



Greetings Neighbor,
This month has been Black History Month. Please see the information below about my D1 honoree Joey Harrison. You can also find relevant Black History & Futures Month info [here](#) and [here](#).

I also want to acknowledge the tragic passing of Alameda County Supervisor **Richard Valle**.
Richard's long career in public service included

launching the Pre-Post Release Project--an innovating reentry program founded decades ago in south County. He also founded the Tri-CED Recycling Center back in 1980's that not only was an early leader in the recycling movement, but employed young unionized workers and the formerly incarcerated at their facility. Richard served the County's District 2 for more than 10 years as an elected County Supervisor and was a friend to the people of Oakland. I will miss his comradery on many public interest causes.

Starting in March, the Oakland City Council is returning to in-person meetings in City Hall. For meetings on or after March 1, agendas will list the in-person meeting location and any options to view the meeting remotely. City Council meetings will allow for hybrid participation, allowing the community to participate and comment on agenda items both in-person and online. You can find more information about upcoming meetings and how to participate on the City's website at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/departments/oakland-city-council>.



Huge Congrats to the Oakland-based [Alphabet Rockers](#) on receiving their first Grammy Award. Alphabet Rockers make music that makes change. My staff and I are continuing to put our focus on housing solutions for our homeless population, violence prevention in our neighborhoods, and promoting a clean and green environment for all.

Best always,
-Dan

Black History Month

Black History & Heritage Month celebrates the contributions and uplifts the sacrifices of our local African American community. At our most recent City Council meeting, I honored **JOEY HARRISON**, founder and executive director

of [The Village of Love](#), which provides substance abuse and mental health counseling to homeless individuals at day centers in the East Bay. Joey is the Operations Director of the Temescal Business Improvement District, where he advises on deescalation training. He also serves on Oakland's Commission on Homelessness. Please join me in thanking Joey for his deep commitment and service to the City of Oakland.



How to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance

Visit [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) or call 800-621-3362

Have this information ready when you apply:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged home
- Description of the damage
- Current telephone number
- Address where you can get mail or email to receive notifications
- Insurance information, if available
- Bank account and routing number for direct deposit of funds

Apply for FEMA disaster assistance if you had damage from the severe winter storms and flooding.

WHO can apply: Homeowners and renters whose damage or losses were a direct result of the storms

If you live WHERE:

Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Merced, Mendocino, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura counties

HOW to apply: Go to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster-assistance), use the FEMA mobile app or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service. Accommodations available by request.



All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.



Dismissal of Police Chief

Mayor Sheng Thao has recently dismissed police chief LeRonne Armstrong. [Here is Mayor Thao's statement on this matter.](#)

The process for hiring a new Chief of Police will begin shortly. The Police Commission will conduct a broad search--presumably including external and internal applicants--and provide the mayor with the names of three well-qualified finalists. The Mayor can choose any one of those finalists or reject all the finalists and direct the Commission to come up with three new candidates. An interim Chief is appointed in the meantime.

Ransomware Attack on City of Oakland

On Tuesday, February 14, Interim City Administrator Harold Duffey issued a [local state of emergency](#) due to the ongoing impacts of the network outages resulting from the ransomware attack that began on February 8. The City of Oakland continues to experience a network outage that has

left several non-emergency systems including many phone lines within the City of Oakland impacted or offline. During this time, the public should expect some delays from the City as a result. We appreciate your patience as staff across the City are working collaboratively to minimize disruptions and implement workarounds to normal business processes that allow the City to continue delivering services. [Additional information available here.](#)

Upcoming Town Halls

The District One Council office will be hosting three town halls over the next three months. On **Saturday morning, March 11** at the **Rose Garden**, we will be holding a Town Hall and Listening Session for residents who live in the new portions of Council District 1. This being the upper Grand Lake/Rose Garden neighborhood and the half of Adams Point (closest to Hwy. 580).

In April, we will have a town hall on Affordable Housing in Oakland, and in May we will be hosting a D1 town hall of the City's Budget. Contact 510-238-7001 for details on any of these events.

Rental Registry Information

Attention Oakland rental property owners!

The Oakland City Council recently approved the establishment of a rental unit registry. As of **July 1, 2023**, owners of rental units subject to the Rent Adjustment Program (RAP) Fee will need to provide tenancy information for each covered unit on an annual basis. The Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD) RAP office will host a [workshop on March 8th](#), as well as two workshops in Chinese:

- Cantonese session on February 22, 2023
- Mandarin session on March 22, 2023.

Workshops are from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. These workshops will provide an overview of the new law and help owners prepare to comply with rent registry requirements.

If you have any questions, please call HCD's RAP office at (510) 238-3721. RAP Housing Counsellors are available to answer calls from members of the public Monday to Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. [More information can be found here.](#) You may also contact Anya Huang, Administrative

Assistant I at (510) 238-6874 for assistance in Cantonese or Mandarin.

Temescal Roots Project Call for Artists

After wrapping up our series of [Community Conversation](#) events, the Temescal Roots team is now shifting into the next phase of our project: the call for artists! The Temescal Roots Project aims to develop the plaza site into a lively and welcoming community space that will elevate and support new and existing community programming and events in the area. An artist or team will be selected to develop an integrated public art installation that simultaneously enhances Kasper's Plaza and honors the deep-rooted legacy of the Black Panther Party in Temescal. This is about celebrating history and bringing it to life front and center.

Open Call Deadline is 3-1-23

Visit temescaldistrict.org/rootsproject

Public Banking in the East Bay

In 2017, Friends of a Public Bank East Bay formed. This March, the group released a [blueprint](#) for a bank that would be owned by Alameda County as well as the Cities of Oakland, Berkeley, and Richmond. The goal of the viability study was to determine feasibility of establishing such a bank, as well as whether the bank could provide community benefit lending in order to meet some of the unmet financial needs of our communities. If this bank forms, it could make loans for affordable housing, small businesses, and municipalities.

“Public Bank East Bay expects to open by 2024 or early 2025, and will be a transformative institution that keeps our money local, allowing local governments to divest from Wall Street and reinvest its profits back into our community.”

Read more [here](#). Read the Oakland City Council's feasibility study [here](#).

Direct Community Grant Program

The Oakland City Council provides support for Oakland based nonprofits and community based organizations who provide direct services or programs to Oakland Residents. Organizations can receive grants to help

advance racial equity by focusing on priority neighborhoods, creating economic opportunities, and/or promoting health and safety. Applications are due on March 1st. [Learn more about community grants and apply.](#)

Direct Community Grant Program



The Oakland City Council provides support for Oakland based nonprofits and community based organizations who provide direct services or programs to Oakland Residents and who are working to advance the City's racial equity goals. **Applications are due on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 5pm.**



Eligible Projects are aligned with City Council Priorities:

- Affordable Housing & Homelessness Solutions
- Public Safety & Violence Prevention
- Good Jobs and Vibrant Economy
- Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Neighborhoods

Organizations can receive grants to help advance racial equity by focusing on priority neighborhoods, creating economic opportunities, and/or promoting health and safety.

For more information and to apply:

 oaklandca.gov/communitygrants

Attend a pre-proposal meeting:

Tuesday, January 24, 2023,
at 9am

Friday, January 27, 2023,
at 12pm



COVID-19 Updates

The Centers for Disease Control Has Determined the Alameda County COVID Rate has Decreased to LOW

The CDC has indicated that the COVID 19 Community Level of Alameda County has gone up to [LOW](#).

New variants more resistant to immunity

The new COVID subvariants appear to be more resistant to vaccines and are better able to overcome immunity gained from vaccination or prior infection. Read more [here](#). This means that masking when indoors with a lot of people is still strongly recommended.

Bivalent Vaccine:

As of August 31st, the FDA authorized bivalent formulations of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for use as a single booster dose at least two months after completing primary or previous booster vaccination.

The [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#) is authorized for use as single booster dose in individuals 18 years of age and older.

The [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#) is authorized for use as a single booster dose in individuals 12 years of age and older.

Travel guidance

If you are traveling for the holidays this year, please take a look at the CDC recommendations regarding traveling including if you should travel if you test positive (no) and how to [protect yourself and you family](#).

City of Oakland Reinstates Indoor Masking in City Facilities

Councilmember Kaplan and I put forward a Resolution recently that was adopted by the Council to reinstate masking for city employees and visitors in city buildings--including City Hall and our public library branches. N95, KN95, and KF94 are considered the higher quality masks. The city will have one of these masks available for those who do not bring there own mask. This continuing requirement expires on March 31st.

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Please get tested if you have symptoms. You can read more [here](#). To get vaccinated or receive a booster, go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/> to find a

location and book an appointment.

Additional information can be found at these links:

Preventative Measures: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR22-160.aspx>

Boosters: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Vaccine-Booster-QA.aspx>

Long COVID: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/OPA/Pages/Communications-Toolkits/long-covid.aspx>; <https://covid-19.acgov.org/long-covid>

StopWaste Grants

StopWaste is offering a total of \$1.1 million in grant funding to businesses, nonprofits and institutions in Alameda County for projects focused on food waste prevention, surplus food recovery, reusable foodware, community food systems, reuse, repair, and reusable transport packaging. **Deadline to apply is March 3, 2023.**

Going beyond waste prevention, grant funding is designed to support efforts that boost resilient community food systems and reduce our negative impact on the environment. <https://www.stopwaste.org/at-work/stopwaste-grants>

Dan's Community Office Hours



Dan continues to hold monthly **Community Office Hours** to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood or 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 again.

Please contact Keara O'Doherty

(kodoherty@oaklandca.gov or 510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month -- next ones are Saturday, March 4th, and Saturday, April 8th.

City of Oakland is Hiring!

- From Parks and Recreation to Economic Workforce Development, the City of Oakland has a variety of job opportunities available. [Learn more and apply here.](#)
- **Apply to be a 911 dispatcher.** This person must have excellent communication skills and work well in a high-stress and fast-paced environment. More [here.](#)
- **Apply to work on our Community Homeless Services Team.** This person will lead and design and implementation of emergency crisis response strategies and support program implementation. More [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid..](#)

Dan in the Community



Dan (from top left) making his semi-annual blood donation the new Red Cross Blood Center on College Avenue in Oakland. Dan participating in the Roll Out Crew "We Ride As One" Oakland bike ride to push back against reckless car drivers and remind everyone that cyclists need to be respected. Dan joining in at the grand opening of Creative Restorative Opportunities and Programs (CROP) innovative residential reentry facility in West Oakland.

Contacts:

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

Oakland SeeClickFix -

Call **311**- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

Alameda County Social Services and Referral -

Call **211** - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>



Dan Kalb's Council Office - 510-238-7001

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: <https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org>

Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/oakland-launches-in-person-one-stop-permit-center-2>

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~ [Dan's list of Good Books worth Reading](#) ~