



Greetings all and Happy Earth Day to everyone. As a reminder, **please see below for information on how and where you can volunteer this Saturday morning, April 23rd as part of Oakland’s Earth Day.**

My staff and I continue to work on many issues—big and small—to address local challenges and move Oakland forward.

CITYWIDE HAPPENINGS

Public Safety and Violence Prevention

Violence prevention and public safety continue to be at the forefront of my agenda. While we have made important progress on building up the size of our police force and must continue that commitment, we know that reducing serious and violent crimes requires a multi-pronged approach. That is why I strongly support the [Oakland Unite](#) programs and services funded by Measure Z. All of Oakland Unite’s programs target Oakland’s higher risk community members with a particular focus on interrupting violence as it is occurring *and* preventing future violence. I am hoping that my colleagues and I will identify additional funding to increase our commitment to and successes stemming from these efforts.

Moreover, over the past two months, I have conducted on-site visits to successful programs at San Quentin and in the City of Richmond. Since some inmates will come back to Oakland after having served their time, we all want to make sure that people returning home are prepared to re-enter our communities. I was particularly impressed with [Guiding Rage Into Power](#) (GRIP)—a violence prevention and emotional intelligence life skills program that is so popular at San Quentin that they have a waiting list. I also visited the well-respected [Insight Garden](#) program, which combines innovative classroom curriculum with hands-on training in gardening and landscaping to help inmates reconnect and transform their lives as they prepare to rejoin the broader society. This program has been so successful that it is now in place in several prisons around the country.

Additionally, I spent an afternoon with Richmond’s Office of Neighborhood Safety learning about a nationally-recognized set of gun violence intervention initiatives that have successfully reduced murders and shootings in that city. While we are already implementing *some* similar programs in Oakland, we must look carefully at what else can work here to reduce violent gun crimes in our communities.

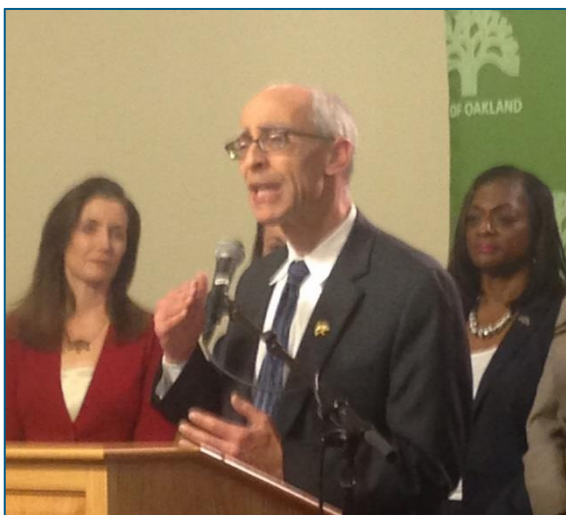
Gun Violence Prevention State Legislation

The City Council recently endorsed five bills in the State Legislature that can help reduce the flow of guns in our communities. I support all of these bills.

Bill #	Author	Brief summary	Councilmember Kalb's position
AB 1695	Bonta	Attorney General must inform potential firearm purchasers of their responsibilities & makes false reporting of firearm theft or loss a crime	<i>Resolution in Support co-sponsored by Dan Kalb</i>
AB 1674	Santiago	Caps firearm purchases	<i>Resolution in support co-sponsored by Dan Kalb</i>
SB 880	Hall/Glazer	Closes the bullet button loophole	Support!
SB 1446	Hancock	Prohibits possession of large capacity ammunition magazines	Support!
AB 2459	McCarty	Transparency for gun transactions	Support!

Housing Affordability in Oakland – Update

I am happy to report that the City Council on a 7-1 vote adopted our first ever Development Impact Fees on developers to mitigate the impacts of new development by providing additional funds for affordable housing, transportation and city infrastructure (parks, libraries, etc). I had been advocating for strong provisions to ensure that we generate a meaningful affordable housing fund and create strong incentives for on-site affordable housing construction. After pushing this matter forward over the last couple of years, I am pleased that we now have a well-balanced mechanism to secure additional funds for below market rate housing.



Addressing our housing affordability crisis in an effective manner continues to be at the top of my priorities list. Building on my prior legislation of setting aside funds for affordable housing and implementing new renters' protections, I am continuing to work on key legislative measures that will help to secure rental housing and protect Oakland from losing housing stock in the event of a major earthquake. My colleagues and I are also working tirelessly on additional reforms to further protect residents from displacement as well as increase viable local housing options for people who work in Oakland, but currently can't afford to live here. Many of those reforms were outlined in the [Housing](#)

[Equity Road Map](#) and the [Oakland At Home report](#) and the [action plan](#) created by the Mayor's Housing Cabinet, of which I was a member.

I also am happy to report that Councilmember Guillen and I sponsored a [Resolution to support AB 2031](#) by Assemblymember Rob Bonta that will provide an additional financing tool for local governments to build new affordable housing developments. Additionally, State Assemblymember Tony Thurmond is working on securing financing assistance to help ease the housing crisis for teachers.



Ribbon-cutting at Mural affordable housing at the MacArthur BART Transit Village.

Saturday, April 23rd – Earth Day

Volunteer during Oakland Earth Day – This Saturday, April 23, the City Of Oakland is hosting Oakland Earth Day, our largest annual volunteer cleanup and beautification event. In 2015, more than 3,400 volunteers pitched in more than 15,000 hours at 90 sites across Oakland. Volunteers removed over 170 cubic yards of trash and 500 cubic yards of weeds and green waste – enough to fill more than 4,000 household garbage cans.

This year, volunteers will be working at approximately 100 sites across the city. Join in the fun for a couple hours to clean and green Oakland's parks, creeks and streets. To choose among volunteer opportunities in North Oakland and beyond, please visit

www.oaklandearthday.org.

[Services Offered by the Office of the City Auditor](#)

The City of Oakland has an independent City Auditor who acts as watchdog over City finances and programs. The current elected auditor is Brenda Roberts. If you have a suggestion for what the Auditor should audit, [contact her office](#). If you are aware of suspected (1) fraud of City assets, (2) waste of City funds or resources, or (3) misuse of City employment to obtain personal gain or a benefit that one is not entitled to, you can [confidentially report](#) it to the City Auditor.

[Honoring the Legacy of Cesar Chavez](#)

Earlier in April, the City Council honored several civic and community leaders for their commitment to realizing the spirit of service exemplified by the late Cesar Chavez. I was proud to honor **Veronica Peinado** and **Isabel Hernandez**, who work in the Latina Services Program at the **Women's Cancer Resource Center** ([WCRC](#)) in North Oakland. WCRC provides services to women with cancer and their families to improve their quality of life through education, emotional support, and practical assistance. Thank you to Veronica and Isabel, and to all the staff and volunteers at WCRC for your commitment and important work.

[Ride for a Reason – Supporting Our Schools](#)

May 14, 2016 is the 8th annual bike ride from Oakland to Sacramento to support public education and raise essential funds for selected Oakland schools—including Claremont Middle School, Emerson Elementary School, Oakland International High School, and Oakland Tech High School. Last year, 250 students, teachers, parents and community members pedaled from Oakland to the steps of the State Capitol to advocate for greater funding for education and for public school funding reform. Parents, teachers, students, and community members will ride again on Saturday, May 14th.

Many schools in California depend on community fundraising to provide elective classes and enrichment programs—things that used to be thought of as fundamental—like libraries, art, music, science equipment, sports programs, and low-cost after-school activities. But community fundraising alone can't do the really deep work needed to fully support all schools, especially in big, urban districts. California teacher salaries remain uncompetitive and our state's spending per pupil remains well below the national average.

That's why there is this ride to our State Capitol — to bring attention to the ongoing problem of underfunded public schools. For [more information on how you can support or participate in this effort, click here](#). I am making a \$250 donation to this effort. Please join me in supporting our local schools.

NORTH OAKLAND HAPPENINGS

Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements and Safety Update

Funding for pedestrian & bicycle safety street improvements.

Good news! On March 1st, the Oakland City Council approved acceptance of over \$4.6 million in federal grant funds attained by the Transportation Services Division of the Department of Public Works for several pedestrian and bicycle safety improvement projects in Oakland. Among the projects for which funding was allocated are improvements to Telegraph Avenue consistent with the [Complete Streets Plan](#) and improvements to Shattuck Avenue and Claremont Avenue, where there has been a high number of collisions with pedestrians. Improvements for the latter two streets include:

- a lane reduction from four lanes to three lanes including a median two-way left turn lane and Class II bicycle lanes on Claremont Avenue from Telegraph Avenue to Hudson Street;
- curb extensions, median refuge, pedestrian crosswalks, and crosswalk enhancements and improved signage at multiple locations including Shattuck Avenue at 49th, 51st, 59th and 61st Streets and Claremont Avenue at Cavour Street; and
- modification to the existing traffic signals to include protected left-turn lanes and left-turn phases on Shattuck Avenue at Alcatraz Avenue.

My office will be closely monitoring the implementation of these projects and opportunities for public input. I would like to thank the staff of the Transportation Services Division and its Manager, Wladimir Wlassowsky, for all their tremendous work.

Additional pedestrian safety planning is in progress for the area around Hillcrest School in Upper Rockridge, along Market and West streets in the Longfellow and Santa Fe neighborhoods, and on College Avenue and Broadway.

Oakland Police Department Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations.

Thanks to a grant awarded in October to the Oakland Police Department (OPD) by the California Office of Traffic Safety, OPD has been conducting a year-long program of special enforcement activity and public awareness efforts aimed at preventing traffic-related serious accidents and injuries. Among the activities conducted have been periodic pedestrian safety enforcement operations focusing on collision-causing factors involving motorists and pedestrians.

The Department has mapped out locations where pedestrian-involved collisions have occurred, including the violations that led to those crashes. Officers monitoring those locations have been looking for—and ticketing—traffic offenses that can lead to life changing injuries, whether made by drivers or pedestrians. Special attention has been directed toward drivers who are speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, or any other dangerous violation. Additionally, enforcement has been planned for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way.

Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District installing pedestrian lighting.

This spring, construction began on 83 new pedestrian-level lights on Temescal sidewalks to enhance safety and improve the pedestrian experience. Thank you to the Temescal-Telegraph Business Improvement District for this public improvement!

Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center

The City of Oakland has completed construction of the brand new Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center complex after years of hard work. The newly renovated facility includes desktop computer equipment, a basketball court, a baseball diamond, and a pool. In these past weeks, Parks & Recreation (OPR) staff have been setting up the facility to welcome back the after school program which began on Monday, April 18th.

OPR will continue to run the after school programs until early June. During the summer, OPR will hold sports and art camps daily including weekly field trips.

***The grand opening of the Charles Porter Golden Gate Rec Center will be **Saturday, June 4th**, to coincide with the Love Your Neighborhood Day in the Golden Gate. Thank you to all who have been working on this for the past several years. In particular, we want to acknowledge Josephine Lee and Larry Benson for their work on securing the funding for this project.

We also want to acknowledge the legacy of Mr. **Charles Porter**, a long-time Oakland resident and community activist who passed away in 2013. Among his many community efforts, he fought hard for this rec center renovation. The City and residents of the Golden Gate neighborhood are proud to re-name the recreation center after him.

For more information, please call 510-597-5032 or visit:

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/index.htm>

Temporary Closure of Rockridge Library, 4/23/16 – 7/5/16

The Oakland Public Library's Rockridge Branch Library will close temporarily beginning Saturday, April 23, for repairs. The Rockridge Branch is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, July 6th. The repair work will include interior painting, carpet replacement and some light fixture replacement. The work is funded by the Mello-Roos special tax district paid for by Rockridge-area property owners.

The due date for any materials checked out from the Rockridge branch will automatically be extended to mid-July. Patrons do not need to return materials during the closure period. However, the Rockridge book drop will remain open during the closure and returned items will be checked in on a regular basis. If patrons have items on hold with Rockridge Branch designated as the pick-up location, the location will automatically change to the Temescal Branch, 5205 Telegraph Ave.

Thank you for your understanding during this renovation period.

Supporting Youth in North Oakland

Interested in supporting youth employment in North Oakland? Try the [Phat Beets Youth Pickle Co.'s "Community Supported Youth \(CSY\)" Pickled n' Preserved](#) Box which contains krauts, kim chi's,

pickles, sauces, jams and jellies made by Oakland Youth made at the Kitchener Oakland. The Phat Beets Youth Pickle Co. hires youth from Children's Hospital Oakland, youth returning from juvenile hall, youth being emancipated from foster care, youth of promise and youth that graduate from the Phat Beets Produce "Fresh Fellows" Program. If you know of a North Oakland youth that would be interested in the **paid** Fresh Fellows Program email info@phatbeetsproduce.org. To sign up for the CSY Pickle n' Preserved Box [click here](#). Turnip Dem' Beetz!

New to the District or want to get more involved?

We invite you to check out our [District One website](#) to learn about North Oakland neighborhoods and Community groups in your area that you might be interested in getting involved with. North Oakland has many actively engaged residents and worthwhile events and projects. Please consider signing up for community listserves and stay well-informed on community and government events and happenings.

UPCOMING DISTRICT ONE EVENTS

Dan's Community Office Hours

Councilmember Kalb has Community Office Hours each month at rotating North Oakland cafés. District One resident can sign up for a 20-minute slot by emailing Monica Harris at mmharris@oaklandnet.com, 510-238-7014. Feel free to include the topic of your inquiry or issue when you reserve a spot. Thank you!

May 7, 2016

10:00am - 12:30pm

Old Brooklyn Bagels & Deli 6000 College Ave.

June 4, 2016

Come to Dan's booth at Love Our Neighborhood Day on San Pablo Avenue in the Golden Gate neighborhood.

July 9, 2016

10:00am - 12:30pm

Gaylord's Espresso Caffe, 4150 Piedmont Ave.

Dan also holds drop-in Community Officer Hours at the **Temescal Farmers Market** on the **3rd Sunday of each month**, 10:30am - 12:30pm.

Sunday, April 24th – Faith Presbyterian Church – 70th Anniversary Grand Worship Celebration

When: Sunday, April 24th, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: 430 49th Street, Oakland

For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Faith-Presbyterian-Church-558793884166175/>

Saturday, April 30 – Rebuilding Together Oakland: National Rebuilding Day

When: Saturday, April 30, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Various homes in Oakland

Take a tour of the new Rebuilding Day Home Rehabilitation Projects.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.rtoakland.org/>

Saturday, April 30 – CORE 11th Annual Citywide Disaster Exercise

When: Saturday, April 30, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Oakland Fire Department Training Division, 250 Victory Court, Oakland

Individuals will have a chance to participate in a simulated neighborhood exercise. This training is for anyone who is not already part of a CORE group or who is part of a CORE group that will not be participating in this year's exercise. For more information please see [CORE Citywide Exercise Flyer](#).

CORE Offers Range Of Preparedness Classes – Through June, the CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) Program will host a series of preparedness training classes for Oakland residents and business owners. CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood after a disaster until professional help arrives. CORE is a free program of the Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division. To view the complete [CORE Class schedule](#) for April to June.

Saturday, April 30th – Santa Fe CAN's State of Our Neighborhood: A Community Lead Discussion

What: Saturday, April 30th, 10:00am - 1pm

Where: North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 M.L.K. Jr Way, Oakland

Santa Fe CAN, the Golden Gate Community Association and the Longfellow Community Association will be hosting an address on the state of our neighborhood plan (the Northwest Oakland Community Coalition). Please attend and lend your voices.

We have been meeting monthly with Councilman Kalb and the Planning Department and would like to share our exciting progress with you! Plus, we need to hear from you.

For more information, please visit: <http://santafecan.org/neighborhood-led-plan-address-to-the-community/>

Wednesday, May 4th – Longfellow Community Association Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 4th, 7pm

Where: Birdland Jazzista Social Club, 4318 M.L.K. Jr Way

General body meeting of Longfellow community members and guests that routinely include City staff and other municipal representatives depending on the topic at hand.

To stay informed about this and other meetings please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/LongfellowCommunityAssociation>

Saturday, May 7th 2016 – National Wildfire Preparedness Day

When: Saturday, May 7th, 1pm

Where: Gateway Emergency Preparedness Exhibit Center, Tunnel Road off of Hwy 24

Dedication of Fire Resistant Demonstration Garden with comments from Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Councilmember Dan Kalb, Councilmember Desley Brooks, Chair, Public Safety Committee, Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Read, City of Oakland Fire Department. Ed Orre, Unit Forester – Division Chief, Santa Clara Unit, Cal Fire and Barbara Goldenberg, Board Member, Diablo Firesafe Council

For more information please visit: <http://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/>

Tuesday, May 9th – Public Hearing on Fuel Oil, Gasoline, and Crude Oil

When: Tuesday, May 9th, 5:00pm

Where: Oakland City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

Please monitor Oakland Legistar for more information about this agenda item at:

<https://oakland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Friday, May 13th – EBHO Affordable Housing Week Kick-Off Celebration

When: Friday, May 13th, 6:30pm

Where: Impact Hub in Oakland, 2323 Broadway St., Oakland

Join East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO) for an evening of unbeatable fun, delicious food, festive music, and a celebration of our collective work for affordable homes! We're excited to be hosting our event at Oakland's Impact Hub, whose mission is to build an entrepreneurial community and co-working space to create solutions for a world that works for all.

For more information, please visit:

<http://ebho.org/eventslist/icalrepeat.detail/2016/05/13/331/23/affordable-housing-week-kick-off-and-celebration>

Friday, May 13th – May 22nd – 20th Annual EBHO Affordable Housing Week

When: Friday, May 13th- 22nd

Where: Events are taking place in Alameda, Pleasanton, Walnut Creek, Oakland, and Orinda

Please join grand openings, ground-breakings and tours of affordable homes in the East Bay Area.

For more information and specific locations, please visit: <http://ebho.org/>

Saturday, May 14th – Ride for a Reason 2016

When: Saturday, May 14th, 7:30am

Where: Oakland Tech, 4351 Broadway, Oakland to the State Capitol in Sacramento

Support Oakland Public Schools! Last year, 250 students, teachers, parents and community members pedaled from Oakland to the steps of the State Capitol to advocate for greater funding for education and reform in the way that California funds its public schools. Join them this year for the 8TH annual bike ride from Oakland to the State Capitol to support public education, and raise essential funds for Oakland schools.

To sign up to ride, donate or **to find more information, please visit:**

<http://rideforareason.dojiggy.com/ng/index.cfm/ad1e5e8/regPages/pages/?p=b21b9100>

Saturday, May 14th – A Neighborhood Place-making Block Party

When: Saturday, May 14th, noon - 6:00pm

Where: PLACE for Sustainable Living, 1121 64th St., Oakland

Join PLACE for Sustainable Living's Creating Commons for educational skill share, clothing swaps, garden installs, kid's activities, street art, music, potluck, place-making projects and more.

For more information, please visit: <http://aplaceforsustainableliving.org/>

Saturday, May 14th – Free Compost Giveaway Event

When: Saturday, May 14th, 9am – 1pm

Where: Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center Parking Lot, 10 10th Street, Oakland 94607
(Please note that lot is only accessible via the west end of 10th Street due to road closure along estuary at 2nd Avenue)

Take home a free bag of WM Earth Care Homegrown Compost made from Oakland food scraps and certified for organic farming. Take the pledge to compost for a greener, cleaner Oakland. Receive a free kitchen pail to collect your food scraps at home.

For more information, visit: Oaklandrecycles.com or call 510.613.8710

Thursday, May 19th – RCPC Town Hall

When: Thursday, May 19th, 7:30pm

Where: TBA (Rockridge Library will be closed for renovations)

Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) has monthly meetings every third Thursday of the month to discuss district specific issues.

For more information, please visit <http://rockridge.org/>

Saturday, May 21st – Mosswood Clean-Up with Councilmember Kalb

When: Saturday, May 21st, 9am - 12:00pm

Where: Exact location to be determined

We invite you to participate in cleaning and beautifying your neighborhood alongside Councilmember Kalb and other community members.

Please contact Oliver Luby at 510-238-7013 or oluby@oaklandnet.com for information, including the confirmed location.

Saturday, June 4th – Love Our Neighborhood Day

When: Saturday, June 4th, 11am - 4pm

Where: San Pablo Ave. between Stanford and the Berkeley border

This event is an annual celebration of North Oakland community! There will be food vendors, live music, games, and activities for children and much more. Dan will have a booth so please stop by to visit.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/loveourhood>

Saturday, June 4th – Grand Opening of Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center

When: Saturday, June 4th, time TBA

Where: 1075 62nd Street, Oakland

This Grand Opening will coincide with Love Our Neighborhood day and will give the community a chance to visit the new facilities, meet with friends and neighbors and check-out what some of the summer sports and art camps have to offer.

For more information, visit: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/index.htm>

Saturday, June 4th – Project Peace East Bay's Day of Service

When: Saturday, June 4th, 9am – 12pm

Where:

- Claremont Middle School, 5750 College Ave, Oakland, CA
- Emerson Elementary School, 4803 Lawton Ave, Oakland, CA

Project Peace East Bay is a not for profit organization serving Oakland, Berkeley and surrounding areas since 2007. Project Peace coordinates volunteer efforts for faith communities, service groups and community members at local schools, mentoring programs, and homeless shelters.

The organization is holding a Day of Service for anyone who is interested in beautifying either the Claremont or Emerson campuses. Project Peace East Bay asks that volunteers register with them ahead of time for free so that they are able to plan accordingly. Bagels and coffee will be served.

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering with Project Peace, please contact jen@projectpeaceeastbay.org or 510-402-5060 or visit <http://www.projectpeaceeastbay.org/>

DAN IN THE COMMUNITY



Dan at Piedmont Avenue Elementary School reading to students as part of African American Heritage Month activities



Dan and the City Council Honoring Bishop Frank Pinkard jr. of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in North Oakland



At the Emerson Elementary School parent-teacher auction fundraiser

In addition to receiving my periodic e-newsletter, I invite you to follow me on [Facebook](#) and/or [Twitter](#). And to read [past newsletters, click here](#).

Yours truly,

Dan Kalb

Oakland City Councilmember, District One

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