



Greetings Neighbor,

I am pleased to send you a brief newsletter with information on selected issues and District One community events including a workshop on receiving your input on Oakland's new Equitable Climate Action Plan; a town hall with OUSD about the future of our schools; an update on Oakland's response to homelessness; the new Oakland Bike Plan, and more.

-Dan K.

## 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan Community Workshop - Saturday, June 15

**When:** Saturday, June 15, 10:30-1:30  
(Light Breakfast served at 10:00 a.m.)

**Where:** Golden Gate Recreation Center,  
1075 62nd St., in North Oakland

Please join me and city staff to help define the solutions we need to benefit existing Oakland residents with improved health, green jobs and significant action to reduce heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of Oakland is developing its 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) to identify how Oaklanders and the City can work together to take critical actions to combat climate change and adapt to a changing climate. In October 2018, City Council adopted a Climate Emergency and Just Transition Resolution, calling for an urgent climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming, reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, and accelerate adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts. This includes actions that create good green jobs, reduce pollution, and help Oaklanders thrive. The ECAP is the tool that will make this happen.

### 2030 EQUITABLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Climate change affects all of us. Get involved to define the solutions we need for a Plan that benefits existing Oakland residents with improved health, green jobs and better neighborhoods.

#### District 1



**Date:** Saturday, June 15, 2019

**Time:** Light Breakfast at 10 am, Program 10:30 - 1:30 pm

**Location:** Golden Gate Recreation Center  
1075 62nd St in North Oakland



**RSVP:** [oaklanddistrict1workshop.eventbrite.com](https://oaklanddistrict1workshop.eventbrite.com)

Interpretation and childcare available by request: <https://bit.ly/2M0crgu>  
Food provided. Wheelchair accessible.



Come take part in shaping this important plan, to ensure that it reflects the needs and dreams of the communities in District 1 and includes significant policies ideas to make Oakland a model for climate action!

Childcare provided by advance request -- See link on [Eventbrite page](#). Simultaneous interpretation services provided upon advance request. Please email [dmakous@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmakous@oaklandca.gov). Wheelchair accessible event. Visit <http://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/2030ecap> for more information and to RSVP. Download event flyer [here](#).

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## Town Hall with OUSD: Developing Quality Schools - Saturday, June 8

Please join me and OUSD District 1 Director **Jody London** for a Town Hall meeting to examine: how do we develop higher quality schools with excellent support for historically underserved groups of students, and programs that are attractive to families? OUSD Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell also will be present for most of the meeting.

We want to know what's important to you as our Oakland Unified School District makes decisions that affect the schools in District 1 and across the city. The School Board in March adopted a Citywide Plan that examines the current environment in which Oakland Unified is operating and lays out a vision to ensure equitable access to quality school across the City. OUSD will be using a process called Convergent Facilitation to review, update, and possible add to [criteria](#) that are being developed by various stakeholders and community members, and then use them to evaluate the plan and any proposals that emerge from the Town Hall meeting, with the intention to reach a path forward that works as well as possible for stakeholders. Please [RSVP at this link](#).

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## Update on Oakland's Homeless Response

All Oaklanders deserve safe, affordable housing. If you have been feeling that Oakland's homelessness problems have been getting worse, you are absolutely correct. According to the 2019 [EveryOne Counts!](#) (the Alameda County Homeless Point-In Time Count), our homeless population has increased 43% since 2017. It is estimated that 8,022 people in Alameda County are experiencing homelessness - 1,710 sheltered and 6,312 unsheltered. Oakland staff estimates that nearly 50% of all homeless residents in Alameda County live in Oakland.



While we have many programs in place, we know that much more needs to be done to address this crisis. To answer this call, I requested a staff report on the City's efforts to address the challenges and needs of the homeless individuals residing in Oakland with options and recommendations for additional administrative, legislative and budgetary actions. This report was presented at the May 28 Life Enrichment Committee, and can be downloaded [here](#). One of the main recommendations in this report, which I support, is to focus increased attention on preventing homelessness by identifying and providing support to those most at risk of becoming homeless. While the city helped to create the [Keep Oakland Housed](#) initiative, there is more we must consider doing.

Other highlights of the report include:

1. Increasing emergency beds - from 1142 in 2018 to 2403 by end 2021 through strategies such as community cabins, sprung tent shelters, safe parking, respite beds, and other models;
2. Focus on homeless families through investments in expanded shelter, housing navigation, and rapid rehousing, aligning existing childcare and workforce funding;
3. Focus on equity - African Americans are 68% of the homeless population (vs. 28% of Oakland general population);
4. Purchase third housing facility./rapid re-housing facility, like The Holland and Henry Robinson center;
5. Create multi-agency Housing Pipeline Committee including representatives of the City, Alameda County and the Oakland Housing Authority to coordinate and align investments of all resources to finance the capital, operating, and supportive service costs of permanent supportive housing and deeply affordable housing to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness;
6. Explore a Countywide ballot measure for support services and to create deeply affordable housing for 20% and below Area Median Income.

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## The Oakland Bike Plan is here!

The long-awaited [Bike Plan Update](#) is ready! Thousands of Oaklanders provided thoughtful participation during the year and a half planning process. Now that the plan is finalized, city staff is beginning the public hearing process to get the Plan adopted by City Council. Come out and share your thoughts. For more information please visit the [website](#).



- Planning Commission | June 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | City Hall Council Chambers
- Public Works Committee | June 25<sup>th</sup> | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | City Hall Hearing Room 1
- City Council | July 9<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 PM | City Hall Council Chambers (*tentative, pending Public Works Committee outcome*)

Let's Bike Oakland is organized around four goals:

1. **Access:** Support increased access to neighborhood destinations such as grocery stores, libraries, schools, recreation centers, bus stops and BART.
2. **Health and Safety:** Empower Oaklanders to live a more active lifestyle by providing a network of safe and comfortable bikeways for everyone to enjoy
3. **Affordability:** Work to reduce the burden of housing and transportation costs on households.
4. **Collaboration:** Foster an increased role for the community in the planning process and impressed trust that the City will fulfill its promises.

This Development of this Plan's took a new approach, including:

- A **representative** survey to learn about Oaklanders' experience biking
- An **Equity Framework** to guide plan analysis, plan recommendations and engagement

- **New outreach strategies** including the use of a digital engagement tools and in-person mobile workshops to meet people where they're at, across the city
- **New engagement strategies** including partnering with community-based organizations to reach underrepresented Oaklanders, host community workshops, and help guide the plan recommendations. Check out what they each do for Oakland: [East Oakland Collective](#), [Outdoor Afro](#), [Bikes4Life](#), [Cycles of Change](#), [The Scraper Bike Team](#)



## Renter protections adopted for all tenants in duplexes & triplexes; plus introduction of tax relief for small landlords

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Oakland City Council unanimously passed legislation that I introduced with Councilmember Noel Gallo to give tenants in owner-occupied two- and three-unit parcels the same renter protections already provided to both (1) owner-occupied four-or-more-unit parcels and (2) two- and three-unit parcels not occupied by the owner. Following last year's Measure Y approved by the voters to bring these units under Just Cause for Eviction, the new legislation completes that process by bringing these units under Oakland's rent stabilization and tenant protection ordinances. The City will notify affected property owners of the change within the next 60 days. This legislation included a possible limited transitional increase, and of course owners of newly constructed units retain applicable exemptions under state law from these requirements.

Councilmember Gallo and I also have introduced a legislative proposal to give a business tax exemption or reduction for low-to-moderate income landlords who only rent out rooms in their own home or a second unit on the property on which they live. This proposal is anticipated to be considered by the City Council this month.

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## Oakland Public Library Eliminates Overdue Fines



Oakland City Council approved a request from the Oakland Public Library (OPL) to eliminate overdue fines for library materials during its May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Books, audiobooks, CD's, DVDs and items reserved through LINK+ will no longer incur overdue fines. Tools checked out from the Oakland Tool Lending Library will still have overdue fines, although those fines will be significantly reduced. Patrons will still be billed a replacement fee for items not returned 30 days past the due date. The fee will be excused when the item is returned in good condition.

OPL joins over 50 library systems nationwide in recognizing that overdue fines create unnecessary and inequitable barriers to resources. Moreover, overdue fines negatively affect patrons who can least afford the fine and are not an effective incentive to returning library materials.

Overdue fines disproportionately impacted communities of color. An adult in a predominantly non-White zip code in Oakland, compared to an adult in predominantly White zip code in Oakland, was:

- 5% more likely to have a blocked record due to fines
- 26% more likely to owe library fines
- 45% less likely to use their card (based on average total checkout)

In 2017-18, the Library collected \$77,600 in overdue fines which were deposited into Oakland's General Purpose Fund. However, it cost the Library more than twice that amount in staff time to collect that income.

Finally, OPL does not anticipate negative impact on availability of popular titles. After City Council approved elimination of overdue fines for youth patrons in 2017, the number of Juvenile and Teen library cardholders increased by 17%; circulation of Juvenile of Teen materials increased by 12%; and there was no impact to the rate of unreturned items.

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## AC Transit bus fare changes: July 1, 2019

In order to continue providing safe and efficient service while addressing rising operational costs, in March 2019 the AC Transit Board of Directors adopted a new local fare structure to be applied on July 1, 2019. Adult Single ride cash fare will rise from \$2.35 to \$2.50; Adult Day Pass cash fare will rise from \$5.00 to \$5.50. Youth, Senior, and Disabled fares will rise from \$1.15 to \$1.25.

However, Clipper Adult Single ride and Day Pass will remain the same: \$2.25 for a single ride and \$5.00 for a day pass, due to higher Clipper discounts. Clipper Youth/Senior/Disabled fares will be adjusted from \$1.10 to \$1.12. You can apply for a Youth and Senior Clipper card [here](#).

For complete details on the July 1 fare change, click [here](#). For further questions, including transfers, check out the AC Transit FAQ page: [FAQ's \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#)

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## Proposed 4207 Broadway Development Community Meeting - June 11 @ 6:30pm

You are invited to join Councilmember Kalb for a neighborhood meeting on the proposed 4207 Broadway development project. Organized by the developer/applicant, the meeting will be held at **Oakland Tech High School Library** on Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30-8pm. In addition to Dan, City of Oakland staff and representatives of developer will be in attendance. If you require special accommodations or need more information, please contact John Promani at [john@craig-communications.com](mailto:john@craig-communications.com) or (510) 775-3421.

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## Skylyne at Temescal Retail Discussion - June 20th @ 6pm

You are invited to a community meeting at **Beebe Memorial** on June 20th at 6:00pm to discuss the retail opportunities at The Skylyne at Temescal, the new 24-story residential high-rise being constructed at the MacArthur BART Station. Boston Properties and



Colliers International are commencing leasing efforts on the 12,660 square feet of ground floor retail and would like your input. Please RSVP via email to Emmy Dea at [edeaa@bostonproperties.com](mailto:edeaa@bostonproperties.com) and download the invitation [here](#).

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## CAHOOTS: An alternative response to 911 calls

Not all 911 calls need a police response. Oakland is considering a pilot program in which mental health professional and EMT respond to certain 911 calls - instead of police officers. An example of this approach is CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets), a mobile crisis intervention team integrated into the public safety system in Eugene and Springfield, Oregon. CAHOOTS handles a broad range of non-criminal cases including homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness problems, dispute resolution, non-emergency medical care, and transportation to services.

Come hear a presentation from CAHOOTS representatives on how the model works, at a community meeting sponsored by the Coalition for Police Accountability.

When: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 | 6-8pm

Where: St. Columba Catholic Church | 6401 San Pablo Avenue (at Alcatraz)

For more information contact Anne Janks of the Coalition for Police Accountability at 510-213-2953 or [annesjanks@gmail.com](mailto:annesjanks@gmail.com).

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## Oakland Police Commission recruiting new members

In 2016, 83% of Oakland voters passed Measure LL, a change in the city charter, to create an independent Police Commission. The purpose of the Police Commission is to oversee the Oakland Police Department's policies, practices and customs to meet national standards of constitutional policing and to oversee the Community Police Review Agency that investigates police misconduct and recommends discipline.

The Commission is currently accepting applications for new members. Commissioners must be Oakland residents and cannot be current or former police officers, current city employees, or current or former officials, employees, or representatives of a union that represents police officers.

Please [visit the website](#) for more information and to apply.

**\*\*Applications are due by June 17, 2019.\*\***

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## Measure W Vacancy Tax community meetings - June 27

Measure W, the Oakland Vacant Property Tax Act, was passed by Oakland voters in November 2018. Measure W establishes an annual tax on vacant property for 20 years to provide funding for homelessness programs and services, affordable housing, code enforcement, and clean-up of blighted properties and illegal dumping. A property is considered vacant if it “is in use less than fifty (50) days in a calendar year.”

We have received a number of queries from residents and property owners who are concerned about how this new tax will be implemented, primarily residents in the Oakland Hills where issues of land movement, density and wildfire prevention are top of mind.

The City’s Finance Department, responsible for the implementation and administration of the tax, is working on Implementation Ordinance and other decision-making strategies for submission to City Council for approval. City Staff working on Measure W implementation are very aware of the complexity of implementation, and that only residents can shed light on many issues the City will need to consider.

With that in mind the Finance Department has organized the following community meeting:

- Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6-8PM | Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email specific issues and concerns to: [VacantPropertyTaxInquiry@OaklandCA.gov](mailto:VacantPropertyTaxInquiry@OaklandCA.gov), an email inbox that was created to consolidate and store all issues raised. Vacancy determinations will be made according to the terms of Measure W and the Implementation Ordinance to be adopted by the Oakland City Council.

For a copy of Measure W, visit <https://www.oaklandca.gov/documents/measure-w>.

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## Temescal Street Fair - Sunday, June 9

When: Sunday, June 9, 2019 | 12 noon - 6:00pm

Where: Telegraph Avenue between 41<sup>st</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets

Come find live music on three stages, great food from popular Temescal eateries and mobile food vendors, craft beer, and scores of artisans at the FREE annual [Temescal Street Fair](#)

[Festival!](#) Come see amazing tricks at the Kinetic Arts Center Circus Stage, visit business and community booths, listen to amazing local music, and let the kids go wild at the Fun Zone and Carnival rides. Free Valet Bike parking, a block from MacArthur BART. Councilmember Kalb will have a booth at the Fair.

Contact: [streetfair@temescaldistrict.org](mailto:streetfair@temescaldistrict.org) | 510-550-4988

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## Oakland 12th Annual Juneteenth Celebration - June 22

When: Saturday, June 22, 2019 | 10am-6pm

Where: 3233 Market Street

Join us for a day of food, local vendors, music, dancing, fashion show, kid zone, health zone, awards, pony rides, and a car show. There will also be an educational workshop on Racial Justice and Mental Health Awareness. Visit [bhbrilliantminds.org](http://bhbrilliantminds.org) for sponsorship and vendor packets.



## Small Business workshop: Leverage your Energy Savings - Wednesday, June 19

When: Wednesday June 19, 2019 | 12-1:00 PM.

Where: Chamber offices, 1333 Broadway St, Suite P100

In partnership with the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce, Mark Hall of Revalue.io will show small businesses and building owners how to stop energy cost “churn and burn” and leverage significant savings through reduced operating costs across electricity, gas, water and maintenance. Please register for the workshop [here](#).

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## Official Bird of Oakland: The Black-crowned Night Heron

Two years ago, a class from a North Oakland Elementary School approached us about the plight of the Black-crowned Night Heron. They did a lot of research and impressed our office with their commitment to saving and celebrating this persevering bird. We also followed up with organizations that have expertise in migratory birds and bird conservation.

Based on all the input, we recognized a pretty strong consensus that this bird is a logical and appropriate bird for the City of Oakland. No matter how many times they are displaced or face hardships, Black-Crowned Night Herons keep coming back and even thrive. So I introduced legislation, co-sponsored by Mayor Libby Schaaf, to make the Night Heron our official bird.

The students attended and spoke up at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Rules Committee to get the item scheduled. Then they came to the May 14<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee and convinced members to recommend the official bird designation to City Council. And on May 21, City Council approved adopting the [Black-crowned Night Heron](#) as the official Bird of Oakland. Through the process, Oakland students learned about city government, including the fact that perseverance and effective advocacy can make things happen!



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### ***Reminder: Click Below to File a Complaint***

[OAK311](#) -- Report illegal dumping, traffic safety, and infrastructure issues

[Code Enforcement](#) -- Report blighted buildings and yards

[Animal Services](#) -- Report distressed or vicious animals

[Vehicle Abatement](#) -- Report abandoned vehicles

[City of Oakland's Homeless Response Info](#)

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