

October 23, 2020

Greetings Neighbor,

There is a lot going on at 'City Hall', the County Public Health Dept., and in our commercial districts and residential neighborhoods. The topics in this somewhat lengthy issue include: Covid update; how/where to VOTE; new homeless encampment policy; resumption of street sweeping parking enforcement; update on new affordable housing developments in D1; Measure RR; support for small business lease negotiations; a sample of constituent issues my staff has been working on recently, and more. Also, this weekend is expected to continue with high winds and warm, dry weather. So please be cautious--particularly if you live in or are visiting the Oakland-Berkeley hills.

There are a few slots left for my regular Community Office Hours next month on Saturday November 7. Please contact Deidra Moss at [DMoss@Oaklandca.gov](mailto:DMoss@Oaklandca.gov) as soon as possible if you would like to meet with me (over the phone) on that Saturday.



And of course, please remember to mail in or drop off your ballot as soon as possible. See below for details on your ballot delivery options.

-Dan

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## City Council Adopts New Homeless Encampment Policy

Tuesday night, the Oakland City Council unanimously adopted a new homeless Encampment Management Policy. There are many moving parts to the policy and it wasn't a simple debate or decision; and there is recognition that implementation of the policy will need to be very carefully monitored. In the end, the entire City Council recognized that Oakland needs to update its approach to encampment management, and this policy could be a good start.

([See this link to view the City Council discussion](#) – this item starts at the 7:00pm mark)

At the beginning of the meeting, many members of the public expressed concerns. Some apparently had developed misimpressions that this new policy would criminalize being homeless and make as much as 98% of the city completely off-limits to our unhoused. While people's expressed concerns for our homeless residents are both genuine and praiseworthy, neither of those things are accurate and it is unfortunate that

unfounded beliefs are being offered as facts. In addition, while most people who provided public comment--from varying perspectives--were respectful, we did hear a few ugly comments that insulted and demonized people who are homeless. I believe that expressing this attitude toward our most vulnerable residents should not be tolerated. We must always remember that homeless residents are human beings living through a myriad of very difficult challenges.

The new homeless encampment policy is only one part of Oakland's three-pronged approach to addressing our homelessness crisis. Preventing housed residents from losing or getting tossed out of their homes, and increasing deeply affordable housing for unhoused residents are two critical strategies in which Oakland is actively engaging. The third element—crisis management and response – is the focus of this newly adopted policy and it should not be viewed in isolation. While we all know that the ultimate solution to homelessness is living units for the unhoused, we also know that we must help manage the urgent needs of people experiencing homelessness. And until safe homes and shelter can be found for all of our residents, Oakland needs to improve the conditions at encampments, make sure needed services are provided for, be thoughtful as to where the encampments are, and reduce the most significant negative impacts that some encampments can have on adjacent neighborhoods.

The policy commits the City Administration to lead with services, compassion and empathy, emphasize public safety and public health, establish encampment standards, and improve oversight of services. Staff have committed to a deliberate and thoughtful approach to assessing the needs of encampment residents and surrounding communities, with greater attention to data collection and collaboration with Council offices. They have assured us that no encampment would be fully closed, or individuals asked to move, without multiple offers of services and shelter, due process, and proper noticing. Importantly, the policy explicitly does not criminalize homelessness. There will not be any citations or arrests for just being homeless. That said, if a person living in their vehicle or in a tent on public streets is engaging in serious illegal activities, they are subject to arrest just like anyone else who commits a serious crime.

I, along with Councilmember Thao, put forward a set of amendments during the Tuesday meeting. One of these prioritizes parks with children's playground equipment or tot lots as the top priority for high-sensitivity areas, and another makes it an explicit priority goal to provide improved sanitation and hygiene services to our encampments. Councilmembers Bas and McElhaney also put forth forward-looking amendments, and Councilmember Taylor helped to initiate this conversation several months ago.

I can't emphasize enough that any policy is only as good as its implementation, and that is where my concerns come to light. Staff have assured us that resources are being put in place to deliver the significant increase in services required for a compassionate and effective approach to implementing this policy. There is a need to do much more than is currently being done—more frequent and comprehensive trash collection, regular deep-cleanings, and regular servicing of porta-potties and hygiene stations, and case workers to help get health services to those who need it most. But to date, we have not seen planned increases in trash pick-ups and deep cleanings at encampments – even though I and other Councilmembers have successfully fought for increased budget for those activities. I know that one new public works clean-up crew and one new social services outreach team are about to be hired. But more is needed in my opinion. Moreover, I feel strongly that Alameda County should step up its efforts in terms of mental health and drug addiction outreach/services.

Clearly, implementation of the policy will require significant outreach, engagement and possible adjustments over time. At my recommendation, the City Council is requiring a progress report within four months, and semi-annual updates thereafter. Oakland's new Homeless Advisory Commission, scheduled to be appointed in November 2020, will be engaged right away in the implementation and monitoring of the policy, providing advice to City Council and city staff as updates or amendments are considered. Many eyes will be focused on the rollout of the policy, and that is critical.

As you probably already know, I've been a steadfast fighter for more affordable housing and keeping housed residents in their homes, as well as increasing access to transitional housing and permanent solutions for unsheltered residents. We need a compassionate and sane approach to supporting people who have lost their homes and are forced to live outdoors or in vehicles. I am hopeful that this policy will help us get there.

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## Picnic on Telegraph – Sunday, Oct 25th (rescheduled)

**WHEN: Sun, October 25th,  
2020 | 11:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**WHERE: Telegraph Ave, between 39th  
& 51st Streets**

Discover Temescal *outdoors* on Sunday, October 25th along Telegraph Ave from 39th to 51st St, 11am-8pm! Spend the day walking, shopping, and dining out on the street all while supporting Temescal businesses. Enjoy expanded outdoor seating on the newly repaved Telegraph Ave and relish in some safe and socially distanced time outdoors while exploring over 12 blocks of Telegraph.

BYOM (bring your own mask!)

[Click here for more information](#) including a list of activities and participating businesses.



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## COVID Update from Alameda County

On October 13, Alameda County [moved from Red to Orange](#) (Moderate) Tier on the State's color coded [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
<p><b>WIDESPREAD</b></p> <p>Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p><b>More than 7</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>More than 8%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p><b>SUBSTANTIAL</b></p> <p>Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p><b>4 - 7</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>5 - 8%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p><b>MODERATE</b></p> <p>Some indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p><b>1 - 3.9</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>2 - 4.9%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p><b>MINIMAL</b></p> <p>Most indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p><b>Less than 1</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>Less than 2%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>

However, the Alameda County Health Officer is maintaining a cautious approach to avoid the resurgence of COVID cases seen in other communities that have accelerating re-opening. Alameda County is continuing deliberate phase-in of additional sectors as follows:

Opening Friday, October 16

- Playgrounds
- Outdoor card rooms and satellite wagering

The following activities may start as soon as Friday, October 23:

- Indoor family entertainment centers may open activities that are naturally socially distanced, like bowling alleys and climbing walls, up to 25% capacity
- Indoor dining up to 25% capacity or less than 100 people
- Indoor worship services up to 25% capacity or less than 100 people
- Indoor movie theaters up to 25% capacity or less than 100 people per screen
- Expansion of indoor retail and malls up to 50% of capacity; permitting limited food courts
- Expansion of indoor gyms and fitness centers up to 25% of capacity (not including indoor pools)
- Expansion of outdoor non-contact fitness classes up to 20 people including the instructor
- Expansion of wedding and funeral services up to 25% of venue capacity or 100 people

For information/resource about recovery and reopening, go to <https://covid-19.acgov.org/recovery>. For the full list of activities that are currently open and not open in Alameda County, visit: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/sip.page> and <https://covid-19.acgov.org/reopening>.

The latest COVID statistics can be [found on this page](#).

## Halloween alert!

Bay Area Health Officials [have warned](#) that many commonly celebrated Halloween and Día de Los Muertos activities carry high risk for spreading COVID-19. You can help keep our communities and your neighbors stay safe this season by focusing on decorations, limiting activities to the people you live with, and holding virtual costume parties or contests.

Trick-or-treating is a high-risk activity because it increases contact with people outside of your household who may not be as careful about COVID-19 prevention. Parties are high-risk, because mixing among people who don't live in the same home introduces more opportunities for the virus to pass from one person to another. We strongly recommend against such activities this year.

Bay Area contact tracing continues to show that gathering and mixing are key contributors to infection. Together, we all need to do as much as we can to protect ourselves and those around us.

Read on for tips and suggested COVID-safe Halloween activities [HERE](#).

## Guidance for the Arts

On October 15, the County [issued guidance for the arts](#) as an essential part of Alameda County's community and economy. Throughout the state, 1 in 10 jobs are part of the creative economy which provides opportunities for individuals to express themselves, connect with others, and uplift and strengthen our whole community.

Visual and performing arts organizations and artists can safely engage residents in locally permitted activities by using local and state guidance to put procedures in place that limit the risk of spreading COVID19. Complete information can be found on the Alameda County COVID-19 website: [covid-19.acgov.org](https://covid-19.acgov.org).

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Information on [Testing can be found here](#) and [contact tracing here](#). Visit [Shelter in Place](#) to view [what's currently open](#) in our County, and what's planned. Please stay safe and **wear a mask** when you are outside your home and in the vicinity or likely to be in the vicinity of other people.

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## VOTE!!!

**Check the status** of your ballot anytime - from the time it is mailed to you until your completed ballot is received by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. **Track your ballot** at [california.ballottrax.net/voter](https://california.ballottrax.net/voter).



**Never received it?** Call the Alameda County Registrar of Voters at **(510) 272-6973** ASAP to request another ballot to be mailed to you. If you end up receiving more than one ballot, not to worry – just submit one and toss the extra in the recycling bin. (If the second ballot is received, it is blocked from being recorded.)

**Same Day Voter Registration:** If you missed the registration deadline (Monday, October 19), **you can still vote!** Visit [caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov](https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov) for a list of early

voting locations where you can complete the Same Day Voter Registration Process.

## WAYS OF VOTING

**U.S. Mail:** Send your completed, sealed, and signed ballot in the mail. As always, it is easy, safe, and secure. Your ballot must be postmarked by **November 3, 2020. However, the sooner you can mail it back, the better.**

**Don't want to send your ballot through the mail?** The Registrar of Voters is expanding 24-Hour **Drop Box locations** to 66 to support the General Election. You can drop your ballot anytime between now and Election Day. [Click here for locations](#), including those near North Oakland.

**Ballot Drop Stop:** Drive through and drop off your completed ballot at the Rene C. Davidson County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612, at the following times:

- October 5 – 30 (Mon–Fri): 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- October 31 & November 1 (Sat–Sun): 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- November 3: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Voting in Person:** Remember there are no neighborhood precinct polling places as in past elections. Instead, there are 100 Accessible Vote Centers throughout Alameda County where you can vote in person or drop off your ballot starting Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. ALL Vote Centers are open to *all* County voters. For a complete list, [visit this link](#). Locations in *or near* Oakland District One include:

- Oakland Tech High School Gym -- 4351 Broadway, Oakland
- St. Theresa Church Gym -- 4850 Clarewood Dr, Oakland
- Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church -- 408 W. MacArthur Blvd., Oakland
- Piedmont Veterans Memorial Bldg -- 401 Highland Ave, Piedmont
- Lawrence Hall of Science -- 1 Centennial Dr, Berkeley
- Ed Roberts Campus -- 3075 Adeline St, Berkeley
- Youth and Adult Service (ECCL) Gym -- 1170 47th St, Emeryville

**\*\*\*\*If you do vote in person, be sure to bring the ballot you received in the mail with you.\*\*\*\*** If you don't, you can still vote, but you will have to cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots don't get counted right away, because they have to go through an additional review.

**Another option: Early Voting: October 5 - November 3, 2020:** Available at the Registrar of Voters office, Rene C. Davidson Courthouse, lower level, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612. [Click here for hours](#).

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## Measure RR on the November ballot

The Oakland City Charter currently sets a limit of \$1000 on fines for violations of the Oakland Municipal Code. It was last amended way back in 1968 when the limit was raised to that amount.

Measure RR would remove the \$1000 limit in the Charter on fines for ordinance and code violations, and would require the City Council to enact a new limit after a transparent public hearing process.

The City Auditor discussed **Measure RR** in the Voter Guide saying:

“The fine structure for the City of Oakland has been fixed at a limit of \$1,000 since 1968. Due to regular economic changes in inflation, value and cost, keeping a dollar fine limit in the City Charter may hinder the City's ability to effectively enforce blighted, substandard, and public nuisance conditions. The current limit has been deemed insufficient in certain circumstances to effectively enforce non-compliance, which in turn, negatively impacts the beautification of the community.”

The Auditor continued saying, “It is important to note that the impetus for removing the \$1,000 limit is not to increase fine revenue, but to strengthen the City’s enforcement tools to obtain corrective action on code violations in a meaningful way that addresses and deters the underlying behavior.”

Measure RR will help the City better deal with on-going illegal dumping and other egregious behavior that causes public nuisances and blight in Oakland. Councilmember Kalb was the author of the Measure RR ballot measure. Read your local ballot pamphlet for analysis and pro & con arguments.

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## **New Affordable Housing Coming to D-1!**

I am happy to highlight that there are two below market housing developments that will bring over 120 units of affordable housing to North Oakland by the end of 2021. I've worked closely with these below market housing developers and recognize the importance of their projects, especially as the City works to address homelessness prevention, encampment management, and the shortage permanent affordable housing. Over half of these units will be reserved for extremely low income people who are homeless.

652 W. MacArthur Blvd. ("The Aurora Complex").

Affirmed Housing's development will have 43 units all to be offered to chronically homeless individuals at the deeply affordable 20% AMI (Area Median Income) level. This project has already broken ground and is on track to be completed very soon. The on-site manager plans on offering services including workshops, group sessions, life skills, and job training.

3801-3829 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way ("Longfellow Corner").

Resources for Community Development (RCD)'s development will contain 77 units of affordable housing (33 one-bedroom units, 19 two-bedroom units, and 25 three-bedroom units) ranging from 20% AMI to 60% AMI. RCD is shoring up state funding and NEPA approval, but plans to complete the project by the end of 2021. Planned on-site services for residents include case management, health, wellness, and educational programs. There will also be a second floor podium courtyard with a seating area and play structure available to the resident families. Local homeless residents will be priority invited to apply to the most deeply affordable units.

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## **Town Hall on Affordable Housing and Housing for Homeless Residents**

On October 7, my office organized and hosted a virtual Town Hall on affordable housing and housing for homeless. Here is a summary of the presentations:

**Shola Olatoye, Director of Housing and Community Development, City of Oakland**

The City of Oakland focuses on (1) funding and investing in new units, (2) preservation of units that we have, (3) protecting housing insecure residents centered in race and equity and based on policy and data. 63% of African American Oaklanders are rent burdened (more than 30% of income on rent) and 70% of the homeless population is African American. The City of Oakland worked to reduce housing insecurity via the eviction moratorium and landlord education. We have some challenges including insufficient state and federal funds and Measure KK funds are almost depleted.

Our Covid 19 recovery efforts have led to some substantial supports: \$5 million dollars towards Keep Oakland Housed, \$20 million in Project Homekey Awards, and \$1.5 million towards Affordable Housing Operator and CBO Grant Program. The Clifton Hall Project is a great example of permanent housing and shelter units.

In FY 2019-2020, the City of Oakland awarded \$63 million in affordable housing projects and managed the existing portfolio of 115 City assisted properties. \$12 million was set aside for co-ops and community land trusts. Currently, 612 new affordable housing units are in construction. Additionally, more than 300 senior affordable units in East Oakland are being developed without City Funds. Additional resources include the Housing Resource Center, Residential Lending Program, first time homeowner program, Rent Adjustment Program and Tenant Protection Ordinances.

**Tomiquia Moss, Chief Executive Officer, All Home**

All Home works to advance regional solutions that will disrupt the cycles of poverty and homelessness through a multisector approach. All Home addresses extremely low-income housing production and preservation. For every 100 low income persons we only have 35 housing units. All home works on production goals and needs for moderate, low, very low and extremely low income. All Home also addresses policy and advocacy and systems coordination by recognizing fragmentation, breaking silos, sharing learning and co-creating regional solutions. Structural racism and anti-Black racism undergird the housing policies that have produced our disparate impacts.

Addressing income inequality will ensure housing security. 40% of people experiencing homelessness have jobs. Occupations that don't support average rent in the Bay Area include receptionists, security guards, emt/paramedics, taxi drivers, janitors and cleaners, home health aides, food servers and retail salespersons.

**Keith Carson, Alameda County Supervisor**

In 2016 Measure A1 Housing Bond passed 100% for Affordable Housing. Working with Community development partners, the County leveraged \$2.3 billion in affordable housing developments in Alameda County. 3,253 units were built throughout Alameda County and over 1,000 of these units to previously homeless residents.

We need to address housing in a regional way. The Housing Bond has been tremendous to help meet our housing need. Alameda County has secured \$45 million CARES Act dollars to address Covid-19 and house over 1800 homeless individuals in hotels. The

County is in process of acquiring three projects funded by the State that will give us close to 2000 units for homeless residents.

**Ener Chiu, Associate Director East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC)**

EBALDC has acquired 2,300 apartments over time. 90% of them are in Oakland. In the past year EBALDC opened two buildings: First, the San Pablo hotel where 40 units of the 144 units were rehabilitated and 37 apartments were leased to homeless residents. The second building is Casa Arabella. Of 94 total units, 40 went to previously homeless residents. 5,000 new units in downtown market. Less than 4% are affordable. Affordable Housing developers continue to seek funding to create additional affordable housing in Oakland.

**Patricia Wells, Executive Director Oakland Housing Authority**

Oakland Housing Authority (OHA): 34,500 low income people are benefiting from OHA programs and services. Regarding public housing, OHA has 1,454 apartments in 14 housing/mixed income sites. Considering vouchers, OHA provides assistance to 14,375 Oakland households and 396 vouchers are reserved for veterans. In terms of new development, OHA has constructed 1,973 apartments in 20 mixed income properties. Of those apartments, 1,918 are affordable. OHA builds safe, robust communities that help people thrive by providing housing and services. Recently, OHA partnered with Alameda County and helped 23 homeless families transition to permanent supportive housing.

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## Helping Small Businesses Stay in Oakland

In June 2020, City Council adopted and expanded upon my proposal to include emergency funding in our mid-cycle budget amendments to support small businesses and nonprofits struggling to pay rent during this pandemic emergency. The result: In partnership with the [Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area](#) (LCCRSF), the City of Oakland [launched a program](#) to provide legal advice and mediation assistance with commercial lease negotiations through commercial leasing webinars, one-hour consultations, and longer-term legal assistance to small businesses that have suffered revenue losses due to COVID-19.

Small Business owners and local nonprofits can access these free legal services now at <https://lccrsf.org/legal-services-for-oakland-small-businesses/>.

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## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

As we are sheltering in place, many people – overwhelmingly women – are experiencing increased incidents of domestic violence. Several countries, including the United States, are experiencing an increase in calls for help due to domestic violence. And even before COVID-19, domestic violence has been a serious and often below the radar problem in most communities. For these reasons I am proud to have again authored a Council Resolution declaring **October Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Oakland.

The City of Oakland receives thousands of reports of domestic violence offenses annually with hundreds involving weapons. Oaklanders who have experienced, or will

experience domestic violence should know that they are not alone during these especially tumultuous times. Domestic violence programs in Oakland, including some Oakland Unite programs, provide vital services to families, including crisis hotlines, emergency shelter, support programs for children and teenagers, public education, intervention and legal advocacy. The **Alameda County Family Justice Center** also remains a valuable resource for those in need despite the pandemic. They can be reached (510) 267-8800 or at [www.acfjc.org](http://www.acfjc.org), and are available to connect Oaklanders with a variety of important services.

I am grateful to Councilmembers McElhaney and Thao for their co-sponsorship this important resolution with me.

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## Constituent support - Summary of recent accomplishments

Here are just some of the things my staff and I have been working on over the last few months:

1. Instigated launch of multi-jurisdictional public safety collaboration between Oakland, Berkeley, UC Berkeley, EBRPD, Moraga/Orinda to enforce prohibition of illegal and risky behaviors at parking lookouts on Grizzly Peak Blvd to prevent wildfires;
2. Active participation in newly formed inter-departmental City of Oakland Working Group on wildfire prevention; successfully convinced group to prioritize safety on Grizzly Peak Boulevard as first order of business, including researching OMC codes and design for new 'No Stopping 9pm-6am' signs;
3. Triggered OFD response to report of unsafe BBQ in high fire severity zone;
4. Organized two virtual town halls on wildfire safety and prevention;
5. Instigated new collaboration between EBRPD and Oakland Public Works to monitor and safeguard water quality at Lake Temescal;
6. Facilitated Public Works response to fix 20-year-old storm drain blockage issues on Glenbrook Drive.
7. Secured immediate response from city public works to address sewer leakage on West View Drive;
8. Connected residents to staff at AT&T and PG&E to resolve use of noisy and air polluting generator;
9. Secured city attention to hazardous tree in Colby Park, resulting in arbor team to test new tree health assessment equipment in the Park.
10. Supported city staff attention to emergency safety repair work needed on Westmoorland Drive;
11. Secured support for local business by facilitating new bike racks and temporary loading zone;
12. Worked with City Staff and Alameda County to secure enrollment in comprehensive social services support for unhoused resident;
13. Facilitated communication between OakDOT, College Avenue businesses and residents regarding plans and timeframe for repaving of College Avenue;
14. Connected interested residents to after-school recreation activities offered by City of Oakland;
15. Helped resident secure low-income senior property tax exemption;
16. Resolved residents' incorrect inclusion on a list of properties with past due Waste Management invoice;
17. Worked with OHA to address trash issues at an OHA property;

18. Facilitated connection between Escuela Bilingue Internacional and OakDOT to address pick-up/drop-off issues;
19. Facilitated future installation of RPP zone on Manila Ave. in Mosswood;
20. Facilitated OFD inspection on a construction project that would have been abandoned if delays continued;
21. Facilitated connection between constituent and County Assessor's office regarding tax assessment questions;
22. Facilitated multiple connections between EDD and D1 constituents having difficulty with unemployment benefits;
23. Facilitated two Community Development Block Grant meetings for District 1 (including compiling documentation and communicating with city staff), and working on implementation of community plans with city staff;
24. Facilitated coordination amongst city departments to address issues with problem property;
25. Aided several businesses in getting additional information regarding re-opening from state employees;
26. Organized three community clean-up events;
27. Organized a town hall of Public Safety and an district-wide meeting for small businesses;
28. Facilitated approval of a previously denied permit for a future housing development;
29. Facilitated receipt of a new ballot for a constituent whose mail was stolen;
30. Provided direction and information regarding non-residents blocking parking spaces at a small apartment complex;
31. Resolved several public records requests;
32. Met with City staff to address safety concerns at Bushrod Park tennis courts;
33. Worked to address permit backlog at the Department of Building and Planning;
34. Worked with Waste Management to move pick up times so as not to disturb sleeping residents;
35. Coordinated Alameda County and Oakland law enforcement to address information regarding possible stolen vehicles;
36. Provided city services information including conditional use permit information to religious organization and traffic calming measures for a neighborhood intersection;
37. Addressed homeless encampments through the Homelessness Task Force at various locations throughout District 1.

I want to thank my full-time staff--Lisa Jacobs, Deidra Moss and Seth Steward--for their good work day-in and day-out for the city and for the residents throughout North Oakland.

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## **Oakland Adopts Ban on Carotid Restraints, Chokeholds and Positional Asphyxia!**

On September 30th, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law AB 1196 which effectively banned law enforcement from using carotid restraints and chokeholds. On Tuesday, October 20th, the Oakland City Council voted to approve Special Order 9205. In addition to banning carotid restraints and chokeholds by the Oakland Police Department, Special Order 9205 goes further. It banned all holds or other maneuvers which are designed to, or may foreseeably result in, cutting off blood or oxygen to a person's head. The order

states that officers shall not sit, kneel, or stand on a person's chest, back, stomach or shoulders, reducing the person's ability to breathe.

Special Order 9205 also addressed positional asphyxia by clearly stating that officers must position a person to allow for free breathing and not put the person face down. The order continues stating that officers have an affirmative obligation to ensure compliance with this order, to make sure themselves and other officers follow it.

In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, I developed local legislation asking the Police Commission to address this matter, which as it turned out, was already on their radar. I am proud of the work the Police Commission and the Police Department have done to construct this policy that will keep Oaklanders and law enforcement safe.

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## City Attorney Parker Launches Housing Justice Initiative

**Oakland City Attorney Barbara Parker** is formally launching a new **Housing Justice Initiative** (HJI), which will increase her office's capacity to advocate in numerous ways to defend the basic rights of Oakland tenants to safe, healthy, and dignified housing.

The launch of the HJI and its accompanying Know Your Housing Rights campaign is particularly crucial at this challenging time in the city, state, and nation's history, when so many are facing health and economic disaster. The HJI will assist tenants in Oakland through litigation, policy efforts, and public education campaigns.

As part of the HJI and the Know Your Housing Rights campaign, the City Attorney's Office is launching a new website, [www.housingjusticeoakland.org](http://www.housingjusticeoakland.org), designed to educate tenants about their rights, empower tenants to submit complaints of harassment online to the Neighborhood Law Corps, and connect with City of Oakland and nonprofit resources. The City Attorney partnered with the David E. Glover Education and Technology Center to develop the website.

"I am very supportive of our City Attorney's Housing Justice Initiative," said Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb. "As a steadfast advocate for protecting our renters, I support stepping up our efforts to inform tenants of their rights through the Know Your Housing Rights campaign. In this incredibly difficult Bay Area housing market and in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we must continue to engage with innovation and determination to prevent homelessness and protect our lower income and marginalized communities from displacement. The Housing Justice Initiative and the Know Your Rights Campaign are great examples of leadership and programmatic excellence that support tenants' rights and help create an Oakland where people who work here can also live here."

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## Make Oakland Better District 1 Clean-Up

**When: Saturday, November 7, 9:00 am – 12 noon**

**Where: 45th Street Underpass Encampment - Meet near the Jack-in-the-Box parking lot at 45<sup>th</sup> & Telegraph**

This is a citywide volunteer partnership effort to clean areas around homeless encampments and in adjacent neighborhoods in every district in the city. District 1 event sponsored by **Forever Oakland** - Make Oakland Better, Alameda County, and City Councilmember Dan Kalb.

All healthy volunteers welcome – face coverings required to participate (we will have extras on hand for those who don't bring one). Social distancing will be practiced.

For more information please contact Deidra Moss | [dmoos@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmoos@oaklandca.gov) | 510-238-3557.

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## Street Sweeping parking enforcement resumes Nov 9!

City of Oakland will resume parking enforcement to support street cleaning as of November 9. OakDOT suspended street sweeping parking enforcement at the start of the Shelter in Place in March, asking residents to voluntarily move their cars to allow for street sweeping. While many Oaklanders are still sheltering at home, it is crucial to clear the trash before the rainy season starts. Otherwise the trash that has accumulated on many local streets will be washed into our storm drain system that feeds into our waterways and eventually the San Francisco Bay.

While we hope that this does not create significant inconvenience to residents, please remember that health and safety are of utmost concern.

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## AC Transit – there's an app for that!

The beta AC Transit Mobile App features real-time arrival predictions, allows riders to locate bus stops, bookmark favorite bus lines, submit lost and found claims, and more. [Click here for details.](#)

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## Seeking rent-burdened residents for transportation research

Are you or do you know people who are spending more than half of their income on rent? A group of researchers at UC Berkeley are interested in learning about your adoption and use of shared mobility, such as Uber or Lyft, Lime scooters, Bay Wheels bike-sharing, and public transit, such as AC Transit and BART. **The first 140 respondents to this 15-minute survey will receive a \$10 gift card!** All other respondents will enter into a drawing with a 1 in 150 chance of winning a \$100 gift card. The survey is available in English and Spanish. [Click on this link to participate.](#) For more information contact Alexandra Pan at [alexpan33@berkeley.edu](mailto:alexpan33@berkeley.edu).

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## Contacts:

Dan's [COVID Resources](#) page.

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 Dan 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](mailto:recycling@oaklandca.gov))

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