



May 7, 2020

Greetings Neighbor,

While we are focusing on our city's response to the COVID 19 pandemic and it's impact on our residents, there is still important city business to take care of.

From public safety and road maintenance to homelessness and necessary budget adjustments, we have to keep our city moving. For example, road re-paving is taking place now to fulfill our commitment to the 3-year paving plan. Additionally, I have made it a priority to keep our planned police academies in tact to ensure we do not end up with a significant reduction in the size of our police force. I will not support cuts to public safety.

Regarding the COVID-19 crisis, please [click here for my resources and links page](#).

-Dan

~ The more we keep our distance, the sooner we can get back together ~

Oakland Police Commission

Council President Kaplan and I have been working for months to make a few clarifications and improvements in the City Charter regarding the City's Police Commission, which would be presented to Oakland voters as a November 2020 ballot measure. More recently, Councilmember Gallo also has been engaged this effort.

There appear to be some unfortunate misunderstandings and exaggerations about certain elements of the proposed legislation that I would like to clarify:

First, the proposed Charter measure revisions do not give the Commission authority to override day-to-day operational actions by OPD command staff or officers, or to unilaterally override any policy or general order from the Chief of Police. Under the original measure that established the Police Commission – which I helped write and Oakland voters overwhelmingly adopted in 2016 – the Commission has limited authority to set policy in selected areas relating to use of force or our long-standing federal police oversight requirements. Importantly, in 2016, we put in the Charter checks and balances that explicitly allow and invite the City Council to amend or reject any Commission policy proposal if we believe for any reason that it is not desirable. I do not support weakening those checks and balances.

Second, even if the Commission requests (by a super-majority vote) additional policy authority, the power to grant the Police Commission any additional policy authority will continue to rest with the elected City Council (also by a super-majority vote).

Third, the proposed measure includes regular performance audits of the Police Commission.

Finally, the proposal clarifies certain staff positions that are necessary to monitor the Police Department--including an independent Inspector General.

We have met with the Interim OPD Chief, and have considered all recommendations from the City Administration, community advocates, and the Commission itself. I have met with members of the public who support the legislation and people who have specific concerns or suggestions.

Understanding that not everyone will like every element of this proposal, we've worked to craft a measure that I believe is in the best interests of Oakland in terms of achieving necessary and full compliance with the federal Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA) while maintaining and improving long-term overall public safety.

If the legislation is approved by City Council this month, it will go through required conferring with police officer representatives before a final Council vote in July to place it on the November 2020 ballot for voter consideration.

The most recent version of the proposal will be available Friday morning on the City Council meetings website. Or, email my office and we will send it to you.

May 11 Virtual Town Hall on WILDFIRE PREVENTION

This week is [Wildfire Preparedness Week](#) and Oakland Fire Department will soon be conducting its wildfire prevention [vegetation management inspections](#). This is a perfect time for a virtual town hall on wildfire prevention, hosted by myself, D4 Councilmember Sheng Thao and D6 Councilmember Loren Taylor, in collaboration with OFD.



**Wildfire Prevention
Virtual Town Hall**

COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB
DISTRICT 1

COUNCILMEMBER SHENG THAO
DISTRICT 4

COUNCILMEMBER LOREN TAYLOR
DISTRICT 6

Monday, May 11th
5:30PM - 7:00PM
Via Zoom

Featuring:
Interim Chief Melinda Drayton, Oakland Fire Department
Deputy Chief Nick Luby, Oakland Fire Department
Travis Hansen, Acting Vegetation Management Supervisor, OFD
Doug Mosher, Oakland Community Preparedness & Response

Moderated by:
Michael Hunt, Oakland Fire Department

Speakers will include:

- Interim OFD **Chief Melinda Drayton**
- **Travis Hansen**, OFD Vegetation Management Supervisor
- **Nick Luby**, OFD Deputy Chief of Operations

- **Doug Mosher**, Director, Oakland Community Preparedness and Response (OCPR) program

WHEN: Monday, May 11, 2020 | 5:30-7:00 PM

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85661240824> (Webinar ID: 856 6124 0824)
- Via Phone: +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799
Enter PIN code 856 6124 0824, followed by #

Please submit questions in advance using the form [at this link](#).

Identifying and mitigating hazards that could contribute to the spread, growth, and intensity of wildfire is a critical City function. The Fire Department began doing seasonal inspections on City-owned parcels in early April, deploying contractors along the frontage roads of: Highway 13; Shepherd Canyon; Skyline Blvd; and Broadway Terrace. Work will soon start on Skyline Blvd from Redwood Road to Keller Avenue, and goats are already chomping on the brush that fuels wildfires in the Grizzly Peak open space. We are so grateful to residents in Oakland's wildland-urban interface (WUI) who share in this responsibility by actively keeping their parcels in a fire-safe condition year-round.

California to Ease Some Restrictions Friday; Local Restrictions to Remain!

While Governor Newsom announced that on May 8 the State will loosen restrictions on certain businesses, this loosening will not apply to most Bay Area communities right away. Moving out of 'Stage 1' will mean that bookstores, music stores, toy stores, florists, sporting goods retailers and others may reopen *for pickup only*, and manufacturing and logistics can resume in the retail supply chain. The timeline for statewide schools re-opening does not change.

California has been in Stage 1 since March 16 (see 'Pandemic Roadmap' for explanation of Stages). According to the Governor's announcement, Californians' actions have stabilized the curve of new infections as well as ICU hospitalizations,

allowing the state to enter Stage 2, gradually reopening some lower risk workplaces with some adaptations. More detailed guidelines will be released on Thursday.

In his announcement, the Governor also announced a partnership with the University of California, San Francisco and UCLA to immediately begin training workers for a massive [contact tracing program](#). The first 20-hour training began Wednesday, May 6 with the goal of training 20,000 individuals in two months.

Alameda County Will Proceed More Cautiously

In his announcement the Governor made clear that some counties are deciding to maintain certain restrictions beyond May 8, based on local conditions. (Conversely, other counties can move more quickly through Stage 2 -- if they meet the state's readiness criteria.)

On a teleconference on Wednesday, May 6 with local elected officials, Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan confirmed that seven Bay Area jurisdictions will be proceeding more cautiously with re-opening. Health officials say they need to assess the impact of [changes that went into effect](#) on Monday, May 4 - at least two weeks are needed to assess whether these changes have increased the number of new cases. Therefore we may not move out of Stage 1 until mid-May or later.

Last week Bay Area health officers [released a set of indicators](#) that they will track to determine the local response:

INDICATOR 1: The number of new Covid-19 cases, and the number of hospitalized Covid-19 patients, are both flat or decreasing.

INDICATOR 2: Sufficient Hospital Capacity -- no more than 50% of patients are COVID-19 positive for at least a week

INDICATOR 3: Sufficient Testing - At least 200 tests per 100,000 residents conducted daily.

INDICATOR 4: Sufficient case investigation, contact tracing, and isolation/quarantine capacity: Reach 90% of cases and identify their contacts; reach 90% of all contacts identified AND ensure that 90% of individuals who tested positive can safely isolate, and 90% of their contacts can safely quarantine.

INDICATOR 5: At Least A 30-Day Supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for all healthcare providers - including acute care hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, and medical first responders (Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and fire agencies)

For more information, [download the Alameda County announcement](#).

Pandemic Roadmap

On April 28 Governor Newsom released his [Pandemic Roadmap](#). In summary:

Stage 1 (We are here): Everyone is either staying at home or a member of the essential workforce

Stage 2 (California - but not Alameda County and other Bay Area counties - will begin on Friday): Reopening lower risk workplaces, for example:

- Non-essential manufacturing (toys, furniture, clothing, etc.)
- Retail businesses -- curbside pick-up only
- Schools & Childcare facilities
- Offices (where working remotely isn't possible) that can be made safer for employees

Stage 3: Reopening higher risk workplaces, including:

- Hair & Nail salons; Gyms
- Movie theaters; Sporting events without live audiences
- In-person religious services

Stage 4 (Stay-at-home order ends): Allows all openings, including concert venues, convention centers, sporting events with live audiences.

Alameda County Public Health Officer Orders can be found here: <http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov/health-officer-orders.aspx>.

Financing Local Solutions to Homelessness

You are invited to join in for a Virtual Town Hall on financing homelessness solutions hosted by **County Supervisor Keith Carson**:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 • 5:30 - 7:00pm

Hear from the Alameda County Office of Homeless Care & Coordination, EveryOne Home and St. Mary's Center to learn more and discuss the Home Together Investment Plan, a proposed ballot measure to support a robust and efficient strategic response to homelessness across the County.

Online: <https://zoom.us/j/93470631514>

Phone: (888) 475-4499 (Toll-free) or (408) 638-0968

Webinar ID: 934 7063 1514.

Dan Kalb's Community Office Hours

While I can't meet with you in person, I am continuing to hold my monthly community office hours - via phone. This **Saturday, May 9th** I will be connecting with District 1 residents via phone. Please call my staff member Deidra Moss at (510) 238-3557, or email dmossoaklandca.gov, if you'd like to sign up to speak with me on any local matter of concern.

Mayor's Weekly Town Hall -- on City Budget

On Thursday, May 7 Mayor Libby Schaaf's weekly Town Hall will focus on the City Budget. Join on Twitter, Facebook or YouTube May 7, at 6:00pm. Ask questions, get resources and the latest information. City staff's most recent report on the City Budget [can be downloaded here](#).



Oakland Expands Free Testing

Oakland announced on Wednesday a partnership with Roots Community Health Center and the emergency relief nonprofit organization Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) to open a new COVID-19 community-based testing site in East Oakland. This site will be one of the first walk-in only sites in the Bay Area.

Testing will be provided free of charge Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm at 9925 International Boulevard. Health insurance is *not* required.

If you work outside the home or if you're worried you have COVID-19, get a test -- especially if you have symptoms, have underlying health conditions, or work in a healthcare facility or long-term care facility. Testing is available and free regardless of insurance or immigration status.

Appointments for persons who are not already patients of Roots can be made using Verily's Baseline COVID-19 Program, available at www.projectbaseline.com/COVID19. Persons need only create an online account, schedule an appointment and bring their ID to their appointment.

If you have questions about testing at the Roots Community Health Center site or at the City's other testing site at Henry J Kaiser Convention Center site – contact Oak311.

The City of Oakland is working in partnership with Alameda County to bring on additional sites in East Oakland in the coming weeks and will announce more details as they are available.

Help reach Oakland's most Vulnerable

The Great Oakland Check-In kicked off on Saturday, training volunteers to call Oakland's most vulnerable seniors and families, particularly those impacted by the digital divide and other barriers to City services. The program aims to reach 35,000 seniors and vulnerable families across Oakland. Help us reach our neighbors by signing up to volunteer at: <http://bit.ly/GreatOaklandCheckIn>.

Oakland staff are working hard, along with Alameda County colleagues, to mitigate the medical, social and financial impacts of Covid-19 on all of our communities. Already, a lot has been done.

Since the Emergency Declaration by City Council on March 12, 2020, the City of Oakland has:

- Placed 397 unsheltered individuals into hotel rooms including 8 families
- Served 2800 meals per week to unsheltered individuals
- Provided 1800 meals weekly to Community Cabins and RV sites
- Delivered 1150 meals weekly via Street Based Homeless Outreach teams

- Given 2583 meals to Transitional aged youth shelter, Transitional and Permanent Supportive housing
- Served more than 700,000 meals, plus bags of groceries to 14,000 low-income families through 10 Emergency Food Providers sites across Oakland
- Delivered around 13,000 meals to low-income seniors and to at least 1,500 low-income families
- Provided 40,980 meals with 1220 emergency food boxes from Food Bank, 500 boxes of diapers and wipes, and 450 educational/material packets and census information through Head Start
- and much more – please [see this memo](#) for a full summary of community outreach efforts and a description of the program.

And if you want to join the effort, please [sign up as a volunteer](#).

Great News for Spring Cleaners! Self-Haul Bulky Drop-Off Appointment Service Now Available

Waste Management suspended "Curbside Bulky Pickup Service" until July 1 due to Covid-19. However, Oakland residents can use the new "Davis Street Self-Haul Bulky Drop-Off Appointment Service" to drop off bulky items at no charge at the Transfer Station at 2615 Davis Street in San Leandro.

Residents can contact Waste Management now at 510-613-8710 to schedule an appointment from now until June 30.

Oakland residents will be allowed one bulky drop off under this program; the service will not count against residents' annual Curbside Bulky Pickup allowance. Some program details are still being finalized; additional details will be posted at OaklandRecycles.com.

Bulky Pickup Service has been provided in Oakland for many years, and in 2015 was expanded to become available to all residents of Oakland apartment buildings. It is a key service highlighted in the [Oaktown PROUD campaign](#) to reduce illegal dumping, as it provides relief to residents facing rising cost-of-living challenges throughout Oakland.

And remember, if you have any problems with your trash, compost, and/or recycling services, please contact the City's Hotline at 510-238-7283 or recycling@oaklandca.gov.

Are you an essential worker looking for child care? [BANANAS](#) in Oakland is currently connecting families to child care providers in Northern Alameda County during the COVID-19 pandemic. Essential workers can have costs partially covered for childcare through June 2020.

[Click on the Child Care Request Form](#) to submit your child care needs. Questions can be sent to referrals@bananasbunch.org or call 510-658-0381.

Teacher Appreciation Week & OUSD Update

North Oakland Loves Our Teachers!

Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day—their immense work and impact moves us beyond words. And with the abrupt end to the physical school year, our teachers have done even more to continue education with virtual classrooms and learning at home lessons. All to ensure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential.

It's in these challenging times that we truly recognize and appreciate how our nation's educators play such a pivotal role in our children's lives—inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success.

[Download the Teacher Appreciation Toolkit Today!](#)

Click [here for OUSD up-to-date information](#).

Virtual Small Business Week

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Virtual Small Business Week May 3rd - May 9th. Each day has a different focus and aims to highlight different businesses throughout the Oakland small business community.

May 3: Shop Local

May 4: May the Fourth be with You

May 5: Technical Tuesday

May 6: Wellness Wednesday

May 7: Thankful Thursday

May 8: Fab Friday

May 9: Small Business Saturday

Follow the Chamber on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up-to-date. And especially during this crisis, let's help out our local small businesses as much as possible. As you know, you can order take-out directly from your favorite restaurants, and purchase gift card and shop on-line from local independent businesses in Oakland! Engaging with our small businesses is a year-round activity.

Alameda County 2-1-1: Urgent Support Needed

Your help is needed now more than ever as the County responds to this perfect storm: handling both a more than 50% increase in call volume to 211 and the additional work needed to maintain accurate, up-to-date information on rapidly changing resources resulting from shelter in place. A page has been set up to accept [donations](#) online. Thank you for helping make a difference!

Affordable Housing - Recognition of Champions Including Councilmember Kalb



Affordable Housing Kickoff

Affordable Homes For All

Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:00–8:30 pm

Celebrating the collective power of EBHO members, staff, board, and supporters and all we will achieve together to win affordable homes for all people.

Sign-up via the link to be sent the digital event login.

Honorees

Hon. Dan Kalb

For his dedicated leadership on the Oakland City Council to preserve affordable housing and increase tenant protections in Oakland.

Monument Impact

For their bold work to build power within immigrant, refugee, tenant, and low-income communities in Concord and Contra Costa County.

Karen Smulevitz

For her many years of organizing and advocating for housing as a human right in EBHO's Oakland, RCOP Committees and beyond.

I am proud to be honored by East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) as one of their Affordable Housing champions at this year's [Affordable Housing Week kickoff](#).

Mental Health and Social Benefits Resources

It is important to remember our mental and emotional health and wellness as we continue to focus on personal hygiene, social distancing, and generally [staying well while staying home](#).

The [Alameda County Behavioral Health](#) team developed information to help professionals, caregivers, and community members [manage emotional health during uncertain times](#). Even if you do not need them now, take the time to identify potential resources for your health and wellness and those of your loved ones. If you have children at home, here is a [short video](#) to guide you in talking about their needs

and emotions, and a resource guide from the California Surgeon General on Stress Relief for Caregivers and Kids during Covid-19.

Here are some of the additional resources [collected by Alameda County](#):

- [Food Access Resource List](#) (ACPHD)
- [Housing Resource List](#) (ACPHD)
- [Financial Resource List](#) (ACPHD)
- [Alameda County Rapid Response Resources](#) (AC Care Connect, 4/26/20)
- [Get Financial Help](#) (California State)
- [Job Loss: Resources to Help](#) (ACPHD, 4/6/20)
- [Alameda County Social Services](#) (SSA)
 - [Workforce and Benefits Administration Information](#)
 - [Adult and Aging Services Information](#)

Contacts:

Oakland SeeClickFix - Call 311 - <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211
<http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>

Councilmember Kalb's Office - 510-238-7001

OPD for Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211) \ for non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283 (recycling@oaklandca.gov)



~ [Read Dan's Additional COVID-19 Updates and Links here](#) ~

Read Councilmember Kalb's Past Newsletters here

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