



Greetings {{Salutation,DefaultTo=Neighbor}}, It's more important than ever to receive your COVID booster. You can schedule a booster shot now through <u>MyTurn CA</u>, <u>Alameda County</u> <u>Public Health</u>, <u>Safeway</u> and <u>Walgreens</u> among other locations. If you haven't already done so, remember to get your flu shot as well. This month is Black History Month. Please join me

in celebrating African American heritage near and far. Click <u>here</u> to learn about the 100th anniversary of Black firefighters in the Oakland Fire Department. Click <u>here</u> to discover Black-owned businesses in Oakland. In this newsletter, you will find updates on COVID-19, our February community clean-up, local redistricting, upcoming events, and more. In service,

-Dan

# Saturday Community Clean-up Feb. 5

#### COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB'S DISTRICT 1 FEBRUARY CLEANUP



Saturday, February 5, 2022 9 am - 11 am Meet at Fremont & Powell Street

All vaccinated volunteers welcome Masks required to participate | Tools provided



For more information contact Seth at ssteward@oaklandca.gov | 510-238-7013



Please join us **THIS Saturday, February 5**th to help clean the area around Fremont St. and Powell St./Stanford Ave. from 9:00am to 11:00am. This clean-up is part of a citywide coordinated event. Tools/gloves will be provided. Masks should be worn at all times and will be provided to those who do not have them.

Vaccinated volunteers only please. Contact Seth Steward at ssteward@oaklandca.gov w/questions.

# **COVID-19 Update**

While the Alameda County face mask order remains in effect, the County has implemented some changes outlined below. Please explore the Alameda County COVID-19 page for additional information to answer your questions: <u>https://covid-19.acgov.org/index</u>. There are a few particular updates with which we want to make sure you are familiar:

# 80% of Alameda County Residents are Fully Vaccinated!

Of the 1.65 million people that live in Alameda County, 1.3 million have been fully vaccinated! Read more <u>here</u>. Additional info on vaccines can be found here: <u>https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines-faq</u>.

#### **CDC Recommends Pfizer Booster at 5 months:**

CDC Recommends Pfizer Booster at Five Months: On Jan. 4th, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released updated recommendations regarding when people can receive a booster shot. The CDC shortened the interval from six months to five months for people who received the Phizer vaccine. The booster interval for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine (two months) and the Moderna vaccine (six months) have not changed. Read more <u>here</u>.

#### **Proof of Vaccination Policy**

The Oakland City Council passed my legislation requiring Proof of Vaccination at a number of businesses including bars, restaurants, gyms and other locations. This will increase the number of people vaccinated and reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please read additional information including **frequently asked questions** <u>here</u>.

### **COVID Testing**

Information about testing can be found <u>here</u> (County) and <u>here</u> (State). The City has contracted to have two testing sites--one at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza (directly across from City Hall) and one in the Fruitvale neighborhood. More info

here: <u>https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2021/covid-clinic-re-opens-site-in-downtown-oakland</u>.

# **Ghost Gun Legislation**

I was joined by Vice-mayor Kaplan and Councilmember Gallo in sponsoring local legislation to ban ghost guns and ghost gun kits in Oakland. The new law prohibits the possession, sale, purchasing, receiving or manufacturing of an unfinished firearm frame or receiver, the parts that are used to make privately manufactured firearms commonly referred to as "ghost guns." This legislation is a tool to reduce gun violence here in Oakland. It passed on second reading at our Feb. 1st Council meeting.

#### San Jose Creates Law Requiring Gun Owners to Have Insurance

The City of San Jose has recently enacted legislation that requires gun owners to have insurance and pay the city an annual fee. Councilmember Gallo, vice-mayor Kaplan and I are looking into how to bring this law to Oakland. Please read more <u>here</u>.

# Honoring Piedmont Ave Elementary School Principal Zarina Ahmad



This past Tuesday, the Oakland City Council celebrated District 1 honoree **Zarina Ahmad** as part of **Black History Month** in Oakland. Principal Ahmad has been an educator and principal at North Oakland public schools, including Peralta Elementary School, Chabot Elementary School, and Piedmont Avenue Elementary School for more than 20 years. She has advanced many successful initiatives to support both advanced students and struggling students. She is adept at engaging with the community and creating partnerships to benefit her students, and has earned a reputation as an incredible mentor to her staff. Principal Ahmad

has created a nurturing environment at Piedmont Avenue Elementary School

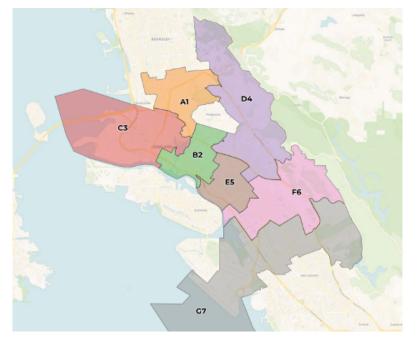
where teachers, students, and families thrive. Principal Ahmad goes above and beyond the call of duty everyday, and I am

honored that she continues to lead a District 1 school.

### **Oakland Redistricting Commission Final Map for Review and Adoption** *Public Comment Open Through Feb. 15*

Oakland's independent Redistricting Commission selected **Draft Map F5** for final adoption. <u>Draft Map F5</u> is available on the City's website for a 14-day public review and comment period. The fundamental goal of having such a

Commission is to ensure that elected officials are not able to drawn their own district lines. I want to thank the commissioners for engaging in a nuanced discussion and listening to substantial neighborhood input in creating this map. Unfortunately, some neighborhoods will no longer be in District 1, including the North Oakland hills. I will continue to serve the all current District 1 neighborhoods until the end of this year.



The Commission will conduct a special meeting to vote on final adoption of **Draft Map F5** soon after the 14-day public review and comment period has expired. The proposed final district map and corresponding census data is available on the Commission's <u>website</u>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments on the proposed final district map during the public review period starting February 1, 2022 and ending on February 15, 2022. The Commission will hold its next Special Meeting after the public comment period ends. The meeting date and agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least three days before the

#### meeting.

Email/written comments may be submitted to: calvin@oaklandca.gov Surveys can be completed via the Commission's website: <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/oaklandredistricting</u>

# **Oakland Slow Streets**

On **Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 10:30am**, at my request, the City Council's Public Works Committee will hear a presentation and update on the city's Slow Streets program. This will be your opportunity to share your views on what the program should look like going forward. Check <u>here</u> later in the month for a copy of the report

# **Dan's Community Office Hours**

Dan continues to hold monthly Community Office Hours to hear directly



from residents about their neighborhood and citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents-- currently via phone due to covid safety protocols-- and looks forward to eventually doing these in person once again. Please contact Deidra Moss (<u>dmoss@oaklandca.gov</u> or 510.238.3557) if you'd like to sign up to speak with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month.

### Newsom Seeks to Invest in Homelessness Solutions

Governor Gavin Newsom released a budget proposal that includes bold new investments that address our housing crisis, combat climate change, and put California on track to become the first state to achieve universal access to health care, regardless of immigration status. Thank you Gov. Newsom for a budget proposal that puts our most vulnerable first with \$500 million to house and shelter those in street encampments and \$1.5 billion for interventions like Oakland's <u>Cabin Communities</u>.

# **Bulky Waste Services Update**

All of Oakland's residents can schedule no-charge large item drop off appointments with Waste Management. Apartment tenants can schedule curbside pick up.

Oakland Public Works (OPW) is offering reminders of the services available to dispose of their unwanted bulky items the right way - and avoid seeing those items turn up dumped on the street in their own neighborhoods.

To dispose of items that won't fit in your trash cart, the following services are available at no charge:

• Curbside bulky pickup service is available to all Oakland residents, provided by WMAC. As <u>announced in November</u>, this includes improved access for renters. Residents in Multi-Family Dwellings (buildings more than four residential units) can now schedule a curbside appointment once a year <u>directly</u>with WMAC instead of requesting appointments through their landlords as they formerly had to. Residents in Single-Family Dwellings (buildings with up to four residential units) can schedule an appointment for bulky items collection at the curbside, increased from once per year to twice per year. Find the service terms and instructions at <u>www.oaklandrecycles.com</u>. Contact WMAC to schedule a bulky pickup by calling 1-888-WM-BULKY.

• All Oakland residents may schedule appointments with WMAC to drop off their bulky items at no charge at the Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex & Transfer Station (located at 2615 Davis Street in San Leandro). To schedule an appointment call (510) 613-8710.

• OPW hosts monthly Bulky Block Party events where residents can drop off their items for free. The events are usually held on the last Saturday of every month, from 9am-1pm, at 7101 Edgewater Drive.

Alternately there are several companies licensed to do business in Oakland that will remove junk from private property for a charge. Companies that might offer that service, and are licensed to do business in the City of Oakland, include:

- Manzanita's Hauling
- American Hauling
- Sons of Odin Hauling & Demolition
- RCD Hauling Service
- Bay Area Waste Services doing business as Trash Scouts
- · Calsan Debris Removal
- Nixxit Junk Removal

Additionally, I am supporting the installation of hi-tech cameras in key locations to help identify and fine those who come to Oakland to dump their junk on our streets.

# **Community Events**

- Youth Poetry: Our Truth, Our Style, Our Voices Join Oakland Youth Poet Laureate poets Kaylan Black (2021 Vice Oakland Youth Poet Laureate) and Zouhair Mussa (2019 Finalist) for an inspiring session of original poetry, favorite verses, and writing prompts. Part of the Oakland Library's Black Culture Fest. Thursday, February 10th, 2:00pm at the Golden Gate Branch Library.
- Freedom Farmers' Market Saturday February 12th, 4521 Telegraph, 9am - 2:00pm
  - <u>USCF Benioff Children's Hospitals and Alameda Health System Job</u> <u>Fair</u> - Thursday, February 17th (online) and **Friday, February 25th** (in-person)
- UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Community Meeting on upcoming design and construction projects in the neighborhood. Your opportunity to learn provide feedback on proposed construction and building design plans - Tuesday, February 15th 6:00pm, Register <u>here</u> for the meeting on Zoom.

#### East Bay Healthcare Job Fair

Looking for work? UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals and Alameda Health System are hiring. Join us online or in-person to learn about roles including:

Family House Associate Food Service Worker Cook Office Associate Office Coordinator Registration Associate







Telecommunications Operator Distribution Clerk Housekeeping Aide

Online Thursday 2/17, 12–1 PM

During this virtual event, learn what it's like to work in a healthcare setting, find links to apply for jobs and get application tips.

#### **In-Person**

Friday 2/25, 11 AM-2 PM Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Meet hiring managers, and take part in informational interviews. Masks and vaccinations required. Eventbrite link here when ready

#### Join Us



Learn more and register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ east-bay-healthcare-job-fairtickets-248308666907



Welcome the Year of the water Tiger!

Happy, healthy and prosperous Lunar New Year to one and all.

~ Gong Hei Fat Choy ~

"May this New Year be as melodious for you as a sweet song. Happy Chinese New Year."



Big Thank You to the Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District and all the volunteers who helped out on Saturday, Jan. 29th with planting, pruning and the restoration of the many planters along Telegraph Avenue.

#### **Contacts:**

Dan's COVID Resources page.

Oakland SeeClickFix - Call 311

- <u>https://seeclickfix.com/web\_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location</u>

Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211

- http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-

finder/https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311
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**Dan Kalb's Council Office** - 510-238-7001 (contact DMoss@oaklandca.gov to sign up for Dan's monthly Community Office Hours)

**OPD** Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211)

OPD non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283

(recycling@oaklandca.gov)

Oakland Animal Services: <u>https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org</u> Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center - <u>https://aca-</u> prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx

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