office in City Hall. We ask for a commitment of between 20-30 hours per week. This is a volunteer position with a very modest stipend upon completion. It’s a great opportunity to learn how things work at City Hall, help resolve neighborhood problems, and gain experience researching key policy issues facing Oakland. Contact Jamila Brooks in my office at [jbrooks@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jbrooks@oaklandnet.com) for more information or apply by sending Jamila a resume attached to an introductory e-mail.

## Upcoming Community Events in Oakland District One

### **July 12<sup>th</sup> - Love Our Neighborhood Day in North Oakland**

**When:** Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 3:00pm

**Where:** San Pablo Avenue & Doyle Street from 55th through 65th Streets

\*\*\*THIS SATURDAY is the first ever Love Our Neighborhood Day in North Oakland. We will be closing off part of San Pablo Avenue and opening up the street to pedestrians and cyclists. This will be a fantastic day of fun, entertainment, food trucks, arts, local merchants and organizations, and a welcoming opportunity to enjoy the neighborhood—all on car-free streets. That's right, San Pablo Avenue in North Oakland will be closed to cars! So get your walking shoes on or gear up your bicycle and join in the fun.



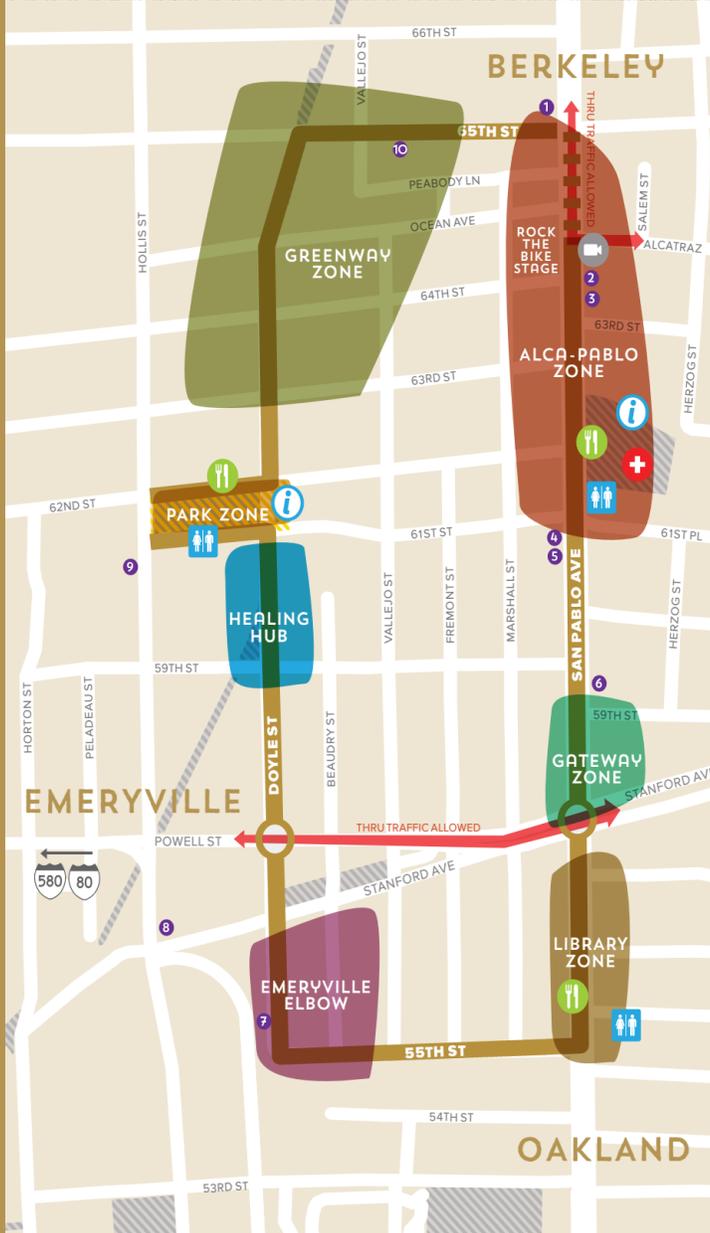
Special thanks to Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) and the working group of residents and merchants in the Golden Gate neighborhood for making this a reality.

More info can be found here: <http://oaklavia.org/>.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

SATURDAY JULY 12 11 AM TO 3 PM

# LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD DAY



- Event Route
- Cross Street Open to Thru Traffic
- Food pod
- Toilets
- Information
- Medical Assistance
- Press / Media Pod
- Kids Fun Zone
- Park

## ALCA-PABLO ROCK THE BIKE STAGE

- 11AM BICICLETAS POR LA PAZ
- 11:30AM OJALA!
- 12PM SHAKE YOUR PEACE
- 1PM CEREMONY – OAKLAND MAYOR JERN QUAN, EMERYVILLE MAYOR JAC ASHER, OAKLAND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB
- 1:15PM JUSTIN ANCHETA
- 2PM HEATHER NORMANDALE

## ALCA-PABLO

- BIG TADDO PUPPETRY
- CONSCIOUS CARNIVAL GAMES
- SWOOPS DANCE PARTY
- GOLDEN GATE HISTORY TABLE – SPAGGIA
- ROLLERSKATING WITH BAY AREA DERBY GIRLS
- SPOKELAND BICYCLE TUNE – UPS
- ST. COLUMBA CHURCH CHOIR

## GREENWAY ZONE

- COMPOUND ART GALLERY
- LETTER PRESS DEMO AND OPEN STUDIO
- FLOWTOVS LIGHT ARTS
- SOCCER – FUTBOL!

## PARK ZONE

- INNAJAM – JAM AND SHRUB TASTING
- MCLAUGHLIN COFFEE COMPANY – COFFEE TASTING AND GAMES
- SIERRA CLUB GAMES
- SPIN ART WITH ROCK THE BIKE
- VOTER REGISTRATION

## HEALING HUB

- ACADEMY OF CHINESE CULTURE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ACTIVITY
- ADELINE YOGA AND ASANA GAMES
- NATIONAL HOLISTIC INSTITUTE MASSAGE
- SQUARE ONE YOGA CLASSES
- VEDIKA GLOBAL AYURVEDA

## EMERYVILLE ELBOW

- CHALK DRAWINGS AND HOPSCOTCH WITH CITY CARSHARE
- PLAYWORKS FOUR SQUARE TOURNAMENT

## LIBRARY ZONE

- 10AM URBAN PATHS AND KALA ART INSTITUTE HISTORY WALK
- 11AM TO 1PM POETRY WITH EMERYVILLE POET LAUREATE, SARAH KOBRINSKY
- 1PM TO 3PM FILHOS DE BIMBA CAPOEIRA
- KAJUKENBO HAND TO HAND MARTIAL ARTS
- LIBRARY BICYCLE
- OAKLAND LIBRARY
- SIDDHA YOGA

## GATEWAY ZONE

- FIREHOUSE ART COLLECTIVE OPEN HOUSE
- SALSA
- STUDIO NAGA MARTIAL ARTS
- TEAM TFUNGA FITNESS
- EMERYVILLE TAIKO
- DESTINY ARTS CENTER DANCE

## RESTAURANTS

- TRIBU CAFE
- ACTUAL CAFE / VICTORY BURGER
- JAMES AND THE GIANT CUPCAKE
- PEPPLES DONUT FARM
- AMERICAN NATURAL FOOD & CAFE – SAEED'S
- RED DOOR PIZZA
- DOYLE STREET CAFE
- THE BUREAU 510 (COUNTING BOX OF TODAY'S SALES TO THE EVENT)
- BUCCI'S
- FARLEV'S



**JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA:**  
 TAG @LOVEOURHOOD AND @WALKOAKBIKEOAK  
 #LOVEOURHOOD, #OPENSTREETS, #GOLDENGATE, #EMERYVILLE, #OAKLAND, #WOBO  
**OTHER SUGGESTIONS:** #BICYCLING, #CVCLING, #EASTBAY, #EASTBAYVALLEY, #CARFREE, #STREETPARTY, #SUMMER, #FAMILY, #VIEWFROMMYRIDE, #FROMWHEREISTAND, OR ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES: #CAPOEIRA, #YOGA, #TAIKO,

## July 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual District One Community Picnic

**When:** Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> Noon – 3:30pm

**Where:** BUSHROD PARK, 560 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland

# Annual District One Community Picnic



**Sunday, July 20**

**Noon – 3:30 PM**

**Bushrod Park\***

**560 59th Street**

*\*In front of the Bushrod  
Recreation Center on 59th Street*

*Please join Councilmember Dan Kalb and his staff for an afternoon in the park!*

*This event presents a great opportunity to meet and chat with your neighbors.*

*We will provide the main BBQ dish and drinks.  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

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

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

## August 5<sup>th</sup> – National Night Out

**When:** August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

**Where:** Throughout North Oakland

It's Time to Organize Your Block Party!

[Click Here to register for National Night Out 2014](#)

## August 12<sup>th</sup> – Restorative Justice for District 1 (North Oakland)

**When:** Tuesday August, 12th 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Where:** Location TBA

RSVP with [Northoaklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com](mailto:Northoaklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com)

Free! Meal will be provided.

For more information please visit:

[Restorative Justice: Intro Training for North Oakland Neighbors.](#)

Restorative Justice is “a philosophical framework and worldview, and it is also an approach to justice that emphasizes bringing together all affected by harm to address their needs and obligations and to heal the harm as much as possible”

- Restorative Justice for *Oakland* Youth (RJOY)

An introductory training for District 1 Problem-Solving Officers, NCPC leaders/activists, and neighborhood groups on how to use Restorative Justice with North Oakland youth to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. OPD Captain Toribio is planning on attending this workshop.

*Fact:* In Alameda County Recidivism Rates for Youth “Offenders” is 11% when using Restorative Justice Practices and 75% when using Punitive Practices through the correctional system

Presented by RJOY, Community Works West, and the North Oakland Restorative Justice Council.

## September 6, 2014 - Dan's District One Community Office Hours

Councilmember Kalb has Community Office hours usually the first Saturday morning of each month. Any District One resident can sign up for a 20-minute slot by emailing Jamila Brooks at [jbrooks@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jbrooks@oaklandnet.com). The last 25 minutes, from 12:20-12:45, are for drop-ins for 5-10 minutes per person on a first-come, first-served basis. Feel free to include the topic of your inquiry or issue when you reserve a spot.

Dan's September Office Hours will be **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 12:45pm** at **Broadway Terrace Café**, 5891 Broadway Terrace, 94618

## September 20, 2014 – CORE Training for North Oakland residents

**When:** Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 3:00pm

**Where:** North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA 94609

CORE is a free training program provided by the Oakland Fire Department for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. The underlying premise is that a major disaster will overwhelm first responders leaving many citizens on their own for the first seven to 10 days after the emergency.

CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood until professional emergency personnel arrive.

Hosted by Council District One, Longfellow Community Association and Santa Fe Community Association & Neighbors.

For more information or to register please contact Cathy Leonard at [pubsafety.santafecan@gmail.com](mailto:pubsafety.santafecan@gmail.com).

I'm looking forward to seeing you this summer and early fall!

**-Dan**

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