



Greetings Neighbor,
As the weather warms and we approach the 4th of July, fire safety is more important than ever. Remember that fireworks are illegal in the City of Oakland. Please report fireworks usage to the **OPD fireworks hotline 777-8814**.

Alameda County rescinded the mask mandate for most indoor locations as of June 25. That being said, daily reported cases have exceeded the peak of the Delta wave and hospitalizations are up. Reported cases are also a vast undercount as many are testing at home and not reporting positive results to the County. If you are eligible, I urge you to schedule your booster at the White House's new centralized website [COVID.gov](https://www.covid.gov) or at California's [MyTurn](https://www.myturn.ca.gov).

In this newsletter, you will find updates on COVID-19, community events, and more.

In service,
-Dan

COVID-19 Updates

The [Alameda County face mask order has been updated](#), and the County has implemented some changes--specifically our County public health officer has reinstated a mask mandate for most indoor places. I strongly support this decision and urge everyone to respect it. Please read the Alameda County COVID-19 page for additional information on the reinstated masking requirements county-wide: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/index>.

Proof of Vaccination Policy in Oakland

Visitors to senior adult care facilities and City-run senior centers must

continue to show proof of vaccination.

MASKING: Oakland already requires that patrons at indoor events in Oakland with more than 2,500 people are required to wear masks. We strongly recommend N95, KN95, and KF94 masks to ensure adequate protection. If Alameda County has stricter requirements, they apply in Oakland as well.

COVID-19 in Alameda County:

Getting vaccinated and boosted, wearing high quality masks (N95/KN95/KF94 recommended), getting tested if you are exposed or ill, and staying home if you feel sick are all important. And be sure to talk to your medical care provider if you are immunocompromised. Read more [here](#).

Here is up-to-date Information from the state on [vaccines](#) and [masking](#).

FDA makes vaccines available for children 6 months and older

The Federal Food and Drug Administration allowed for children as young as 6 months to have access to both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. The FDA also provided an analysis of effectiveness and safety for both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. Please read more [here](#). You can go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/> to find a location and book an appointment.

Democracy Dollars Legislation

On Tuesday July 5, 2022, the City Council will consider legislation that will redesign campaign financing in Oakland. Through the creation of an innovative Democracy Dollars program, this redesign will create election participation opportunities for all Adult Oaklanders. The Democracy Dollars program will provide \$100—four \$25 vouchers—for every Oakland voter to donate to the local candidate(s) of their choice.

The legislation is based on the Democracy Dollars program in Seattle, WA. In November of 2015, voters in Seattle passed campaign finance reform that included democracy vouchers to Seattle residents. Studies have shown increased geographic and economic diversity of political donors. Our legislation will eliminate and replace the current Limited Public Financing Act by creating the new Oakland Fair Elections Act. The **Oakland Fair Elections Act** outlines participation criteria and benchmarks that candidates must achieve to qualify for the public

financing program.

The legislation will adjust contribution limits and spending limits for campaigns by position, extend the post-employment lobbying ban by one year and add funding to the Public Ethics Commission for necessary staffing to implement the program. Councilmember Kalb worked with President Fortunato Bas and Councilmember Fife to author and introduce this legislation. Go to Oakland.legistar.com to view the legislation [here](#), [the report here](#), and the Policy Breakdown Chart [here](#).

Non-Citizen Voting Ballot Measure

On Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, Oakland City Councilmembers voted to send Councilmembers Dan Kalb and Treva Reid's measure that, if passed by voters, would allow non-citizen parents, legal guardians, and legally recognized caregivers of children who are eligible to attend Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) schools the ability to vote in OUSD School Board Director elections.

The City Council vote came a day after Councilmembers' Kalb and Reid's press conference on Monday, June 20th, 2022 in front of Oakland International High School. The Councilmembers were joined by a number of community advocates from community-based organizations, including the Unity Council and Homies Empowerment, school board officials, and parents, who all uplifted the legislation and shared powerful words of support.



This measure will now be added to the November 8th ballot. And if passed, would give the many residential non-citizen parents, legal guardians, and legally recognized caregivers of children eligible to attend OUSD schools a voice regarding the many school board decisions that currently cause a disconnect between the needs of their children and the quality of education those children receive.

Oakland has been ranked numerous times as one of the most diverse cities in the United States. According to the 2020 Census, Oakland was home to over 230,000 individuals of voting age, with at least 13,000 of those individuals being non-citizens. These non-citizens come from an array of countries and from various ethnic backgrounds, including Latino, African, and Asian descent. These parents pay taxes, send their children to public schools, start businesses, provide housing, serve as essential workers, and contribute to Oakland's development in a countless number of other positive ways. It is time that we listen to the voices of these parents.

There is much conversation around the country about bringing back voting rights for non-citizens—a decision that cities like New York and San Francisco have already made. The Non-Citizen Voting Measure would make Oakland a leader in expanding voting rights in a way that is long overdue.

Just Cause Eviction Ballot Measure

Councilmembers Kalb and Reid have introduced a ballot measure proposing amendments to the City's Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance to be heard at the July 5th City Council meeting scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. The Amendments would 1) remove the exemption for new construction; 2) expand coverage of the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance to include vehicular residential facilities; and 3) remove failure to execute a written extension or renewal of a rental agreement as a just cause for eviction. The current draft of the legislation can be found [here](#). These amendments are in line with the spirit of the Just Cause Eviction Ordinance (Measure EE) passed by Oakland voters on November 5, 2002, which established various tenant protections and procedures pertaining to residential evictions in Oakland.

Councilmember Kalb met with representatives from the East Bay Rental Housing Association (EBRHA); Centro Legal de la Raza; the Oakland Chamber of Commerce (OCC); East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC); the Casita Coalition; Causa Justa: Just Cause; the Bridge Association of Realtors; and the East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) during the process of drafting this legislation and received feedback from the Oakland Tenants Union and the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE). Each of those organizations provided valuable feedback, which Councilmembers Kalb and Fife considered as they tried to balance the need for protections given Oakland's ongoing severe housing and affordability crisis and the desires of some landlords.

Charter Reform Ballot Measure

On Tuesday, July 5, 2022, Oakland City Councilmembers will vote on whether or not to approve my good governance charter reform measure for the November 8th, 2022 ballot.

Many of the recommendations are drawn from SPUR's November 2021 Report, "Making Government Work" for which Councilmember Kalb provided input. I also solicited input from several major Oakland community leaders and community organizations.

The City of Oakland continues to grow and diversify, we must ensure that our City Charter, which is essentially the City's Constitution, provides a framework for governance that is just, democratic, transparent, and equitable.

If passed, this ballot measure would:

(1) Institute term limits of three consecutive four-year terms

- Around 80% of American cities have term limits for mayors and city council members (National League of Cities)
- Term limits help foster new leadership
- SPUR "Making Government Work" recommendation

(2) Require a minimum of two council hearings before council-proposed ballot measures are approved for placement on the ballot

- Allows community members more time and more opportunities to weigh in on proposed ballot measures before they are approved

(3) Count councilmember abstentions and absences as a no vote on council motions, resolutions, and ordinances for purposes of determining whether the mayor has authority to cast a tie-breaking vote

- Under current charter rules, resolutions (policy) and ordinances (law) that come before City Council may only be passed by a vote of five 'ayes.' Therefore, a vote of three 'ayes,' three 'nay's, one abstention, and one absence, thwarts the mayor's ability to cast a tie-breaking vote. This provision corrects that loop-hole.
- Clarifies decision-making of the City Council and the mayor

(4) Change the formula for the Public Ethics Commission (PEC) to set Councilmember salaries and authorize the PEC to set salaries of the City Auditor and City Attorney

- The PEC is well-situated to make these decisions as an independent commission made up of Oakland residents. The PEC is charged with ensuring fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity in Oakland City government.
- The PEC conducts investigations, holds public hearings, issues subpoenas, and imposes fines and penalties. This includes penalties for violations of ethics laws and campaign finance laws.
- The PEC currently sets councilmember salaries but not City Auditor or City Attorney salaries.
- Currently, City Auditor and City Attorney salaries must fall between 70% and 90% of the average salaries for the three CA cities immediately higher in population and immediately lower. This ensures these positions are paid less than similarly-sized California cities.
- This measure would allow the PEC to set the salaries of the City Auditor and City Attorney competitively, allowing greater fairness in pay and the opportunity for more interested candidates

(5) Grant Council super-majority authority to terminate the City Administrator for cause

- Currently the City Administrator is accountable to both the mayor and the city council, but only the mayor can fire them
- This reform would allow a super-majority of the City Council to terminate the City Administrator for cause

(6) Add and clarify duties of the City Auditor and provide minimum staffing

- Under the measure, the City Auditor would be able to compel, by administrative subpoena, the production of documents and attendance of City employees as interested parties or witnesses.
- Under this measure, the City Auditor would be required to live in Oakland during the entirety of their term, fostering a greater sense of connection with the City of Oakland
- While currently the City Auditor’s office is budgeted for 10 staff (full-time equivalents), this measure would set the minimum staffing level at fourteen.

Oakland DOT Solicits Feedback on Permanent Parklets

The City is seeking public review and comments on the DRAFT Parklet Guidelines until July 31, 2022. These guidelines will go into effect for all existing and future parklets next July 2023. We invite stakeholders to review the guidelines and share feedback here:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/draft-flex-streets-parklet-guidelines-for-public-review>.

Staff is also offering open office hours throughout the month of July as listed on the above webpage. These are times when stakeholders can drop-in to speak with staff (online or via telephone conference call) about questions or comments regarding the draft guidelines.

Fire Safety

Fire safety isn't just for summer. Our fire season is now **year-round**. To keep you, your family, and your community safe, make sure you:

- Create [defensible space](#)
- Sign up for [AC Alerts](#)
- Countywide emergency alerts (like Amber Alerts)
- #KnowYourZone at [Zonehaven.com](https://zonehaven.com)
- In the event of an emergency, evacuations occur by zone
- Make a plan at oaklandcpandr.org

4th of July Safety

With large crowds anticipated at **Lake Merritt** on **July 3rd and 4th** for the Fourth of July holiday weekend -- the City of Oakland will implement temporary safety measures where many gather to enjoy festivities. The locations will also include **Grizzly Peak**.

Unsafe conditions can result when cars are double- and triple-parked from MacArthur Boulevard to E. 18th Avenue, creating significant traffic jams and, of greatest concern, impeding access for emergency vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances.

Fireworks

Remember, due to the fire danger they cause, fireworks are illegal in the City of Oakland. Those caught with fireworks, even the “Safe & Sane” brand, will be fined up to \$1,000. **If you are in possession of large quantities of fireworks, you could face penalties of \$5,000 to \$10,000 as well as imprisonment.** In an effort to get fireworks out of residential neighborhoods and prevent wildfires, the Oakland Department has set up firework collection barrels at the following fire stations. Collection sites are for residents that want to surrender unused fireworks, and OPD to drop off confiscated fireworks. • Station 1: 1603 Martin Luther King Jr. • Station 3: 1445 14th Street • Station 4: 1235 International Boulevard • Station 5: 34th Street • Station 18: 5008 Bancroft Avenue • Station 20: 1401 98th Avenue. If you know someone or see someone who is in possession, selling, and/or lighting fireworks, please call the Fireworks Tip Line at 510-238-2373.

Road Closures

On Sunday, July 3, from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., and Monday, July 4, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., the following road restrictions will be in effect:

Lakeshore Avenue

- Closed between MacArthur Boulevard and East 18th Street.
- Lakeshore Ave. exit from 580 West will be closed. The Grand Ave. exit will remain open.
- No parking will be permitted.
- The following streets will be closed at Lakeshore Ave: Beacon St., Boden Way, Brooklyn Ave., Wayne Ave., and Hanover Ave.

El Embarcadero—Closed

Grand Avenue

- Closed between Macarthur Blvd. and Bellevue Ave. (east)
- No parking will be permitted.
- Bellevue Ave. and its cross streets will be closed at Perkins Avenue to non-residents. Bellevue will be open from Grand to Perkins to allow access to that parking and to Fairyland visitors. These closures and restrictions will improve traffic safety and allow for greater access for park visitors, bicyclists, and pedestrians around this narrow section of Lake Merritt. They will also allow for emergency vehicle access when needed.

Grizzly Peak: Road Closures in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone

The Oakland Fire and Police departments continue to work in partnership with neighboring jurisdictions on actions to mitigate fire risk in the Very High Fire Severity Zone and throughout the city during the Fourth of July holiday.

In response to significant regional concerns about fire safety and emergency vehicle access, Grizzly Peak Blvd. between Skyline Blvd. and Centennial Dr. will be closed to all thru automobile traffic along the following roads from 6 PM on July 3rd through 5 a.m. July 5th. Additionally, the following intersections will have electronic signage and personnel on hand to prevent thru traffic from entering:

- Grizzly Peak / Centennial Dr
- Grizzly Peak/ S Park Dr
- Grizzly Peak/ Lomas Cantada
- Grizzly Peak/ Claremont
- Grizzly Peak/ Skyline

The City of Oakland is coordinating with the City of Berkeley, East Bay Regional Parks, UC Berkeley, Moraga/Orinda Fire, Alameda County, Cal Fire, and Caltrans regarding the closure.

This corridor was closed over 4th of July for the last three years with

great success. There were no confirmed fires, and significantly reduced crowds and illegal parking at the lookout points, thus allowing first responders to efficiently travel along the ridgeline to respond to 911 calls.

Also, the City of Berkeley will be closing Panoramic Drive On July 4th at Prospect St. to non-residents from 5pm to 11pm.

Full-size maps are available online at

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/city-of-oakland-prepares-to-support-large-crowds-visiting-lake-merritt-for-juneteenth-fourth-of-july-weekends>

Oakland Public Library Summer Reading Program

Oakland residents can now [sign up](#) for the Oakland Public Library Summer Reading Program! There are three free programs this summer: [Kids Summer Reading](#), kids (0-14), [Teen Summer Program](#), teens (12-17), [Adult Summer Program](#) adults (18+) which all offer the chance to win prizes for reading.

Dan's Community Office Hours



Dan continues to hold monthly Community Office Hours to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood and 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 once again.

Please contact Deidra Moss (dmoss@oaklandca.gov or 510.238.3557) if you'd like to sign up to speak with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month, although in July it will be the 2nd Saturday (July 9th).

Town Nights Are Back!

Town Nights are a partnership between the [Adopt-A-Spot Program](#) and the Oakland [Department of Violence Prevention](#), and are a community-based approach to public safety. Along with food, entertainment, and games, community organizations will host weekly clean-ups at the nine sites. Come eat, play, enjoy the good weather, and help make our communities safer!

It's Time to Register Your Block Party

National Night Out—Tuesday, August 2—is America’s block party night and a great chance to for neighbors to reconnect. Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Ed Reiskin, and Police Chief LeRonne Armstrong encourage all Oakland residents to participate in National Night Out (NNO) this year.

Organize a block party, barbeque, ice cream social, or other outdoor event that brings neighbors together. Party hosts can register early to receive give-away items for the kids and a special gift for the host.

Register here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/national-night-out-2022>.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 22, 2022.

Community Events

Rockridge Rock N’ Stroll

Saturday, July 9

Free outdoor live music, big sales, popup vendors, kids’ crafts, art shows, and fun activities for the whole family. College Avenue (from Broadway to Alcatraz) welcomes you to stop by, say hello, and enjoy the local wares, fine dining, savory sweets, and delicious drinks you can only find in Oakland’s Rockridge District. Take BART to the Rockridge Station and you’re there!

10Y NCPC Meetings (Longfellow/Santa Fe)

4th Wednesday of every month

Sign up [for the mailing list](#) and we need people to get involved in leadership roles

10X NCPC Meetings (Golden Gate)

3rd Wednesday of every month, except December.

Email karenyoust@sbcglobal.net to get more information.

Dan in the Community



Dan at the 2022 **March For Our Lives** rally in downtown Oakland, here with East Bay **Moms Demand Action**.

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 (contact DMoss@oaklandca.gov to sign up for Dan's monthly Community Office Hours)

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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