

into production in 2024. We hired a new Public Service Representative at the Permit Counter.

3.3.3 City of Oakland Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

In 2023, the City completed its distributions of Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds to its waitlist. The City also launched a \$2.3 million homelessness prevention pilot program which provides flexible funding to residents at-risk of homelessness of which emergency rental assistance is an eligible use. Lastly, the City committed \$1 million to fund eviction defense work by Centro Legal De La Raza, a local nonprofit.

3.6.1 Streamline the City permitting process, especially for low-income and nonprofit builders.

On December 30, 2023, the Planning and Building Department (PBD) launched the Rapid Permits process to allow for a customer to apply online, pay fully, and then print their permit in a single sitting. This streamlines and quickens access to 2/3rd of the City's volume of building permit applications.

5.2.1 Protect against smoke and wildfire.

The City, through partnerships with Ava Community Energy and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, continues to support incentive programs to improve indoor air quality through retrofit programs to replace natural gas appliances with cleaner electric alternatives, replace ductwork, and improve air sealing to reduce pollution exposure, while lowering utility bills. The City has also secured a variety of portable air filtration equipment in 2023 to deploy at public facilities in frontline communities, with more than 60 such units deployed in the last year.

5.3.1 Provide fair housing services and outreach.

5.3.2 Promote awareness of predatory lending practices.

Informational materials addressing these action items have been posted on the City of Oakland's website at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/documents/fair-housing-and-predatory-lending-information>.

In addition, the following 15 action items were implemented with City Council's adoption of major amendments to the Planning Code on October 3, 2023:¹²

- **3.2.1** Develop zoning standards to encourage missing middle and multi-unit housing types in currently single-family-dominated neighborhoods, including flats, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhomes/rowhouses, and ADUs.
- **3.3.5** Implement an affordable housing overlay.
- **3.4.1** Revise development standards, including allowable building heights, densities, open space and setback requirements.
- **3.4.3** Revise Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requirements.
- **3.4.4** Revise citywide parking standards.
- **3.4.5** Revise open space requirements.
- **3.4.6** Correct zoning district boundaries that cut through parcels.
- **3.4.10** Implement a Housing Sites Overlay Zone to permit sites included in the Housing Sites Inventory to develop with affordable housing by right.

¹² "Oakland 2045 General Plan Update: Certification Of The Final Environmental Impact Report For Phase 1 Of The City Of Oakland 2045 General Plan Update And Adoption Of The Safety And, Environmental Justice Elements And The Planning Code Text And Map Amendments," Ordinance No. 13763 C.M.S.: <https://oakland.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12374879&GUID=EFB8E718-2B87-44A5-BE18-796FBD0C3BB9>

